Ecola Creek Watershed Council Meeting Minutes July 17, 2017
Cannon Beach City Hall 4:30pm

Present were: Brianna Ortega, Lisa Kerr, Bob Lundy, Ed Johnson, Jan Siebert-Wahrmund, Scott Rekate, Mark Barnes, Rich Bertellotti, Brenna Visser, Melissa Keyser, Barb Knop, Charles Dice, Mike Manzulli

1. **Introductions & Announcements**
   Sarah will be our temporary coordinator until September 17, after which she will be the coordinator for the Salmon Superhighway.
   There will be exactly two HRAP youth daycamps that will go through the ECFR to the beach, each taking about five but no more than ten kds.
2. **Additions to Agenda**
   Removing tansy from island
3. **Approval of Minutes**
   Approved as amended.
4. **Updates & Reports**
   - City of Cannon Beach update
     - New Sand Study available on City Web site.
     - There should soon be a City report on water use—waste, spring, and surface water.
     - Jim Arndt, the new Public Works Director, will be at the September meeting.
     - Ed and Jan requested that the City give us water numbers at each meeting.
     - Acquisition of the Swigart property is moving ahead.
     - Mike said that the State enterococcus readings at the outfall have been low but are not up to date, and suggested checking the Surfrider numbers.
   - NCWA update
     Recommended funding is $5k less than for the current biennium.
   - NOAA strategies & actions for north coast stratum / + beaver projects – Ed
     Ed says there is funding in the City budget for Trout Mountain to conduct the beaver project. He says Ron Logan has not seen any beavers in three years, though a dead one was seen on 101 recently. Richard suggested checking with Doug Ray. Ron Logan would be willing to host a tour of his place.
   - Greater Ecola Natural Area (GENA) update
     Jan—A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, focusing on purchase of the former school property for $400k.
   - Community Forest update
     Mike—EcoTrust Forest Management, a for-profit company, owns 5k acres above Arch Cape, valued at about $12M. NCLC has an option to acquire 3500 acres of

it for conservation. The Arch Cape Water District [owns] some land in this area, some of which has been logged. Now is a good time to walk this area, as no logging is going on this year. There will be a tour of the [Bear Creek] watershed on July 25 for a limited number of people; it may be fully subscribed. Charles Dice may go as manager of the Cove Beach Water District.

- Water conservation group update
  Jan—Want a tiered rate in the new rate system to encourage water conservation.
- Friends of Trees Update
  Jan—Working with ODOT on liability of/for volunteers working along 101, with coverage maybe through the City? The FOT have adopted the right-of-way, but are committed only to cleaning semi-annually.

5. Discussions

- Timber Harvest Notices for Ecola Park Rd., Smejkal property, and Waterhouse Rd.
  Mark Morgens is on vacation.
  The new buffers are in effect as of July 1. The new owner of the Waterhouse Road property has notified the State of plans to log. ODF does not care about changes of ownership, and said no streams are affected. Jerome Arnold responded to the notification, and ODF will re-evaluate. In the meantime, they can do limited cutting. The new owners are the Murphy Brothers, major exporters of logs to China.
  Note that the North Coast Watershed Association board includes timber operators. The Board says we should not be "timber activists." Individuals can act through ECAP.
  Cutting near Ecola Park Road left trees in the riparian buffer, but they blew down. The owner has asked to harvest the rest. ODF is requiring replanting within one year rather than two. ECAP could look into this. ODF permission in advance should have been required. In the absence of a needed culvert, there is slumping.
  Smejkal wants to put in an RV park on 26.8 acres opposite Arcadia Park. The County has warned him that cutting trees there is not okay, though ODF has not. ODOT ought to forbid the required access from 101. A primitive campground would be okay.

6. Schedule of upcoming events

- Next Ecola Meeting: September 18

7. Good of the Order

Adjourn