



Tualatin River Watershed Council Meeting Minutes June 5, 2019

Stakeholders Present

Stephen Cruise	County Primary Representative, Washington County
Jan Miller	Citizen at Large
Ashley Short	Environmental Organizations Primary Representative, Tualatin Riverkeepers
Alexis Cooley	Drinking Water Provider Primary Representative (shared position), City of Hillsboro Water Department
Ross Van Loo	Citizen-at-Large
Erin Poor	Citizen at Large Primary Representative
Tom Nygren	Small Woodland Owners Primary Representative, Washington County Small Woodlands Association
Rich Van Buskirk	Education Primary Representative, Pacific University
Bob Baumgartner	Services Districts (Sewerage) Primary Representative, Clean Water Services
Victoria Saager	Citizen-at-Large
Lacey Townsend	Soil and Water Conservation District Primary Representative, Tualatin SWCD
Jon Pampush	Fisheries, Trout Unlimited

Staff Present

Scott McEwen	TRWC Executive Director
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Guests Present

Kellyn Baez	Clean Water Services personnel
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Welcome and Introductions

Bob Baumgartner, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and reviewed the agenda. Stakeholders, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

Next Thursday, Restoration Committee meeting.

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There was one correction: Victoria Saager's name was misspelled. Victoria Saager moved to adopt the April minutes as amended. Ross Van Loo seconded. Adopted by consensus.

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Review of the Draft 2019-2022 Strategic Plan

Goals and strategies were discussed in detail at the May board meeting. Input was noted during the May meeting and incorporated into new draft circulated to stakeholders. Discussion followed about feedback received in between May and June meetings. Scott circulated a new draft of the Strategic Plan, which included this new feedback.

Summary of new draft and discussion at June meeting:

- Be consistent with language such as Basin vs. Watershed. All “Basins” were changed to “Watershed”.
- Split Goal 2 into two goals to make a new Goal 3.
 - Discussion followed about the phrase “provide for connections” in new Goal 3. New Goal 3 was changed to: *The Tualatin River Watershed Council will support efforts to provide clean drinking water, economic growth, and connections to nature that provide a high quality of life for watershed residents.*
- Tour strategy from Goal 1 was moved under Goal 3.
- Clearinghouse strategy from Goal 2 was moved under Goal 3 (to address connections to nature).
- Under “TRWC is a Champion” in the beginning of the document, change “healthy” to “healthier”, and change “river” to “watershed”. Change “hope” to “desire”. New final wording: *TRWC is a Champion. We instill in people a desire for a healthier watershed and a belief in their ability to make positive change. We foster a culture of stewardship.*
- Second strategy under Goal 4 was changed to “Hire necessary staff to achieve organization support of strategic plan outcomes.”
- Goal 2, first strategy: change “generating” to “securing”.

Vote to approve the Draft 2019-2022 Strategic Plan

Rich Van Buskirk moved to approve the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan as amended. Tom Nygren seconded. Adopted by consensus.

Review and discussion of draft FY 2019-2020 Budget

Scott went through each line item. There were a few questions for Scott and Jan. Budget will be finalized and voted on at July meeting.

Council discussion on Strategic Plan work item: Goal 1, Strategy 1

Goal 1, Strategy 1: Provide at least four well-publicized and organized public forums annually that allow a safe place for diverse perspectives to weigh in on strategic issues affecting the lands and waters of the watershed.

The Restoration Committee and Steering Committee brainstormed forum topic ideas. Scott wrote these initial ideas on large sticky notes and placed them around the room. Council members had time to walk around and add to each topic idea. Each Council member then voted for their top four topic ideas. **A summary of this exercise:**

Draft 2019-2020 Community Forums

Pesticide Pollutants in the Tualatin Watershed (8 votes)

Overview

Pesticides are an important management tool in agricultural, forestry and urban landscaping approaches. Some of the questions that we will try to answer in this forum include:

1. What kinds of pesticides are most commonly being used, in our headwater forests, our agricultural lands, and in our cities?
2. Are any of these pesticides making it into the Tualatin River or the groundwater?
3. Are there any impacts to aquatic resources?
4. What human health impacts are there? Are children or pets at different risk?
5. Are there effective alternatives?
6. How to test/notice of release.
7. Is illegal use of pesticides occurring?

Potential Speakers/Panelists

1. Kurt Carpenter, USGS
2. Kaci Buhl, OSU/NPIC

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Forested Headwaters to the Tualatin River: Water Quality Changes Across the Valley Floor (11 votes)

Overview

The forested headwater streams of the Tualatin River watershed provide the Tualatin River colder and relatively clean water. As these streams reach the low gradient valley floor, their flow and water quality changes, due in part to geology as well as land use practices (both historical and current). By the time these streams reach the Tualatin River, their temperature has increased considerably and their water quality diminished. The greatest improvement to the Tualatin River will most likely come from improving its many tributaries. Why does this matter to me?

1. From streams to ditches.
2. Changes in temperature from higher gradient forest land to the mainstem?
3. Changes in riparian cover.
4. Changes in volume of water – flow
5. Forestry practices, agricultural practices
6. Working forest vs. conversion to other uses

Potential Speakers/Panelists

3. Stewart Rounds, USGS

4. Alfred Dinsdale, Blueberry Farmer
5. Peter Hayes, Forester

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Population dynamics in the next 20-50 years and its potential impact on the Tualatin River watershed (7 votes)

Overview

1. Climate migration
2. Future Metro growth boundary changes
3. Re-thinking densification – commuting choices. Home-work connection.
4. Changing values
5. Water supply
6. Future land use in the coast range

Potential Speakers/Panelists

6. PSU Urban Studies Department
7. Stan Gregory – OSU Retired
8. Willamette River Basin Plan Trend 2050

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Legacy issues in urbanized watersheds (6 votes)

Overview

1. Beaver management
2. Whole watershed approach
3. Erosion, down-cutting, stream stability, seasonal flooding
4. Storm water management in areas prior to more strict regulations
5. How can I help – Connecting personal choices to impact on water

Potential Speakers/Panelists

1. Anne McDonald, CWS

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How do we bridge the urban-rural divide in the Tualatin watershed (7 votes)

Overview

1. How the urban – rural divide has intensified in recent years
2. Local economy vs. global economy
3. Recreation opportunities that span both

4. Farming, forestry views of the watershed
5. Cultural knowledge of rural and urban. Values and expectations.
6. Find a successful relationship in Washington County and explore why it works.

Potential Speakers/Panelists

1. Bruce Weber, OSU
2. Ethan Seltzer, PSU

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Climate Change in the Tualatin River Watershed (7 votes)

Overview

1. Downscaling regional models
2. Hydrologic dynamics within a rain dominated watershed
3. Change in wildfire season and intensity
4. Increases in rainfall intensity
5. Water quality/quantity changes and demands
6. Resiliency of natural systems

Potential Speakers/Panelists

1. Dr. Marc Kramer, WSU
2. Dr. Heejun Chang, PSU
3. Dr. Phil Mote, OSU
4. Parametrix/King County – Hydrology in urban environment and climate change

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Public comment

The Restoration Committee will meet next week and is starting work on Dairy-McKay Action Plan. John Runyon will be at the meeting next week.

Discovery Day for Tualatin Riverkeepers will be later this month.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lacey Townsend
Secretary