

North Coast Watershed Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes October 28th, 2020 – via Zoom

Board Members Present: Carla Cole, Ty Williams, Carolyn, Chriss Farrar, Melissa, Mike Seppa, and Tessa Scheller. Staff Present: Celeste Lebo, Wendi Agalzoff, and Kelli Daffron

Our meeting was called to order at 4 PM by Carla and she in turn asked Celeste to continue. Meeting minutes were approved by motion (Chris and Ty) with a vote of “All in favor.”

River Council Meeting: Chris noted the meeting was held outdoors at Alderbrook Park. A review of the planting project determined that success was “not so great” and probably attributable to the sandy soil and lack of watering. Also the planted species may not have been well-suited for the site. Scotch broom management is ongoing. Discussion at the site included the Chum project; it was “really nice” to meet in person again. An interested neighbor was engaged and Celeste will follow up.

Coastal Council: The next offering will be a Zoom meeting featuring Margaret Treadwell who is a rocky shores management expert. Celeste reminded us of the new meeting times.

Staff Report: Celeste noted the outreach work that Wendi is doing to engage folks personally and through social media. We anticipate some fun feedback through our Instagram posts and Facebook. She also noted a number of other meetings with agency folks, including at Big Creek. One question was asked: What is it about this important local anchor and reference site that works?

County and ODF&W folks were part of the group that witnessed returning chum salmon. Kelli noted her efforts at site visits for geomorphic assessments. Linkage of data and monitoring was valuable for other agencies. Kelli retrieved the temperature loggers, including one that needed special access; only one logger went missing. Technical reports are being generated and integrated with DEQ, though the timing could improve. The plant grant was not successful, but other grant opportunities will be followed up on. The website is getting up-to-date. Meetings and project funding applications require visits with review teams, which helpful for improving understanding. A wetlands reconnection project with Hampton Industries was reviewed with support from USFWS; more tidal habitat could be created there. Except for the possibility of improving kayak launching, the Knappa Dock project seems unlikely to be supported by County Parks. Carla suggested meeting with other local agencies to provide grant opportunities in the future. Celeste noted other OWEB grant writing assistance is available and may be directed toward a hatchery project. The John Day project will be completed at the end of December.

Final draft of the NCWA bylaws was approved.

We decided to cancel the December board meeting and reschedule the November meeting for November 24.

Everyone agreed to host our Board and Staff Retreat in February 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 5 PM.