

Ecola Creek Watershed Council meeting minutes 7/20/2015

Present were: Mike Manzulli, Brooke Duling, Richard Bertolotti, Jan Siebert-Wahrmund, Scott Rekate, Bob Lundy, Bruce Francis, Leslie Ryan, Charles Dice, Lisa Kerr, Dan Grassick

ODFW is curtailing fishing to reduce stress on fish in the hot weather.

The minutes were approved.

Dan reported that the Forest Reserve is closed because of fire danger. The roads there are mowed twice a year. The storm water interceptors on Spruce are now complete. All three springs are pumping three weeks earlier than usual; the aquifer still has water. Around mid-August the City will need to start taking surface water, for the first time in about 15 to 18 years. The last time we came to the end of an el Nino period, we had very heavy storms. The City has cut back on its watering, and will suggest that residents do so also if need be.

Brooke reported that OWEB Focused Investment Partnerships are a potential source of funding to coordinate riparian planting, and for ocean acidification monitoring. Scott is attending NCWA meetings. Projects include:

- Waluski project—replacing perched culverts, and large wood debris placement
- Riparian planting
- New Web site.

For the new biennium, NCWA has been recommended for full funding by OWEB, which will be \$25k more than was expected. October 20 is the due date for OWEB grant applications for ECFR stewardship with the City.

Water quality The City is ending its testing. There was one hot sample in the ocean around Sand Castle Day, source unknown. Surfrider is continuing to test.

CCAHWC (Clatsop County Ad Hoc Wetland Committee) —Present were Heather Hansen, Patrick Wingard of DLCD, Mike, Bruce, and others. DEQ will be doing free well testing. Bruce chaired the meeting. An application by the Sunset Lake RV Park to expand was rejected. Good options include cluster development. Send any comments to Mike before next Monday. Swapping upland parcels outside the inundation zone for wetlands. Judge each case flexibly, not hard and fast on the ordinance.

Jan and the Friends of Cannon Beach Trees

The city council has approved applying to be a Tree City USA. They will work with ODOT on dealing with the trees between the 101 bridge and Sunset, and work to strengthen the tree ordinance.

Mike A destination resort development was prevented on the Metolius River, but a bill passed the recent legislature to extend the project deadline and allow it to be proposed in other counties, including Clatsop. Betsy says it probably could not be done within the

allowed time, and in any event it would be small. Nadia will map out where in Clatsop County it could be.

Bruce Dune grading in front of Breakers Point will be proposed again later this week, but this request will not involve putting anything into the estuary. The state will study what the effects would be of putting sand into the intertidal zone, but in the meantime they will not do so. They plan to remove the European dune grass from the area graded. They hope that the ECWC will not oppose the request.

All officers were re-elected.

This Wednesday at 6:00, the Necanicum Watershed Council will hold a barbecue at Broadway park.

The Habitat Restoration committee will look into removing the fencing we installed a couple of years ago or so at Sea Ranch. They will map invasives on both public and private property in preparation for Broom Busters, etc. *Invasives Committee*

The contact information on the brochures is being or will soon be updated.

Good of the Order

Dan A computer failure at the Pacific pump station resulted in a spill of about 11k gallons of sewage onto the beach early this morning.

Bruce Erosion of the bank is within 25 ft. of a Breakers Point building, and the Homeowners Association will insist on invoking an emergency clause to install rip rap. he would rather install "burrito" sandbags with willow shoots stuck into them, including at the end of Larch St., and hopes ECWC will support them on this. This was received without active opposition.