

Minutes of the Sandy River Basin Watershed Council

July 22, 2013

Dodge Park

1. The May 20, 2013 meeting minutes were approved.

2. Finances & Budget: Marilyn Peterson, Mtn. Quail Business Services
 - a. 2013-14 budget is nearly set:
 - 63,000 in carry forward funds
 - 20,000 in federal grants
 - 337,000 in state of Oregon grants
 - 138,000 in local grants for a total of

 - 634,000 in income budget.

 - The expense side includes three full-time staff: \$232,000

 - 100% of the budget is comprised of:
 - 33% for staffing/programs
 - 64% for the work
 - 7% overhead/admin.

 - b. Budget Transition: The transfer of SRBWC funds from the City of Sandy to the Council is almost complete. We are now our own fiscal agent.

3. Board Business: Allen L'hommeideu was nominated as the Council's newest Board member pending a quorum vote

4. Other Updates: We have two pending OWEB proposals – Camp Collins Floodplain Reconnection, and technical assistance for Restorative Flood Response Phase II. OWEB will announce their project rankings on August 15.

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Unfortunately, NOAA did not fund the Sandy Partners' three year restoration proposal that would have implemented middle Sandy River projects.

5. Learning Moment: Marty Olson, ODFW Passage Program Coordinator:

Marty explained ODFW's cost share grant program to assist with fish screen and passage projects, funding up to \$75,000/project. There is a 60-40% split. Grant applicants can use in-kind funding as their 40% cost. This funding source can be used as a match against OWEB proposals because the Passage Program funding source is federal. ODFW takes on major maintenance on fish screen projects, while landowners must perform maintenance on passages projects. All projects must benefit anadromous fish species. There are no deadlines for applications.

The SRBWC might consider two potential passage projects: Henry Creek and Beaver Creek.

6. Council Project Updates:

Matt Moreland is our Summer Stewardship Coordinator. Matt reported on restoration projects in the upper Sandy:

- a. Side Channel 18 is being restored with MHCC's Project YESS crew.
- b. Trout Unlimited/NW Steelheaders have been volunteering to remove invasive plants on Side Channel 9 in the Wildwood area. A second outing included the Native Fish Society.
- c. The NW Youth Corps and Project YESS will be completing invasives and other work in the upper Sandy for two weeks.

Happy Creek Reconnection: Bill Weiler acknowledged the great assistance of three folks who attended the Board meeting: Melissa Rowe-Soll from Ash Creek, Dave Stewart, ODFW, and Roy Iwai who leads the Beaver Creek Planning Team. Phase 2 of the Happy Creek Project begins anew July 29. Sandy River Delta work will start in August in association with Ash Creek Forest Management and Friends of Trees.

7. Emerging Opportunities:

- a. City of Troutdale East Winds Master Plan received a Metro Nature in the Neighborhood Planning Grant.
- b. BLM O and C Lands are being in re-mapped being identified as either conservation lands and extractions lands. We need to make sure that Sandy River BLM land is confirmed as “conservaton.”

Events: August 15, 2013 at the Sandy River Delta celebrating the demolition of a side-channel dam.

September 15: Timberline Trash Pick Up

September 23: Annual SRBWC Annual Meeting

November 25: Last Board meeting of the year.