

NCWA Coastal Council 15 July 2019 meeting minutes

Present were: Carolyn Propst, Clara Sroufe, Rich Bertellotti, Ed Johnson, Lynette Villagomez, Jan Siebert-Wahrmund, Bob Lundy, Scott Rekate, Barb Knop

1 Introductions and announcements

Brooke is now in an MBA program. She will be working for Columbia Pacific CCO as of mid-August, but will stay on with the NCWA as board chair. They are seeking a new executive coordinator.

2 The minutes of the May meeting were approved .

3 NCWA organizational change update

The board will meet in Cannon Beach in even-numbered months, at a location to be determined.

4 Landowner updates

Plans for CB to acquire its drinking water recharge area are as yet unsettled. Public comment at City Council meetings would help. The area is loosely defined, as shown in the FR stewardship plan, more geometric in the Water Master Plan. Trib K goes through it.

There is a request to ODF to allow logging of 77 acres east of the highway near Hug Point; 25 – 30 property owners depend on the many streams that pass through the property. Slopes range from 35% to 65%, are unstable, and are subject to slippage. Logging would affect the highway, water quality, and tourism. Bob will email all meeting attendees the letter that Mike Manzulli wrote and the ECAP board sent to ODF opposing approval. It was suggested that someone talk to affected affluent property owners. Any letter we sent would have to come from the NCWA board. Brooke will put it on the agenda for the NCWA board meeting this Wednesday at 4-6 pm at 818 Commercial in Astoria (above Laserquick), on the third floor, corner building.

6 2019 projects of interest—review and update

There is OWEB funding for drop/leave thinning in the ECFR.

Jan reports heavy ivy behind the Conference Center; Bob suggested that an upcoming trail clearing session concentrate there.

Scott reports that someone has diverted the Creek near the bridge, probably State water staff to protect trees that could fall on their measurement equipment. He pointed out that State temperature data is on their Web site as mentioned in the May minutes.

Public Works reports that metered water flow in April was 8.09 M gal, in May 9.19, and in June 12.26.

There is also online data on spring output, though it is not clear how this is measured. Carolyn is trying to get an explanation.

7 ECFR beaver habitat restoration

OWEB will not be funding our grant application, but they did like it. Next time they may find some money for it. There is a beaver dam just inside the north gate of the tertiary treatment area.

The next meeting will be on September 16.