

North Coast Watershed Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes (draft)  
February 6, 2018

Members Present: Katie Voelke, Tessa Scheller, Carla Cole, Mark Garrigues, Chris Farrar and Ty Williams

Staff: Brooke Stanley

Carla called us to order, asked for announcements and review of our minutes with Chris/Mark, all, supporting a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Recommended for all three NCWA projects with good prospects for funding. Tessa noted the Skipanon WSC also has a project to remove major sections of the Middle Structure. Katie asked about the schedule for this summer with multiple projects and Brooke responded positively and noted project management could be contracted out. We noted the capable partnerships will provide assistance. Small grant projects have also been submitted for weed control and are under review. Brooke reviewed concerns and progress at the Alderbrook site and possibility for a controlled burn. Pollinators, tools and mower storage, and organizing a neighborhood and partners meeting were discussed. Brooke reviewed an insurance item.

We briefly reviewed the Skipanon Peninsula public wetland mitigation concept and, by consensus agreed to support staff discussion with our partners such as CREST.

Katie led a session directed to strategic planning and restoration. We reviewed our previous mission statements and recent survey submissions from individual board members. We considered our current messages and status and considered what we might want. Goals prominently included sustainability, outreach and education. Attendance and structure were discussed with Brooke noting her reduced hours. Council meetings are now less formal and engagement follows projects while OWEB support has been reduced and capricious. Self promotion, our website, forestry and defining service areas were discussed and all agreed this is a valuable exercise.

We created two discussion groups to talk about our service area and structure, people and stability. We recognize the need for change and redefining ourselves as our Coordinators hours are reduced and the mission remains with an emphasis for on-the-ground projects. Being able to have task specific requests and the volunteer capacity to work independently are suggestions to consider as a region. People are drawn to one another as rewarding with where we go from here our next question. We considered sending the same survey out to our general council membership.

Our next meeting is April 11, 6-8 pm

We adjourned at 1403

Submitted by  
Tessa Scheller, Secretary  
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