



Approved October 20, 2020

**Clackamas SWCD Board Meeting Minutes for September 22, 2020**

***This meeting was held virtually via the Zoom meeting app.***

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>Directors:</b>	Jeff Becker (Chair), Roger Fantz (Treasurer), Don Guttridge (Secretary) Jim Johnson, Jan Lee, Jesse Nelson (Vice-Chair), Joan Zuber
	<b>Associate Directors:</b>	PK Melethil, Anna Rankin
	<b>Directors Emeritus:</b>	
	<b>Staff:</b>	Nicole Ahr, Jason Faucera, Tami Guttridge, Lisa Kilders, Clair Klock, Sam Leininger, Eann Rains, Jenne Reische, Nathan Tucker
	<b>Partners:</b>	
	<b>Guest:</b>	John Runyon (Cascade Environmental Group)
<b>NOT PRESENT:</b>		

**1 – CALL TO ORDER and ACCEPT AGENDA / PUBLIC COMMENT / DIRECTOR REPORTS / MANAGER'S REPORT ON COMMITTEES**

**A. Call to order** – Chair Becker called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 4:00 p.m., September 22, 2020, via a Zoom meeting call originating at 22055 S Beaver Creek Rd, Beaver Creek, Oregon.

Roll call was taken. Chair Becker asked if there were any additions or updates to the agenda. No changes were requested.

**B. Public Comment** – No public comment was given.

**C. Director reports** –

- Director Guttridge reported that his family had evacuated from home due to the wildfires, and then a second time from the office. Guttridge noted that his home and farm had not been damaged.
- Director Johnson reported that he would have to leave the call at 5:30 for a Board of Agriculture meeting.

- Director Lee reported that she had participated in a call for the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) with the Army Corp of Engineers and the Oregon Department of Agriculture. The Army Corps of Engineers will be deploying a BAER team (Burned Area Emergency Response team) to help in the recovery work on private, State, and Federal lands in Oregon fire zones.

Lee also reported the OACD would be holding their annual meeting via Zoom on November 10, 2020. Elections of officers will be done electronically.

- Director Fantz reported that he and his wife were home and safe from the fires. Winds were favorable in their area and they had checked on their property several times during the fire event.
- Director Nelson reported that he was glad the smoke was gone. The smoke caused many plants to go into winter dormancy and the wind shredded leaves.
- Chair Becker noted that the low humidity and wind caused damage to plants that he had never before experienced.

**D. Partner reports** – There was no partner report.

*Director Zuber joined the meeting at 4:05 p.m.*

**E. Manager’s report on committees** – Acting General Manager (AGM) Kilders reported on the following committees:

- The Building Committee exchanged e-mails and met via phone on September 18, 2020. Director Guttridge and Staff Faucera will report later in the meeting.
- The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee met on August 25, 2020. Chair Becker will give an update later in the meeting.
- The Working Lands Committee met on September 16, 2020. AGM Kilders asked Director Lee if she wished to report. Lee reported that the committee had reviewed two projects brought to them by Staff Faucera. The first project is in the Stafford area within the Urban Growth Boundary, the committee suggested this request be forwarded to Clackamas County. The second property belongs to the World Forestry Center’s Magnus Tree Farm. The Committee asked Staff Faucera to gather more information regarding this project. The Committee is working to develop tools and workflows for handling new requests for easements, acquisitions, or Committee action. These tools will ask questions of those reaching out for District services, providing needed context for the Committee to evaluate and act on requests.

**2 – MINUTES**

**A. August 18, 2020, Regular Board Meeting minutes** – The August 18, 2020 minutes were presented to the Board. The Board Secretary had reviewed the minutes.

Directors Guttridge/Nelson moved/seconded to approve the August 18, 2020 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### 3 – FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. **Review and accept financial reports** – Staff Tucker presented the financial reports to the Board. Total assets are currently \$10,014,591 and total liabilities are \$7,120,707. Tucker noted that the District will be making the first payment on the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) loan # R22405. Total net assets are \$2.9 million.

Tucker reviewed the August 31, 2020 profit/loss statement. August revenues were \$5,177 and expenses were \$157,959, most of which are personnel costs.

Directors Fantz/Guttridge moved/seconded to approve the financial reports as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. **Disbursements** – Staff Tucker reviewed the Automatic Clearing House (ACH) disbursements with the Board and the disbursement list for checks. Checks numbered 100339 to 100377 with no breaks or voids. The Disbursement list total was \$100,519.18 with \$54,932.66 from the Conservation Grant funds. Tucker reported he had missed processing a request from E & A Systems for a 50% deposit on a septic loan and would like permission to process this check as needed if the contractor requests it before the first of the month check run. Director Guttridge asked about the payment to Ag West regarding repairs to the Tye No-Till Drill. Staff Rains explained that several repairs were needed to keep the drill in working condition including repairs to the small grain box, springs, the hitch, and sprockets. These were significant repairs, but the drill should be in good condition for many more years.

Directors Guttridge/Lee moved/seconded to approve the Disbursements list as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Becker thanked Staff Tucker for checking in with staff and Board members during the wildfire emergency.

### 4 – OTHER FINANCIALS

- A. **4Sight Invoice** – Staff Faucera reviewed the open invoices with 4Sight LLC associated with the District office construction. Faucera noted that the contract language was difficult, and the Not-To-Exceed (NTE) language covered very specific items. There are charges of \$7,320 that are for items requested after the NTE contract was closed in March of 2020. There are charges of \$2,130 that are overages on the NTE but are not detailed in the 4Sight billing. The Building committee has reviewed the contract and invoices and recommended paying the invoices and closing out the project with 4Sight LLC.

Directors Fantz/Guttridge moved/seconded to make final payments to 4Sight LLC and close out the contract. Motion carried as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Lee, Nelson, and Zuber. Opposed: Johnson.

*Associate Director Melethil left the meeting at 4:45 p.m.*

- B. **Payroll Tax Holiday** – Staff Tucker reported on the Presidential Executive memo regarding a payroll tax holiday. The memo allows employers to suspend the collection of social security taxes from employees' paychecks between September 2020 thru December 31, 2020. These

taxes would be repaid by the employee between January 1, 2021, to April 20, 2021. There are no clear rules from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). If the payroll tax holiday were to be instituted at the District it may have unfavorable consequences for employees and the District in the coming year. AGM Kilders has polled the employees and the staff recommends that the District opt-out of the payroll tax holiday.

Directors Guttridge/Nelson moved/seconded to opt-out of the payroll tax holiday. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. **Borrower repayment deferral due to wildfire** – Staff Rains requested that the Board consider allowing those having loans with the District to delay monthly loan payments due to the wildfires. The request would give borrowers the option to forego payments from September 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020. Deferred payments would be added to the end of the loan period, and loan agreements updated. Staff Tucker noted this would affect approximately 14 borrowers. Directors felt that this would need to be looked at on an individual basis, that only people who had been directly impacted by the fires should be offered this benefit.

Directors Guttridge/Johnson moved/seconded to approve loan deferrals to borrowers with monthly payments who were in wildfire evacuation zones 2 and 3. The motion carried unanimously.

**Presentation: Molalla National Water Quality Initiative Project** – Staff Faucera introduced John Runyon of Cascade Environmental Group. Due to technical difficulties this presentation was delayed. Directors went on to item 5B.

## **5- PROJECTS, PROGRAMS**

- B. **Resolution 2020-004 to transfer appropriations for septic loans** – Staff Rains presented resolution 2020-004 to appropriate \$150,000 from the Conservation Planning Fund for loans to the Districts Operations Funds. The Planning department believes that landowner interest in conservation practices and equipment loans will be much lower than the funds appropriated. Loans for septic systems repairs are on the rise and staff believe that the District will use all currently appropriated funds before the middle of the fiscal year. This transfer will still leave \$103,000 for conservation loans in the Conservation Planning Fund. These funds are DEQ loan funds and have been approved for the use of septic system loans.

Directors Fantz/Lee moved/seconded to approve resolution 2020-004 to transfer appropriations within the conservation loans fund during the fiscal year 2020-2021. The motion carried unanimously.

**Presentation for Molalla National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) Project** – John Runyon gave a presentation on the NWQI project to better understand the issues affecting source water quality of the Molalla River that is the source of drinking water for the communities of Canby, Colton, and Molalla. The draft report for the project has received a great review from the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Runyon noted that the public input to the report has been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, and now the issues caused by wildfires will necessitate additions to the report. Algal blooms and water temperature are also significant concerns for source water quality.



Runyon thanked Staff Faucera and Eden for their help in putting the report together. The Board and staff were encouraged to visit the project website [Molallariverdrinkingwater.com](http://Molallariverdrinkingwater.com) for more in-depth information. Runyon and Faucera were asked if this type of assessment was going on in the Clackamas River Basin. Faucera noted that Clackamas River Water Providers have some risk assessments and have recently been awarded an NWQI project grant.

*Director Johnson left the meeting at 5:30 p.m.*

- A. Conditional contract approval for tenant improvement** – Staff Faucera reported to the Board that the District had advertised for a contractor to make tenant improvements in the west wing. The District received three bids and the Building Committee met on September 18, 2020, to review the bids to see if they were responsive and responsible. The District is required to accept the lowest responsive/responsible bid. The bid request was based on input from the District and the United States Department of Agriculture. The Building Committee's recommendation is to accept the Bid from Cedar Mill Construction Company, LLC. Cedar Mill provided a timeline, and the contract is contingent upon the USDA signing a lease with the District for the west wing offices.

Directors Guttridge/Nelson moved/seconded to award the Conservation Resource Center Tenant Improvement public improvement contract to Cedar Mill Construction Company, LLC in the amount of \$111,000, contingent upon successful negotiation of a contract with Cedar Mill Construction Company, LLC and successful negotiation of a lease agreement with USDA for the tenant space. To also delegate authority to sign the contingent contract with Cedar Mill Construction Company, LLC in the amount of \$111,000 to Acting General Manager Lisa Kilders. The motion carried unanimously.

## **6 – PERSONNEL**

- A. Update General Manager search** – AGM Kilders reported the District had received one more application for the open general manager position, which will be reviewed in the Executive Session following this meeting. The Board and staff have had an opportunity to review interview questions. A temporary hold has been placed on new applications at this time, pending first-round interviews with currently selected applicants. If no suitable applicant is selected from the first set of applications, the position will be re-opened.
- B. Emergency Administrative Leave** – AGM Kilders asked the Board to consider awarding administrative leave to those staff members impacted by the recent wildfires.

Director Guttridge declared an actual conflict of interest and did not participate in discussions.

Documentation for this leave will require a start date, end date, and explanation of the situation. Staff proposed administrative leave be given to those who were ordered to evacuate (level 3), from the time they left until the time they returned home and were able to connect remotely to resume their normal work or travel to work in the office when that location was deemed safe.

Administrative leave should also be given to those who were ordered to prepare for evacuation (level 2). This will include the time required to prepare for evacuation and the time they were away from their homes because they felt unsafe in their locations. Documentation should

include the date of evacuation preparation and days away from home that they were unable to work. Staff who were able to work during the level 2 evacuation order should count that as regular time worked.

Director Fantz noted staff would receive their regular salaries instead of using other forms of leave.

Directors Fantz/Nelson moved/seconded to approve emergency administrative leave for staff. Motion carried as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Lee, Nelson, Zuber. Abstained: Guttridge

- C. **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee** – Chair Becker reported that the committee had met on August 25, 2020. Chelsea White-Brainard from East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District spoke with the committee about their endeavors to improve diversity, equity, and inclusion at her district. Becker thanked Staff McQueeney for her outline of the Clackamas District's demographics. The committee is concentrating on how to help staff and the Board approach their work more inclusively. The fires impacted the work of this committee, but they will continue to work on this matter.

Staff Ahr left the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

## **7 – BOARD AND MANAGER REPORTS**

### **A. Management reports**

- Staff Leininger reported that the wildfires were impacting much of the fall seasonal work of the WeedWise crew. The fires are limiting work crews available, and where work can be done in many project areas. Leininger has already been in talks with the Bureau of Land Management and the Oregon Department of Forestry about what steps will need to be taken regarding restoration. There will be a large impact on water quality and timing for replanting will be the most difficult factor to determine. Leininger noted that he had found an article regarding the 1902 Springwater Fire which impacted a large portion of the same area that the Riverside Fire has burned. Leininger asked the Board to review his briefing memo. (The memo is attached and part of these minutes).
- Staff Reische reported that she had met with Kim Galland of Natural Resources Conservation Service regarding how to move forward on projects impacted by the wildfires. (Please see the briefing memo for the planning report, the memo is attached and part of these minutes).
- AGM Kilders reported on Education and Outreach. Small Farms School is in session on-line, and the District provided five scholarships for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color to attend Small Farm School. The results of the "Soil Your Undies" campaign are being collected for future reporting. Work on the erosion control video the District is coordinating has been delayed by the fire. (Please see the briefing memo for more information, the memo is attached and part of these minutes).
- AGM Kilders reported that she would be polling the Board regarding whether they preferred using the "Zoom" app or the "GoToMeeting" app for virtual meetings. Kilders is also working on setting up a meeting for the Eagle Creek Advisory Committee and

hopes to have a meeting set up by the end of October. She would like input from the Board on agenda items for this meeting. Kilders is also working on a resolution to surplus items in the RV barn.

- Chair Becker asked the Management team if they would prefer to report earlier in the meeting. Staff Faucera and Leininger replied that if it would give the Board a more useful context that would be fine but was not necessary.

## **8 – PROPERTY, PLANNING**

- A. Update on Building and Natural Resources Conservation Service lease** – Director Guttridge asked Staff Faucera to report on the NRCS lease. Faucera noted that he would be meeting with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) on Wednesday, September 23, 2020, regarding the lease. Faucera worked with Staff Tucker, Guttridge, and AGM Kilders to build a cost valuation and come up with a rental rate. Faucera asked Tucker to speak about the rate.

Tucker reported that the lease is a 10-year lease and worked on a predetermined growth rate to spread over the length of the lease. The Building Committee has reviewed his work.

Faucera noted that he would be submitting our proposal to USDA for their review. If they do not accept the initial bid, they will not reject us outright. They have said we will have the opportunity to resubmit based on the feedback they provide as to why it was not accepted. If necessary Faucera will come back to the Building Committee for changes. If the Committee feels the changes are beyond the scope of last month's approval to negotiate, they will ask for a Special Board Meeting to make a final decision regarding the lease.

Faucera was asked about the timeline for the tenant improvements if the lease is signed. Faucera responded that Cedar Mills Construction, LLC had provided a timeline for finishing the work this fall dependent on when the lease is signed. This was part of the bid request.

## **9 – OTHER REPORTS**

- Chair Becker noted that when this meeting was adjourned, the Board would be calling back in on another "Zoom" call for an Executive Session to discuss the latest application for the open General Managers position.

### **ADJOURN AND NEXT MEETING**

- The next regular meeting will be on October 20, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.
- There being no further business, Chair Becker adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tami L. Guttridge  
Office Administrator





September 15, 2020

## BRIEFING NOTE FOR THE CLACKAMAS SWCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### RE: Conservation Planning Program Update

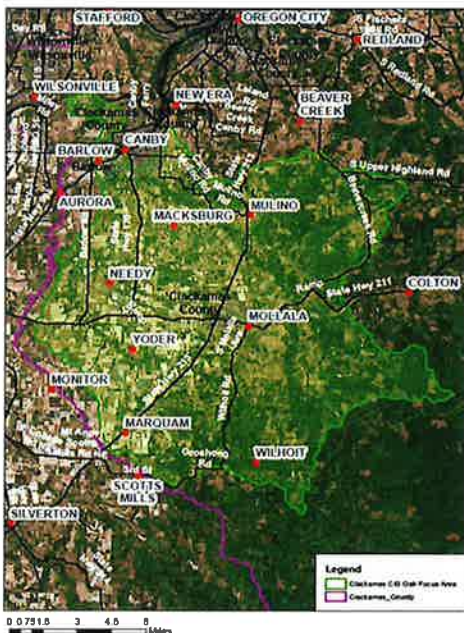
#### Oak CIS Update

Last month planning staff worked with Eann to complete a new District Loan Agreement for an Oak CIS project landowner in Molalla. The landowner was struggling to control some of the more difficult weeds on the project site and was interested in hiring a restoration contractor, but the project site was too small to gather much interest from local contractors. The landowner was also unable to front the costs to the contractor for services while waiting for the NRCS cost-share payments. This is an issue that can arise with the NRCS funding because landowners do not receive the cost-share payments from NRCS until the practices are completed and certified. The first weed control treatment with the contractor was completed in early August. The project is moving along smoothly now, with help from the District and a restoration contractor.



Contractor work at our conservation loan site.

Clackamas County Oak Funding Area  
Molalla River, Rock, Garret, Bear, Milk, Cedar and Woodcock Creek Subwatersheds



The Oak CIS outreach mailing mentioned in the August planner memo was sent to prospective applicants this month. This year marks the fourth year of funding from NRCS for this Oak CIS focus area. Sixty-five parcels were selected in the focus area and chosen based on their high concentrations of oak trees and locations close to other oak restoration projects. Planners worked closely with the outreach team and Tami to get the mailing out in time for new applications due later this fall.

So far, our work with the oak CIS in the Molalla/Canby has kept planning staff busy. Next month Nicole Ahr will give a presentation to the Board highlighting some of the successes of this partnership with NRCS.



### Forest-Tree Leader Article

During site visits, the planners often receive questions about what to do with snags on private property. Snags are critical habitat for many wildlife species, providing nesting and feeding sites for woodpeckers and other cavity dependent species, perches for songbirds, and ground-level shelter habitat for amphibians. Often it is better to leave a snag standing, than to remove it, if it does not pose a safety hazard. Recently planning staff collaborated with Lisa and colleague, Ken Bevis, Stewardship Wildlife Biologist with Washington Department of Natural Resources, to develop an article about the importance of snags for the Forest-Tree Leader, the Clackamas County Farm Forestry Association newsletter. The article will be published in the fall newsletter series.



Photo by Ken Bevis

### CREP Re-Enrollments in Full Swing!

Drew Donahue, our new CREP Technician for Clackamas, Marion, and Yamhill, has started the process of CREP re-enrollments for her three counties. This includes 3 re-enrollments with Clackamas, 5 re-enrollments with Yamhill, and 1 re-enrollment with Marion. Drew has been conducting site visits on all the re-enrollment properties. She is also learning the various forms and documentation that must be filled out for the program to assess current conditions and create specifications for the re-enrollments. The paperwork will be submitted to FSA and NRCS before the deadline of September 11th.



A recent site visit to a CREP re-enrollment in Clackamas county.

Through this process of re-enrollments, Drew is learning and preparing for new CREP projects. So far, there are approximately 3 landowners in Clackamas, 1 in Marion, and 2 in Yamhill that have expressed interest in applying for the program.

### ODA Strategic Implementation Strategy

This month planning staff worked with Brenda Sanchez (ODA Ag Water Quality Program) to narrow down our choice for a 2020 Strategic Implementation Area (SIA) subbasin area within the Clackamas Ag Water Quality Plan Management area. After Brenda received feedback from us and other partners, she narrowed our choice to three general subbasin areas in Clackamas watershed. Staff then deliberated and decided that the Clear Creek subbasins best matched current SWCD priorities and capacity and was a good place to start. Lower and Middle Clear Creek subbasins are close to the Conservation Resource Center and have a uniform base of land use activities, mostly rural residential, Christmas tree farms, forested properties, with some livestock and agricultural production. Most of the land use is classified as Exclusive Farm Use (EFU), Agriculture/Forest (AGF) or timber (TBR), with more EFU in the lower watershed and more TBR in the upper watershed. The planning staff has many resources for small agricultural and forest operations and hopes to engage with them as well as the Christmas tree farmers to promote adoption and use of Best Management Practices that will help to address resource concerns identified in the local Ag Water Quality Plan.



# Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District

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September 18, 2020

## BRIEFING NOTE FOR THE CLACKAMAS SWCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Re: Education and Outreach Program Update**

### A Resource in a Time of Need

Even while evacuated, Education and Outreach staff delivered valuable, up to date information via the District Facebook page to the citizens of Clackamas County who were dealing with wildfires in their community. Information included everything from FEMA registration details to how to recover lost livestock to whether or not it was safe to eat garden produce covered with ash.



### Advocacy Training



**Oregon Association of  
Conservation Districts**

In anticipation of the 2021 Legislative Session, education and outreach staff, as well as other District staff members attended an online advocacy training offered by Oregon Association of Conservation Districts.

The training covered OACD's advocacy procedures, laws and regulations regarding what SWCDs can and can't do, and recommendations for how SWCDs can position themselves to act quickly.

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## DEI Action Team

Education and Outreach staff shared Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion resources gathered from the Clackamas County Equity and Inclusion Office and Food Solutions New England at the August meeting. This included current demographic information for Clackamas County:



## 2020 Clackamas County Demographic Information

Population: 424,747 (Oregon: 4,264,603)

Population Increase since 2010: 12.97%

Population by Race:

- White 76.2%
- Hispanic/Latino 9.2%
- Black 1.12%
- Native American .9%
- Asian 4.85%
- Other 3.69%
- 2+ Races 4.09%

Over 48% of our population is over 45 years of age:

- 45 – 54 13.24%
- 55 – 64 14.09%
- 65 – 74 11.79%
- 75 – 84 4.89%
- 85+ 2.04%

Median Yearly Income for all Clackamas is \$89, 510

- White \$91,340
- Hispanic/Latino \$65,780
- Black \$61,473
- Native American \$67,608
- Asian \$121,834
- Other \$61,343

Other info:

- 5.52% of families are below poverty level
- Average house value is \$551,599
- Over 62% of population does not have a college degree
- 6.25% of population does not have a high school diploma

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## Small Farm School 2020 Has Begun!

Small Farm School held its first online session on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – Poultry for Beginners. Sessions will be provided as webinars twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.) through mid-November. The \$35 registration fee enables participants to join any and all of the sessions in which they are interested and also allows them access to the recorded webinars to view on their own schedule. Sessions include topics include:



- New Farmers: Poultry, How to Start a Farm Business
- Land Care: Dry Farming, Pasture Management, Hemp Production, Soil Ecology
- Marketing: Food Safety, Brand Identity, Running a CSA
- Vegetables: Weed Control, Winter Vegetables
- Flowers, Data Tracking, Bookkeeping, and more!

## Newest Articles on the Website

- [August is National Water Quality Month](#)
- [Protect Your Forest From Fire](#)
- [Annual Work Plan for 2020-2021 Adopted](#)
- [September Weed of the Month: Japanese Knotweed](#)
- [Invitation to Bid: Tenant Improvements – Conservation Resource Center](#)

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September 18, 2020

## BRIEFING NOTE FOR THE CLACKAMAS SWCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **RE: WeedWise Program Update**

#### **Weed of the Month: Knotweed**



September is the perfect time of year to [spotlight the invasive knotweeds as our weed of the month](#). The invasive knotweeds are comprised of a hybrid swarm of Japanese, giant, and their hybrid Bohemian knotweed.

The invasive knotweeds are considered to be one of the [100 worst global invaders](#). They are one of our most prolific streamside invaders, where they displace our native trees and shrubs. The knotweeds contribute to streamside soil erosion by senescing each season, leaving stream sides devoid of vegetation during winter storms and spring snow melt.

Effective control of the knotweeds requires the use of herbicides. The knotweeds readily re-sprout following herbicide treatment, due to expansive root systems with poor translocation of herbicides following treatment. Also, because they tend to grow in and near water, access is difficult, and extra care needs to be taken to avoid impacts to fish and other aquatic life.

Effective treatment of the knotweeds is best carried out in September, because this is the month when these plants begin to reabsorb nutrients from its leaves and stems and draws them down into the root zone. Herbicide applications undertaken during this time have the greatest potential to impact significant below-ground roots and rhizomes.

The WeedWise program has been actively treating knotweed across the county. Justin has been actively working on knotweed in select locations in the lower Willamette. Lindsey has been targeting knotweed across much of the Clackamas Basin.

### Clackamas Wildfires



Many of our weed control and restoration contractors are stepping up to help battle the wildfires, including this crew from R Franco Restoration working on the Beachie Creek Fire. (Source: Facebook)

The massive wildfires that have swept across Clackamas County have had a profound impact on the WeedWise program on both a professional and personal level. In the last few weeks, we have seen many of our co-workers, friends, and families evacuated or preparing to evacuate. Thankfully, we have largely been spared from the direct impacts, but our deepest sympathies go out to the families that have lost their homes and their loved ones.

As the fires continue to blaze throughout much of our forest lands, we would be remiss not to thank our fire fighters and first responders for their many efforts to protect the citizens of Clackamas County. We also want to express our sincere appreciation for many of our WeedWise contractors that are actively fighting fires in Clackamas County and the surrounding area.

The WeedWise program has been actively working in many of the areas impacted by the Riverside, Beachie Creek, and Dowty fires. We partner with both public and private landowners throughout the affected areas. Much of our fall weed control work has been adversely impacted by the in our project areas. As a result, we are forced to reassess our actions for the remainder of the season. In some circumstances our only course of action will be to start planning our response for after the smoke clears.

We are already beginning discussions with regional partners to respond to anticipated field conditions after the fires subside. Until then, we continue to pray for our cooperators and partners still under threat from these fires.



## Salmon River Weed Smackdown Recap



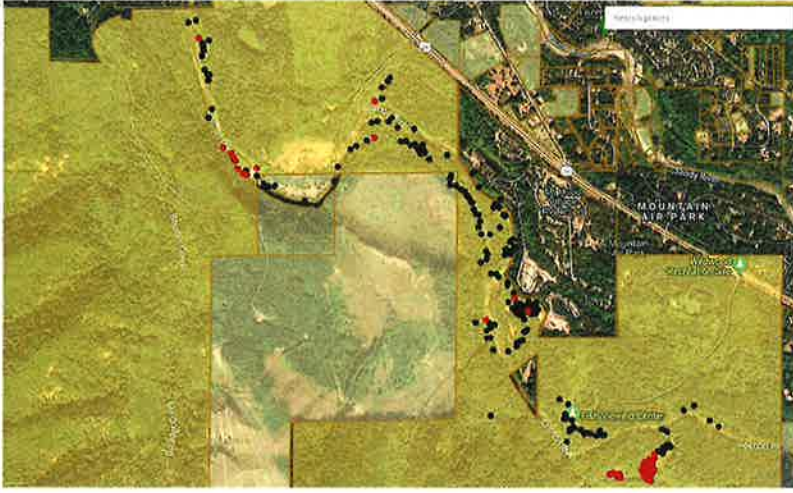
Our ongoing work along the Salmon River to target policeman's helmet and other priority invasive weeds has wrapped up for the season. WeedWise Specialist, Courtney Gattuso shared some highlights from the Weed Smackdown this season.

*"The WeedWise program completed another year of the Weed Smackdown! We faced a couple hurdles without the partnership of the Sandy River Watershed Council and financial restrictions, but Courtney and contractor crews were able to get all sites in our target area treated this summer. Vegetation contractors hand removed and bagged policeman's helmet plants (*Impatiens glandulifera*) along the lower Salmon River to prevent it from outcompeting with native riparian vegetation, vital to success of our local salmon species. The bulk of the project area is located on a large 700-acre BLM property, encompassing Wildwood Recreation Area, which can be seen on the attached map. The crews were able to identify and treat a few new populations and control them before the infestations became too widespread. Our partners and private landowners were excited to see density declines in existing populations."*

It was a big blow to lose our partners from the Sandy River Watershed Council this season, but we have been busy to maintain our working relationships. Sam and Courtney have been working with staff from SRWC to brainstorm approaches and funding sources to maintain the project in the coming year.



*Photo Highlights from the Weed Smackdown this season.*





## Clackamas River Weed Control Efforts



In advance of the wildfires, WeedWise staff have been busy in the Upper portions of the Clackamas River treating emergent patches of knotweed, false brome, and meadow hawkweed. Many of these treatments have been coordinated with staff from the US Forest Service.

Many of our treatments in the last month in the Clackamas River Watershed have been consumed by flames in the last week. Treatments in the Three Lynx and Ripplebrook areas still have active fires. Other treatment areas near Estacada and lower Eagle Creek also continue to be impacted. These developments have been disheartening to our staff and we are struggling to adapt to current conditions.

As we wait for the fires to subside, the question to ponder is "How will these areas respond post fire?" Recent fire events in the Columbia Gorge have demonstrated the potential for some invasive weeds to surge following burns. We will be taking advantage of "lessons learned" from the Eagle Creek Fire to maximize our response in the Clackamas. The experience of our partners to certainly be tapping our partners working the burnt areas of the Eagle Creek

## Federal Contracting and Reporting



As the field season begins to wrap up, our work shifts to project reporting to our federal partners. With the fires putting an early halt to our treatment efforts in the upper portions of the Clackamas and Molalla watersheds, we have begun working on our end of year reporting to our federal partners.

In conjunction with our annual reporting, Federal partners are also working on budgets for the coming year. As a result, the WeedWise program has been preparing project proposals to seek support for ongoing weed control efforts undertaken in cooperation with our federal partners. With the wildfires still raging funding for the coming year has a new level of uncertainty, but Sam remains hopeful and has been in consultation with managers from the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to move forward with project proposals.

### Cooperative Weed Management Areas



#### 4-County CWMA

The 4-County CWMA recently held several committee meetings, including mapping and data, education and outreach, and the technical committee to support ongoing CWMA efforts. These committee meetings are a great source of information, and attendees can help shape the direction of the CWMA.

The CWMA is currently working on drafting our annual report to provide feedback to all our partners for the coming year. Courtney is spearheading this effort, but Sam and Lindsey will be contributing financial reports and project summaries for inclusion in the annual report.

#### Columbia Gorge CWMA

The Columbia Gorge CWMA hosted a general meeting this past month. The meeting featured Dr. Michael Skinner from WSU who discussed neo-Lamarckism and epigenetics, and the conclusions of his recent study looking at potential transgenerational impacts of glyphosate. It was a very interesting and thought-provoking discussion.

The Columbia Gorge CWMA is also working on drafting its annual report. Courtney is spearheading this effort well. Sam will be contributing financial reports and Courtney is planning to draft a project summary of the Lolo Pass hawkweed work for inclusion in the annual report.

Voucher Approval List

9/8/2020

Date	Number	Payee	Memo	Payment
9/8/2020	100339	AFLAC	Acct: LGF14 PPE08312020	766.21
9/8/2020	100340	Nicole Ahr	Reimbursement: Mileage 07/20-08/20	317.34
9/8/2020	100341	Coverall North America, Inc	Acct: 157-6800 09/2020	567.00
9/8/2020	100342	Clackamas Dept of Finance	CSWCD: ER/EE Benefits 09/2020	20,332.84
9/8/2020	100343	Drew Donahue	Reimbursement: Mileage 08/2020	94.30
9/8/2020	100344	Garmin Services, Inc	Acct: DL627537 08/2020	73.40
9/8/2020	100345	Government Finance Officers Association	Mbr: 300198982 10/2020-09/2021	180.00
9/8/2020	100346	Samuel Leininger	Reimbursement: Mileage 08/2020	39.33
9/8/2020	100347	Northwest Local Government Legal Advisors, LLC	CSWCD: Prof Svcs [Legal] 08/2020	1,000.00
9/8/2020	100348	Pacific Office Automation	Acct: 900-0266949-000 [100-0417] 07/2020	175.34
9/8/2020	100349	PGE	Acct: 9606754531 08/2020	541.57
9/8/2020	100350	Fann Rains	Reimbursement: Supplies 08/2020	35.70
9/8/2020	100351	Jennifer Reische	Reimbursement: Mileage 07/20 08/20	143.75
9/8/2020	100352	T-MOBILE	Acct: 961602090 8/2020	463.36
9/8/2020	100353	US Bank Voyager Fleet Systems	Acct: 869284679 08/2020	165.96
9/8/2020	100354	Verizon Wireless	Acct: 242017036-00001 08/13/20	240.06
9/8/2020	100355	VOYA Financial OSGP	CSWCD: ER/EE 457b PPE08312020	11,090.32

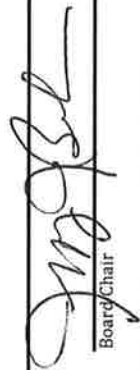
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9/22/2020

9/21/2020	100356	AG West Supply	Acct: 169225 Repair Svcs [Tye] 08/2020	4,062.77
9/21/2020	100357	Cascade Environmental Group	PSC-1820-4037 NWQI 08/2020	1,120.00
9/21/2020	100358	Clackamas County Clerk	CSWCD: Recording Fee [SRL-7008] 09/2020	153.00
9/21/2020	100359	Clackamas County Clerk	CSWCD: Recording Fee [SRL-7009] 09/2020	153.00
9/21/2020	100360	Clackamas River Water	Acct: 032327-00 08/2020; Fire Access 08/2020	417.16
9/21/2020	100361	Daily Journal of Commerce	Acct: 10061313 Filing 09/2020	62.10
9/21/2020	100362	D Franco Contracting Inc	CL-2022-4045 Kropf [WW-2019-09] 08/2020	2,000.14
9/21/2020	100363	E & A Systems Incorporated	CSWCD: Septic Repair Robinson [SRL-7007] Bal 08/2020	9,250.00
9/21/2020	100364	E & A Systems Incorporated	CSWCD: Septic Repair Huffman [SRL-7008] 50% 09/2020	12,500.00
9/21/2020	100365	Scott Eden	Reimbursement: Mileage 08/2020	60.83
9/21/2020	100366	Verena Fabian	SuperDOG-1822-4032 Fabian 08/2020	1,361.10
9/21/2020	100367	Green Banks, LLC	WW-2019-05 08/2020-09/2020	9,512.40
9/21/2020	100368	HERITAGE	CSWCD: PGM Supplies SEED [DOG-1823-4021] 09/2020	3,456.00
9/21/2020	100369	Kuznetsov Thinning Company	WW-2019-08 [WW-2020-IC-02-ECCF] 08/2020	1,658.61
9/21/2020	100370	METRO	Acct: MRC1604 RLIS Sub [Annual] 08/2020	480.00
9/21/2020	100371	Oregon City Garbage, Inc	Acct: 57768000 09/2020	96.90
9/21/2020	100372	Pacific Office Automation	Acct: 900-0266949-000 [100-0417] 08/2020	213.93
9/21/2020	100373	Powell Minuteman Press	CSWCD: Printing B/C [DD] 08/2020	45.00
9/21/2020	100374	Sound Native Plants Inc	WW-2019-12 [WW-CG-2020-05] 07/2020-08/2020	5,808.02
9/21/2020	100375	Speedy Septic	CSWCD: Septic Repair Smith [SRL-7009] 50% 09/2020	11,045.00
9/21/2020	100376	Spire Technologies, Inc	Acct: 02208 10/2020	450.00
9/21/2020	100377	The Oregonian Media Group	Acct: 1039096002 09/2020	387.36

Subtotal: 64,293.32

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