

## **ECWC meeting minutes 9/21/2015**

Present were Brooke Stanley, Yvonne Whitney, Mike Manzulli, Bob Lundy, Leslie Ryan, Barb Knop, Scott Rekate, Dan Grassiick, and Bruce Francis.

There will be a celebration of Sharnelle Fee's life at the Warrenton community center on October 10 from 3:00 to 5:00.

**Mike:** The Northwest Community Forest Coalition met in Portland. They want to help communities own their adjacent forests. Mike lobbied for a pilot project to help other coastal communities acquire adjacent watersheds from which they get their water. Seaside is looking at improving their watershed plan, and Nehalem is working on theirs. The Arch Cape community is open to doing so. Sustainable Northwest will apply for a grant to support the coalition. DEQ is doing source water assessments, and will try to get communities involved.

The minutes were approved.

**Dan:** Cannon Beach has not been taking surface water since the start of September. In addition to Public Works' twice-a-year mowing, Steve Moon occasionally mows in the Forest Reserve to maintain fire fighting access.

**Brooke:** She wrote a grant application for surveying the roads in the Forest Reserve. It was unsuccessful, perhaps because she was not fully familiar with the road system and how much such a survey would actually cost.

**Bob:** Bob talked to Carmen Swigart about access to the island to remove tansy. She said to just give her a call, but to plan on taking away both the stalks and the blooms. It was agreed that the restoration committee will look into removing the fences we put around the shore plantings at Sea Ranch. Bob also brought up the removal of trees from the side of the north entrance off ramp. This was referred to the Cannon Beach Friends of Trees.

### **Water usage**

Jan wants ECWC to work with the City to prepare for the droughts that we can expect in the next few years of el Nino cycle.

Manzanita has forbidden brew pubs as taking too much water. Cannon Beach is about to add two brew pubs.

Fort George Brewery in Astoria joined an alliance to monitor water usage, maybe this is a good option in Cannon Beach as well.

### **NCWA update (Brooke)**

->restoration establishes projects

->invasives & stewardship committee implements

October OWEB grant round coming up on 10/19. She has shelved a couple of grants and is focusing on a temperature monitoring grant in Youngs Bay that could

eventually be expanded to include other watersheds. It will use an “adopt a logger” program to engage volunteers in maintaining a data logger. The Ecola Creek Forest Reserve beaver planting project has been shelved and may be a good opportunity for a small grant. She will continue to work with Hampton putting together a road decommission project on Big Creek in the Nicolai Wikiup watershed, which will be submitted another round. She is also working with a contractor on a Nicolai-Wikiup Fish Passage assessment.

The Wallooskee project in Olney has replaced 2 culverts and is putting in large wood.

Brooke is also updating the website.

### **Water Quality Update**

Surfrider still testing Gower Street and other locations

Surfrider & ECWC offered to test/update the emergency response plan for the city

### **Committee updates**

Restoration: need to remove fences at Sea Ranch in winter

### **Schedule of events**

-Clatsop County Wetlands committee meeting cancelled, Mike will let us know when it's rescheduled

-Carla Cole is in the San Juans until January

### **Good of the order**

Bruce: Breaker's Point has a new landscape design to use less water, implementing rain gauges and drip irrigation, and replacing lawns with green ground down wood chips. A shoreline erosion draft from Horning was offered for us to read and review.