



TUALATIN RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

Engaging The Community To Sustain Our Watershed

Tualatin River Watershed Council Meeting Minutes March 7, 2024

Sector Representatives Present

Rich Van Buskirk	Education Representative – Pacific University
Bob Baumgartner	Local Govt and Special Districts (Sewer Districts) – Clean Water Services
Mark Fitzsimons	NGO Representative – Tualatin Riverkeepers
Lacey Townsend	Local Govt and Special Districts (SWCDs) – Tualatin SWCD
Rodney Jacobs	Forestry Representative – Stimson Lumber Company
Maly Haghsheenas	Local Govt and Special Districts – Joint Water Commission
Rahim Harji	Local Govt and Special Districts (Cities) – City of Hillsboro
Stephen Cruise	Local Govt and Special Districts – Washington County
Sara Krall	Agricultural Representative
John Pampush	NGO Representative
Tom Nygren	Forestry Representative – Wash. Co. Small Woodlands Association

Staff Present

Scott McEwen	Tualatin River Watershed Council Executive Director
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Guests Present

Jill Erickson	Clean Water Services
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Meeting Called to Order – Rahim Harji

Welcome and Introductions

Rahim Harji opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Stakeholders, staff, and guests introduced themselves and the sector they represent. The meeting was held both in person, at the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District, and virtually.

Review and Approval of the Agenda

- Agenda proposed and approved without changes

Approval of February 2024 Meeting Minutes

Scott McEwen - HB 4014 did not make it into the budget

One correction – draft environmental impact statement to public comment

*Minutes approved unanimously.

Presentation:

Funding Update on Watershed Navigator Position – Jill Erickson, Clean Water Services

- Primary focus – Urban flooding and streambank erosion issues
- Work with residents on beaver co-existence strategies
- Develop collaboration opportunities on stormwater management
- Pool resources and leverage them
- CWS will administer the FEMA grant.
- Grant – Money to CWS for contract services
- 3 – 5 year project totaling \$500,000
- Matching money from TSWCD and CWS
- Priority is social competency – then media savviness and technical expertise
- Timeline – 6 months to get contract in place
- Reimbursable grant
- Use and convey what is on the website navigator

Tree For All Update – Lacey Townsend, Jill Erickson, Scott McEwen

Re-envision the program – Do we want to change it?

- CWS is working on developing the Tree for All future with two workshops
- Tree for All is a collective action model and the effort is seeking to give it structure and identify projects.
- Shared values: collaboration, equity, vibrant watershed
- Examples of focused projects: dam removal, planting different tree species
- Its catalyst was CWS's need for compliance – now what? → Tree For All 2.0
- Next action – steering committee
- Interest is in having a higher level conversation that goes beyond riparian tree planting.
- Identify projects and gaps, ways to make it accessible to communities and small businesses.

ACTION

Motion was made by Lacey for the steering committee to explore a partnership.

Motion was seconded by Rich

Motion was approved unanimously

Draft Strategic Plan Review and Possible Approval (see attached)

October Retreat – draft and goals

November - Developed strategies

Board will focus on the organizational values, goals and strategies.

Staff will work on actions.

Concerns were raised about over-vetting it.

It has been crafted, revised, presented, and reviewed.

When will we be ready to approve it?

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Discussion on the definition of marginalized communities

- The intent is to describe marginalized communities by race or ethnicity. The TRWC will sue the definitions developed by the TSWCD to define marginalized communities.
- Further efforts to define these communities will be as actions in the strategic implementation plan.

ACTION

Motion was made by John Pampush to adopt the Strategic Plan

Motion was seconded by Lacey Townsend

Discussion: An annual check-in can be scheduled as a retreat to provide an opportunity to change it and strategies.

Motion was approved unanimously.

Junior Achievement

- Scott will investigate setting up a tour of the JA BizTown.
- Bob suggested a 15-minute PFAS posterboard session. Scott to follow up with Bob.

White Creek tributary culverts

Could baffles be an alternative to replacing the culvert?

Adjournment – 8:46 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Fitzsimons, Secretary