

MCWC Council Meeting May 6th, 2010

Meeting called to order 6:30 pm at Central Lincoln PUD

Introductions (20 people present)

Recorder's Report: there were no official actions at the April meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Handout summarizing financial report, full report available. At the end of April there was about \$35,000 in the bank (with about \$5000 of accounts payable). We're on track for doing about \$1 M worth of business this year. No issues were noted.

Education Program: Kathie Dello, researcher from Oregon State University, Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences, **regarding Oregon's Climate Change Research Institute**. This research institute is housed on the OSU campus but involves 140 researchers from all Oregon Universities. There are 6 Full Time Equivalent employees with more coming. This institute results from House Bill 3543 in 2007 which was tasked with fostering and coordinating climate change research for Oregon. The institute opened in 2009, with Dr. Phillip Mote (from Washington) as its director. Its website is www.ocs.oregonstate.edu

Kathie reviewed the multiple projects that the institute has going on.

It will produce a reports including a bi-annual state assessment due in December 2010 and parallels efforts of the state to do adaptation planning (e.g. DLCD, OR Water Resources Department) to do

Its projects include (U of O) Climate Leadership Initiative which will give visualizations of model results (first projects in Rogue, willamette, and Umatilla). Model is from RegionalClimatePrediction.net (Australian model) which is applied here. Provides a framework for adaptation planning (bridging gap between science and policy)

Oregon Transportation Research and Education Consortium
USGS Estuarines – taking info and working on getting better resolution (existing is 50 km)
OCAR report-- climate science, drivers of emissions, water, forest and rangeland impacts, coastal, marine, fish, wildlife, economics, human dimensions.

Doing a lot of public outreach too-- USGS BLM, USFS lecture Series, Wetland Conservation, Science Work , Climate Change and Crater Lake

UNESCO-HELP—water resources management

www.climateprediction.net (CPDN),

RISA Climate Decision Support Consortium (from WA to Oregon, includes Idaho) NOAA led, to start Sept 2010

Sharing postdoc workers: Postdocs applying Climate Expertise (PACE) shared with DLCD (Oct 2010-2012)

Finding and compiling data on Sea Level Rise, recording changes., looking at SLAMM model of estuaries Clearing house, data runs, visualizations.

Break-- food provided by Jan Christensen

Basin Planning Team Reports:

Siletz Watershed Council: Organizing a river cleanup for the 24th. Closed river, picked up garbage Will work with Salmon Drift group to do lower river cleanup later. Greg Harlow is no longer coordinating group. Position announcement is out to find a new coordinator.

Yaquina BPT-- Written report provided. Latest version on the presentation that Lisa Mulcahy developed is on the MCWC website. This presentation is adapted to each audience; latest presentation was to the Yaquina Birders and Naturalists. Planning Hwy 20/Eddyville/Pioneer Mt. Field trip to see progress on road, erosion control, riparian work etc. Will be getting involved in Upper Yaquina Limiting Factor Analysis (helping with outreach), Poster display about the MCWC is up at the HMSC Guin Library .

Salmon Drift Creek Watershed Council: Pete McSwain gave the report. Have a new office manager, Anna Inman who he introduced. She had volunteered with the group for a year previously. Robin Dennis is leaving, having put into place anew accounting procedures. Their last meeting dealt with plans for the summer restoration projects and a tour, they had a marine reserve discussion, discussed a river rally, and they've applied for a National Forest Foundation capacity grant. They're also doing strategic planning and revisiting their strategy. Upcoming work: Pixie land, Bear creek-- large creek, wood placement project, culvert survey, water quality, work with Natural Resource Crews..

Alsea Watershed Council: Outreach for the Alsea 5 Rivers project follow up on the Limiting Factor Analysis is starting but will probably occur at a slower pace than that in the Yaquina. Will work with Forest Service on the project too. Alsea WC's April meeting featured a speaker from the Oregon Small Woodlands Association, Mike Gaudern. This organization has about 16,000 members statewide. An interesting program the group has is a "Howdy Neighbor" program which brings urban folk to family holdings. They received an update on the Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve, Kelly Kittel informed the group of a Oregon Humanities project called the "Conversation Project" that can bring speakers in; group submitted a Lobster/Preacher Creek Technical Assistance grant to OWEB; next meeting will have a speaker about LIDAR

Administrative Committee Report: Approved financial report, approved replacing computers where the mother boards had blown out (no data lost though); researching if there was a power surge. Will be sending out job announcements to recruit for a new Siletz Basin Planning Team coordinator. Discussed policy for retaining official records.

Education Committee Report—written report delayed due to computer burn out. Natural Resource crews still working. One crew ended in late April.. Funding applied to for crews for summer.

Last week 60 6th graders participated in Toledo outdoor school. They went clamming (razor clam tides), cooked themselves, learned hunter safety, angling, boating and water safety, how to save themselves, learned plants and animals of the sand dunes. They'll be in Upper Drift Creek this year working with the high school culinary class to prepare wild edibles. They also did kayaking.

Technical Team Report:

Written report prepared. Update on Cape Perpetua marine reserve process. MCWC is helping to provide a listing of fish and wildlife in the project area, habitats, etc.; Wayne reported about a carbon offset workshop he'd gone to; exploring opportunities for new funds for salvage long fund (Fish Log Bank), MCWC action planning is still ongoing. Discussed the existing implementation of Limiting Factor Analysis work (Five Rivers, Upper Yaquina, Little Rock Creek) and planned future work on Big Creek and North Channel Alsea Bay. Future directions for the action planning may be: Instream and upland management in Poole/McCaffery Slough/Wright Creek; Restoration options for larger mainstem reaches; Additional Estuarine and marsh restoration opportunities, Possible stream realignment in Beaver Creek (Fruitvale) and Restoration options in lower tributaries of the Siletz.

9:00 PM adjourn

notes prepared by Fran Recht, PSMFC, May 2010