

The North Coast Watershed Association.

Informational Meeting

June 18, 2019

NCWA Offices

Astoria, OR

People Present: Chris Farrar, Carolyn Probst, Mark Garrigues, Tessa J Scheller, Brooke Stanley, and Jennifer Rasmussen

The NCWA BOD meeting scheduled for this date and time finds us without a quorum and we are therefore considering this an informational meeting with Chris Farrar presiding.

Jennifer provided a Finance Report that finds us in good position as we near the end of our fiscal year. Brooke provided detail about the status of the John Day River Project that is going on with CREST having funds awarded. Brooke also noted the contacting of several tasks and purchase of equipment was made possible with flexible capacity grant funds.

Brooke reviewed the Dynamic Shift Process to include meetings and feedback from multiple sources. Comments have been generally very favorable. Our larger institutional partners and others see benefits and a more efficient and streamlined process. Brooke heard from founding members of the Watershed Councils and many diverse volunteers. She answered questions along the way. We discussed a new name for the Lower Columbia Council and found Columbia Estuary Council agreeable. One concern for the Columbia Estuary Council is the meeting site. Cannon Beach members are notably in favor of the Shift and remain dedicated. We discussed some next steps including consistent Board and Council meeting times and elections. We suggested the Coastal Council could meet and vote in July and the Columbia Council could meet in August.

We discussed working to draft new bylaws that reflect the Dynamic Shift changes. The Revised Proposal was read and we discussed details and suggested grammatical changes and map highlights and boundaries. A new and clear map of watershed boundaries seemed desirable after we noted discrepancies in the current maps and on the ground knowledge. We agreed to add principle cities. Brooke will make these edits and ask the BOD members to vote affirmatively by email. Brooke will now be posting the meeting minutes on line with a "draft" watermark. We discussed the future board make up, representation and meeting times and Brooke will consider recruitment and a survey.

A contractor, Cascade Environmental, has been hired for the Chum Action Plan and Wendy Agalzoff as the Chum Outreach specialist working as NCWA staff. Brooke will keep the celebratory champagne on ice;). An OWEB site visit was conducted and data loggers have been sited.

Notes submitted by Tessa Scheller