

## Sandy River Basin Watershed Council

*Working together to restore the Sandy River*

26000 SE Stark, GE Building, Gresham, OR 97030



Minutes of the July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting @ Timberline Rim

Present:

Carl Exner  
Steve Wise  
Bill Weiler  
Gerald Murphy  
Dianna Pope  
Julie Deleone  
Jay Wilson  
Jay Udelhoven (guests: Megan and Mariah)

Shawn Morford (OR Network of  
Watershed Councils)  
Cindy Kolomechuk (phone)  
Terry Black  
Donna Rogers (Timberline Rim)  
Mike Sherrill (guest)  
Sara Ennis

### **Floodplain Reconnection Project Tour 10:30 am – noon**

Approximately 35 Columbia Land Trust neighbors, Council Board and staff, Jay Wilson from Clackamas County, and Shawn Morford from the Network of Oregon Watershed Councils joined SRBWC Habitat Restoration Biologist Bill Weiler for a 90-minute tour of our Sandy River Floodplain Reconnection Project. Participants learned about the project benefits to fish and wildlife, and for alleviating downstream flooding. Weiler emphasized post-construction restoration with two October, 2016 planting dates and a proposed spring, 2017 Community Planting Day.

### **Summer Picnic Noon-1:30 pm**

Just the right amount of good food and good company

### **SRBWC Bi-monthly meeting**

- A) Called to order at 1:30pm by Carl Exner.
- B) Welcome/Introductions 1:30-1:35 pm
- C) Farewell to Council AmeriCorps member, Jesse Holt (in absentia), whose last day was 7/28. Thank you for your incredible service Jesse, and we hope to see you in the future!
- D) Council Development 1:35-1:45 pm
  - a. Review/adopt minutes: Approved Minutes from May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting as submitted.
  - b. Board Recruitment: Steve Wise encouraged current members to run again and encouraged new folks to step up. Elections will be at the September meeting
  - c. Carl Exner proposed that board meeting more often, potentially monthly for greater board cohesion and involvement. Committees could meet before or after board meetings and some meetings could be used for board development and education. There was no quorum to vote on this proposal.

## **E) Council Project and Event Updates 1:45-2:15 pm**

- a. EMSWCD Partnership – Jay Udelhoven, EMSWCD Executive Director**  
Udelhoven discussed the benefits of the strategic agreement to fund SRBWC at \$125,000 annually for five years. EMSWCD has similar agreements with neighboring watershed councils: Johnson Creek and Columbia Slough. EMSWCD has funded each of these organizations for individual projects for similar dollar amounts on an annual basis for years, and the Conservation District hopes that this longer term funding strategy will streamline the process of creating closer partnerships between all of these organizations, more effectively served EM residents, reduce administrative costs, and relieve funding pressure so those hours can be focused instead directly on activities related to achieving partnership goals such as green stormwater management, public education and involvement. EMSWCD will conduct some assessments in the next 2-5 years to determine effectiveness of this strategy.
- b. MHCC Retrofit Plans – Metro Capital Request Invited**  
Steve Wise met with Metro on Friday 7/29 who invited the Council to increase the funding request for this proposal, provided additional match could be found, which the City of Gresham has responded to. Herrera has completed 85% of the opportunity analysis and a top 3 projects have been selected, which includes high use parking lots and a courtyard.
- c. Weed Smackdown**  
Good news on the upper Salmon River –few old or new patches of Policeman’s Helmet were found in the first months of surveying. There are still large patches at the golf course, at the Salmon-Sandy confluence and scattered sites. Plants are starting to seed, limiting treatment potential until next year. Project emphasis will shift to gaining property owner participation for next year.
- d. Timberline To Troutdale Cleanup**  
Planning is coming along well for both events. Most historic partners are involved again this year. Event Registration is through SOLVE website. Promotional flyers are available, please get the e-version to post! Funding to cover staff and post floating cleanup BBQ costs is lagging. Please contact Sara@sandyriver.org with fundraising ideas.

## **F) Next meeting dates and upcoming events:**

- September 26th annual meeting – Run for office! Fill our available sectorial representative seats

### **Lower Sandy Floating Cleanup**

*Saturday September 10th, 10:00 AM – 2:00 p.m Lewis & Clark Park 1 Jordan Rd, Troutdale*

Meet at Lewis and Clark State Park, join a shuttle to Dabney and float back down collecting trash along the way. Bring water craft including a paddle and a life vest, or use one of ours.

**Register at [solveoregon.org/get-involved/event-registration](http://solveoregon.org/get-involved/event-registration) or contact Sara@sandyriver.org**

### **Salmon Headwaters Cleanup**

*Saturday September 17th, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Timberline Lodge, 27500 W Leg Rd*

Help us pick up trash below the ski slopes at the top of the watershed in partnership with Snowrider. Bring sturdy footwear, water, and appropriate clothing for mountain weather.

*Register at [solveoregon.org/get-involved/event-registration](http://solveoregon.org/get-involved/event-registration) or contact [Sara@sandyriver.org](mailto:Sara@sandyriver.org)*

## **Sandy River Delta Celebration**

*Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM-12:00PM Sandy River Delta Park Crown Point Hwy Troutdale*

Join us and the Confluence Project on September 20th to celebrate restoration at the Sandy River Delta! Hiking and restoration tour to the Maya Lin Bird Blind at 10am. More fun includes bluegrass from local band Mountain Honey and coffee and conversation with Delta restoration enthusiasts. Bring the whole family!

## **Flood of Information**

*Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM – 12:30PM Resort at the Mountain, Welches, Lolo Pass Rm.*

The Sandy River Basin Watershed Council joins Clackamas County Emergency Management, Hoodland Fire District, and local river geomorphology experts to provide resources to upper watershed residents regarding flood risks on the Sandy River.

## **Salmon Homecoming, Happy Creek Habitat Restoration Tour**

*Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM Oxbow Region Park, 3010 SE Oxbow Pkwy, Gresham*

Learn the science behind a side channel restoration to create deep pools, bubbling riffles and hiding places for juvenile Chinook, Coho and Steelhead salmon. Meet at Alder Shelter (group picnic area A) at 1:45 p.m. For more information see:

## **Naturescaping Workshop**

*Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM -1:00PM Mt Hood Community College GE Bldg. 26000 SE Stark*

Naturescaping is the practice of designing (or redesigning) your landscape so that it reduces water use and decreases stormwater runoff, saving you time, money and energy.

**Register at [www.emswcd.org](http://www.emswcd.org)**

## **Native Plants Workshop**

*Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30PM – 8:30PM, Mt Hood Community College GE Bldg. 26000 SE Stark*

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## **Delta Planting**

*Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:45AM–1:00PM Sandy River Delta Park Crown Point Hwy, Troutdale*

Join us with Friends of Trees and Friends of the Sandy River Delta with support from the US Forest Service, PGE's Habitat Fund, and the Jubitz Foundation to continue native seedling plantings at the Sandy River Delta. 9:00 AM planting, 12:00 PM Delta tour.

*Contact [bill@sandyriver.org](mailto:bill@sandyriver.org)*