



Approved December 15, 2020

Clackamas SWCD Board Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2020

PRESENT	Directors:	Jeff Becker (Chair), Roger Fantz (Treasurer), Don Guttridge (Secretary), Jim Johnson, Jan Lee, Jesse Nelson (Vice-Chair), Joan Zuber
	Associate Directors:	John Keith, PK Melethil, Anna Rankin
	Directors Emeritus:	
	Staff:	Jason Faucera, Courtney Gattuso, Tami Guttridge, Lisa Kilders, Clair Klock, Sam Leininger, Cathy McQueeney, Eann Rains Jenne Reische, Nathan Tucker
	Partners:	Kim Galland (National Resources Conservation Service)
	Guest:	
NOT PRESENT:		

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. on November 17, 2020, on a Zoom call originating from the home office of Staff Faucera. Chair Becker asked if there were any changes to the agenda. No changes were requested.
- B. **Public Comment** – No public comment was given.
- C. **Director reports** –
 - Director Fantz reported that things were fine with him.
 - Director Guttridge reported that the mud was deep, and he was glad to be inside.
 - Director Nelson reported that he had completed four hours of pesticide recertification training.
 - Director Johnson reported that the Board of Agriculture would be meeting on December 2, 2020. The Ag Land Conservation panel will be reporting, this includes the Farmland Trust, the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts, and the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture.

- Associate Director Rankin reported that the pandemic has allowed her to learn about resilience. The Pudding River Watershed Council (PRWC) is working on refining their finances, working on multiple grants, and outsourcing some of their work. Rankin reported she had approximately 80 Port Orford Cedar trees to give away and asked that the District e-mail her if they had interested clients.

Rankin reported that the PRWC is working with Weyerhaeuser to stockpile large woody debris from the Beachie Creek Fire. Weyerhaeuser has offered to take their board members on a tour of the Abiqua Creek area to see the impact of the wildfires. Rankin invited Clackamas Board members to send her an e-mail if they would also like to attend the tour and she will forward the information.

- Chair Becker congratulated those Board members (including himself) who had been re-elected to their district positions. Becker then polled the board regarding the rescheduling of one interview that was to take place on Wednesday afternoon. One candidate had a conflict with the time he was scheduled and asked if the interview could be postponed to Thursday, or later in the afternoon on Wednesday. Directors were in favor of keeping the interviews on Wednesday and would accommodate a later time in the afternoon.

- D. Partner reports** – Kim Galland with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) reported that the local employees are anxiously awaiting a move-in date as they have been told that they are not able to extend their current lease past mid-February.

Galland reported on the NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) that was put together to help landowners affected by the wildfires. They have five to six erosion control plans they are currently working on, and the Farm Services Administration is working on reforestation plans for another Reforestation Program through USDA. Sign-ups for wildfire funding will run through the end of December.

Applications for the regular Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding must be in by Friday, November 20, 2020. This EQIP is funding oak habitat, irrigation, and hi-tunnels.

Galland is working most days in the office, and other staff are on an alternate day schedule.

- E. Manager's report on committees** – Acting General Manager (AGM) Kilders reported that the Finance Committee and the Building Committee had been sharing information via e-mail.

Chair Becker noted that he would be reaching out to the Personnel Committee to set a date for a meeting.

2 – MINUTES

- A. October 20, 2020, Regular Board Meeting minutes** – The minutes of the October 20, 2020 Board meeting were presented. The Board Secretary has reviewed the minutes.

Directors Fantz/Guttridge moved/seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried as follows: In favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Lee, Nelson, Zuber. Director Johnson abstained.

3 – FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. **Review and accept financial reports** – Staff Tucker reviewed October 2020, financial reports with the Board. The balance sheet currently shows total assets of 9.8 million, with liabilities totaling \$7.1 million, and net assets are at 2.7 million. Tucker noted that the District would be making its first payment on the Dept. of Environmental Quality Loan #R22405.

The profit and loss statement for October showed the District had received \$3,100 in tax revenue and \$53,000 in grant revenues. Total revenues for the month were \$61,495., and expenses were listed at \$154,500, of which most are employee payroll expenses.

Directors Fantz/Guttridge moved/seconded to accept the financial reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. **Disbursements** – Staff Tucker presented the November 2020, disbursements to the Board. Tucker reviewed the Automatic Clearing House payments and then moved on to the check payments. Checks were numbered #100412 to 100449 with no breaks or voids in the sequence. The total disbursements for the month were \$192,680.35 with \$23,989.63 from conservation funds. Tucker pointed out three large payments including two payments of interest to Zions Bank for the Conservation Resource Center and the Eagle Creek Community Forest. Tucker also pointed out one check that the District stopped payment on and re-issued due to an address error, this was for a scholarship payment.

Directors Guttridge/Nelson moved/seconded to approve the disbursement list. Motion carried unanimously.

4 – OTHER FINANCIALS

- A. **Account Transfer for DEQ Loan payment** – Staff Tucker asked the Board to approve making a transfer from the Local Government Investment Pool to the Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the first payment on the DEQ loan # R22405. The amount of the payment is \$22,931.00 and due on December 12, 2020. The next payment will be due in June. The Board directed Tucker to bring any payment of this size to the Board for approval if it was not in the Disbursement list.

Directors Fantz/Guttridge moved/seconded to approve the transfer of \$22,931. to the Department of Environmental Quality for payment of loan number R22405. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. **Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Clackamas River Water Providers (CRWP)** – AGM Kilders presented an MOA to the Board to receive funding from CRWP for the completion of an erosion control video. It is hoped that there will also be enough funding to allow for the Erosion Control Pocket Guide to be set up in an electronic format.

Directors Guttridge/Lee moved/seconded to authorize Chair Becker to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the Clackamas River Water Providers for funding to complete the erosion control video. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. **Audit** – Staff Tucker reported that all documentation requested for the audit has been submitted to Richard Winkel, CPA. There will be no site visit this year. Tucker did let Winkel know that the annual meeting was scheduled for December 15, 2020, so he can have the audit done and be ready to present the results to the board. Director Lee asked if a copy could be made available to the Board before the next meeting. Tucker said that there would be some follow-up when the first draft was available, but he hoped to have the draft copy available a day or two before the meeting and he would pass it along.

Staff Highlight – Many hands make light work: a look into our regional cooperative weed management areas – Staff Courtney Gattuso introduced herself to the Board and spoke about her position as coordinator of the two Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMA's). The focus of the CWMA's is to work collaboratively to control the spread of invasive species. Steering committees help to coordinate training and information sharing among the partnerships. Gattuso is the only paid employee of the CWMA's, everyone else is a volunteer. The partners in the 4-County CWMA and the Columbia Gorge CWMA provide funding and help to educate themselves and the public about invasive weeds. The CWMAs also help their partners with recertification that employees may need. Gattuso encouraged the Board to check out the CWMA websites and their calendar of events and reviewed the 4-County CWMA's annual report.

Staff Gattuso left the meeting at 4:55

Associate Director Rankin left the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

5 – PROJECTS, PROGRAMS

- A. **Resolution 2020-006 Establish the date of the annual meeting** – AGM Kilders presented Resolution 2020-006 to the Board for approval. The resolution is to set the date of the annual meeting at which the District presents the yearly audit and annual report to the public.

Directors Guttridge/Fantz moved/seconded to accept Resolution # 2020-006 and set the date for the Annual Meeting for December 15, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. **Oregon Association of Conservation Districts Election** – Director Lee asked the Board to review the candidates who self-nominated to fill positions on the OACD Board and vote. The five candidates were from different districts in the state and this is the Boards opportunity to cast their ballot.

Directors Guttridge/Nelson moved/seconded to approve the slate of Oregon Association of Conservation District officers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Becker asked Director Lee to speak about the OACD Annual Meeting. Director Lee reported that there had been 91 registered attendees for the on-line meeting. The meeting included partner reports and had three sessions whose topics were Working Lands, Tribal Relationships, and the National Association of Conservation Districts. Lee also reported that the National Association of Conservation District has sent out their annual meeting notice for 2021. The meeting will be held online, and registration will be \$50.

- C. Letter of Support for the Rowan Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program grant application**
– AGM Kilders reported that earlier this month the Rowan family had found an organization, the Northwest Land Conservation Trust, to hold the conservation easement in their Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program Grant application

The Rowan family are revising their grant application to expand their boundaries from 87 acres to 130+ acres. Also, they are soliciting Weyerhaeuser, the neighboring property owner, to sell to them an additional 11 acres of riparian land on both sides of the Molalla River just south of the Glen Avon Bridge.

The family has requested that the District provide them with a letter of support for the grant application. Staff has crafted a letter for Chair Becker to sign. It will be great to see this property protected.

6 – PERSONNEL

- A. Update on General Manager search** – AGM Kilders reported that the Board would be holding interviews with three candidates on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, starting at noon. Candidates will be receiving two questions the evening before the interview so that they will have time to prepare a response. Other questions will be asked at the time of the interviews.

One of the original five candidates contacted Chair Becker to see if they could have done anything different in their interview. Chair Becker told the interviewee that the other candidates were a better fit for the position and thanked him for applying.

7 – BOARD AND MANAGER REPORTS

- A. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee report** – Chair Becker reported that the committee was exploring some training opportunities. There may be training available in December. Becker also asked if there was anyone on staff who would be interested in helping to lead this committee. He asked that they discuss that interest with their supervisor before making any commitment.

Management reports –

- **Conservation Planning Program** – Staff Reische reported that planners had expected to receive many calls regarding restoration work on the wildfire areas, however, because most of the property in the Riverside Fire was state and federal land there have not been many contacts. Staff Donahue did not have any Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program projects in the burn areas. Most calls have been from the Molalla area, with some from Estacada, Colton, and Springwater. Those looking for financial aid are being directed to Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Services Administration, Oregon Water Enhancement Board, and Dept. of Environmental Quality. The staff has been participating in wildfire related training with Oregon State University Extension.

Reische was asked if COVID was making an impact on the work the planners are doing. Reische reported that it had not had a major impact, but the two-week freeze meant that planners had put site visits on hold until further notice. Please see Staff Reische's written report that is included as part of these minutes.

- Director Fantz thanked the program managers for their written reports and pictures.
- **WEEDWISE PROGRAM** – Staff Leininger reported that he has been working on the wildfire-related Erosion Threat Assessment and Reduction Team (ETART) plan for the Riverside Fire area. Leininger has been coordinating with the Marion SWCD, who are working on the plan for the Beachie Creek Fire area. The ETART team is following the Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) protocol the federal government uses. Leininger noted he did not feel this approach worked well on private property. The funding for this project is due to run out on Saturday, November 21, 2020, and Leininger hopes to provide good information that may lead to funding for recovery. Please see Staff Leininger's written report that is included as part of these minutes.
- **Education and Outreach program** – Staff McQueeney reported that she had been in contact with the watershed councils in Clackamas County. McQueeney noted that many councils had stepped back their programs due to funding concerns. The watershed councils are working together to produce on-line educational videos and exploring new social media platforms to expand their outreach. McQueeney noted that the councils are preparing to hold their annual meetings and she will be attending as many as she can. Please see Staff McQueeney's written report that is included as part of these minutes.
- **Acting General Managers report** – AGM Kilders reported that staff is in the process of working on plans required by the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) temporary COVID-19 safety rules. There are some tight timelines to complete the plans and they will be available for the Board to review when completed.

Kilders reported that she and Staff Tucker had met with the District's Insurance agent for an annual review, and the District is in good shape.

Kilders noted that the current two-week freeze due to COVID meant that site visits by the District Conservation Planners and WeedWise staff are on hold, and rules about wearing masks and keeping social distancing have been reviewed with staff.

- Staff Tucker reported that he had asked the insurance agent if the District would need to purchase more insurance with a renter coming in. The District's insurance agent Scott Gustafson felt the District was well covered. Tucker also reported that staff had completed their open enrollment period for benefits and that it had gone smoothly. Tucker did report that the County had revised their administration fee back up to \$141.00 per employee and that this would be impacting the budget by approximately \$13,000 to \$16,000.
- Director Johnson reported that the State Revenue forecast would be published on Wednesday, November 18, 2020. The report helps legislators to forecast the state budget.
- Director Lee reported that the Governor is supposed to release the agency budgets on December 2, 2020. Lottery funding has increased but is not up to pre-pandemic levels.

- **Conservation Initiatives** – Staff Faucera reported that work was beginning on the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year budget. The staff budget team will begin meeting in December to begin preparing for the 2021-2022 budget. Revenues are down from this time last year; however, the county had reported that it expected revenue to be slow coming. If needed the District will do a supplemental budget.

Staff Faucera is working with the Working Lands Committee and helping to plan a Succession Planning workshop. The workshop will consist of four classes over four weeks starting at the end of January 2021.

Faucera also has an upcoming Technical Advisory Committee meeting planned for the National Water Quality Initiative project. Also, Faucera continues to work on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife tax incentive programs. He is working with seven other conservation Districts and the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts to develop strategies and cooperation for the incentives program. The more upfront involvement and cooperation will help with these programs function.

8 – PROPERTY, PLANNING

- A. Building and NRCS lease process** – Director Guttridge reported that staff was trying to schedule a warranty walk-through and finish the close-out on the building. He asked Staff Faucera to report on the progress.

Staff Faucera reported that the current warranty walk-through is scheduled for December 1, 2020. This date may be impacted by the two-week COVID freeze. Faucera will be checking with P&C Construction about the walk-through.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is waiting for information from the Regional Quality Assistance Dept. that there are no “errors or omissions” in the proposed lease. We have not received any specific requests regarding the lease.

The building contractor the District has engaged to build out the office space is ready to move as soon as the District has a signed lease.

Staff Faucera noted that Staff Guttridge has been working on some maintenance projects and planning for the new building. This is something new for the District.

Director Fantz asked if the District needed to have an energy audit? Fantz still feels that the electric bill is too high. Faucera said he would investigate.

9 – OTHER REPORTS

- Chair Becker reported that he will be coming into the office to sign paperwork on Thursday afternoon. Staff Guttridge will have it set up for him in the conference room.
- Staff Klock reported that he had been working for the last 10 months on his succession planning and encouraged everyone to work on wills and trusts to protect their families
- Staff Faucera reported that he believed the Succession workshop would start on January 27, 2021. Working farms will be targeted with information regarding the workshop.

- Staff Faucera reported that the Oregon Conservation Education and Assistance Network (OCEAN) has received a \$500,000 grant to coordinate training for conservation employees over the next four years. Training and certifications will make it easier for Districts and NRCS to get Farm Bill programs on the ground faster.
- Staff Rains reported that she is working to have an Eagle Creek Community Forest Advisory committee meeting in December.

ADJOURN AND NEXT MEETING

- The Annual Meeting will be on December 15, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.
- The next regular meeting will be on December 15, 2020, at 4:15 p.m.
- There being no further business, Chair Becker adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tami L. Guttridge
Office Administrator



November 17, 2020

BRIEFING NOTE FOR THE CLACKAMAS SWCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RE: Conservation Planning Program Update

Soil Erosion Video

This month planner Scott Eden spent a couple days in the field assisting Nathan Hardebeck, a videographer specializing in erosion control education. Jason Faucera, Lisa Kilders and Scott are working with Nathan to produce educational videos on soil erosion that can be accessed via the Conservation District's Vimeo site. Scott helped coordinate site locations and interviews for the filming on agricultural erosion control solutions. Scott reports that they were fortunate to have access to fields during winter harvest operations. The types of cropping systems featured in the video include Christmas trees, hazelnuts, nursery and flower bulbs. The growers and representatives were accommodating, and the crew were able to get several good interviews and sound bites. They were also able to install and demonstrate erosion control products at several locations, as well as showcase best management practices found onsite at some locations.



Example of soil erosion from video shoot.

SWCD Participation in Clackamas Partnership

Since 2019 Jenne Reische has been representing the Conservation District on the Clackamas Partnership. The Clackamas Partnership is made up of local watershed councils, government agencies, tribes, and other organizations with the shared goal of improving stream habitat, water quality, and native fish populations. Recently the group was awarded a large FIP (Focused Investment Partnership) grant from OWEB and now is tasked with selecting projects to be implemented with the FIP funding. Jenne volunteered for the project prioritization subcommittee, which involved evaluating the potential projects using detailed criteria like project readiness, ecological uplift, and opportunities for public education. The subcommittee met several times this past month to review and rank seventeen potential stream projects. The next step is for the subcommittee to bring the funding recommendations to the larger group for discussion and consensus. More information about the Clackamas Partnership, and a list of prospective and completed projects, can be found on group's website at www.clackamaspartnership.org.

Abernethy Creek Site Visit

This past year several planning staff have been engaged on potential habitat restoration project located on a tributary to Abernethy Creek. This month Drew Donahue and Jenne Reische joined the landowner and representatives from the



Floodplain habitat at Abernethy Site Visit

Greater Oregon City Watershed Council on a site visit to the large working ranch to discuss possible restoration actions, including riparian planting, removing a barrier to fish passage, and invasive control. The landowners, which include an LCC of several family members (children of the original owners), are very interested in conservation, wildlife habitat, and preserving the beautiful nature of the property. The natural area on the parcel is quite unique and includes beaver ponds, multiple stream channels, floodplains, and meadows. Drew is looking into the potential for CREP on the property and Jenne is working with the partners to explore opportunities to work together at the site.

Wildfire Technical Assistance Update

Over the past two months there has been an abundance of information distributed from multiple agencies concerning resources and advice for landowners that need assistance recovering from the fires. After the wildfires, the planning team expected to get inundated with calls from folks needing help on burnt areas. However, so far, the planners have worked with about ten landowners that need assistance on their landscape resulting from the fire, which is less than we expected. We have learned that most of the fire damage occurred on federal, state, and industrial forestland. Nevertheless, to be best prepared to help, the planners have been working on combining the various information from different agencies into a centralized document. We intend to work with the outreach team soon to create a helpful fact sheet to use when visiting with fire affected landowners.



Wildfire damage seen on a recent site visit.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Update

CREP has been in full swing in the three counties with lots of interest in Clackamas County. Our county has six potential sign ups, with one having started the application process. The new Clackamas applicant has over 18 acres to enroll on Butte Creek and seasonal tributaries. Our CREP Tech, Drew Donahue, reports that several Clackamas landowners that are interested in the program have remnants of beaver ponds. Although the sites are infested with weeds, there is great potential for high quality habitat. She has also been busy following up with current CREP landowners to check their progress.

In Yamhill County, Drew has already enrolled a new landowner into the program and is actively working on an additional application. The potential sign up in Yamhill informed Drew that he wants to do restoration work to offset damage from the fires and thought CREP would be a great way to do that. Drew looks forward to working with more landowners that express this compassion for the environment.



November 17, 2020

BRIEFING NOTE FOR THE CLACKAMAS SWCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RE: WeedWise Program Update

Spurge Laurel: Weed of the Month



This month the WeedWise program is highlighting spurge laurel for our weed of the month (<https://weedwise.conservatiodistrict.org/2020/november-weed-month-spurge-laurel-2020.html>). November is a great time to highlight spurge laurel, because it is evergreen and very visible on the landscape, especially after many of our other deciduous trees and shrubs shed their leaves. Control of spurge laurel is also very effective at this time of the year either by cutting or pulling these shrubs.

Sandy Basin Vegetation Restoration Coalition

The WeedWise program met with many of our partners to help coordinate activities for the coming year in the Sandy River Basin. Partners from the Sandy River Watershed Council, Portland Water Bureau, BLM, Mt Hood National Forest, Oregon State Parks, and East Multnomah SWCD joined us virtually to discuss activities over the last year as well as to plan activities for the coming year. There was a lot of good discussion about the many challenges this season and different approaches to address them including current and pending budget constraints, COVID-19, and wildfires.

The discussion and ongoing collaboration of our partners are meaningful to our efforts in the coming year. Many of the WeedWise efforts in the Sandy require direct coordination with SBVRC partnering organization. So many thanks to all our partners!

Riverside and Beachie Creek Fires



The Riverside and Beachie Creek fires that spread through significant portions of Clackamas County, are certainly having a significant impact on the WeedWise program and our operations.

In this last month, the WeedWise program was contacted by a BAER (Burn Area Emergency Response) liaison team, that has been tasked with helping local entities to develop a post-fire recovery plan for state and private lands in the footprint of the Riverside and Beachie Creek fires. This effort, known as the ETART (Erosion Threat Assessment and Reduction Team), closely follows the structure of a traditional BAER planning effort, but is instead carried out by local entities with assistance from a BAER team. The WeedWise program was asked to develop the weeds portion of the ETART plan.

The ETART plan will be bundled alongside the BAER plan and submitted to FEMA for consideration. The hope is that the plan may receive funding alongside the BAER plan to help with recovery efforts on state and private lands impacted by the fires.

As a result, the WeedWise program has been spending considerable effort to get the weed plan completed. Plan development has been following an aggressive BAER timeline, which has strained the capacity of the WeedWise program and other partnering agencies across Western Oregon. The entire WeedWise staff have been involved in this effort through data and GIS analysis, field documentation, researching fire responses of weed species, partner coordination and communication, and plan writing. Sam has been the Weeds Section lead for the Riverside fire and has also been assisting on the Beachie Creek planning effort with Jenny Meisel from Marion County SWCD.

The WeedWise program has also been participating in conversations with partners from CRISP and the Clackamas Stewardship Partners. Lindsey, Jenne, and Sam attended the CSP meeting last week where they were able to hear a comprehensive overview of the BAER report findings and anticipated impacts to the Mt Hood National Forest and communities downstream of the Riverside fire. It is clear that the impacts of the Riverside and Beachie Creek fires will have a profound impact on our region for some time.

Views of the Fires



The marquee at the Dodge Community Church is the last structure standing on the property.



Several homes, vehicles, and out-buildings were lost in the Dodge and Elwood areas in the Clear Creek drainages of the Clackamas.



Salvage logging operations are underway across the county. Industrial timber lands were 92% of the state and private lands impacted by the Riverside fire.



Younger replanted forest stands represent a total loss, with typically higher burn intensity and greater mortality, with no options for salvage operations.



Emergent weeds, like Canada thistle, blackberry, tansy ragwort, false brome, herb Robert, and shining geranium are going to see significant expansion in the coming years.



All is not lost. Many native plants are also responding following the fires including native fireweed. Native ground cover will help to protect exposed soils.

Eagle Creek Community Forest Maintenance



The WeedWise program has also been busy this past month finishing up our fall weed control work at the Eagle Creek Community Forest. WeedWise specialist, Justin Cooley has been coordinating vegetation management activities on the property and reports that spray work on the forest has been completed for the season. Many thanks to Justin!

Cooperative Weed Management Areas



4-County CWMA

The 4-County CWMA has been very active in the last month planning our annual Pull Together event, scheduled for January 13th. Like so many other events, we will be hosting the Pull Together remotely this year. Although, our attendees will miss the opportunity to socialize and connect, the new platform will reduce cost and increases flexibility of remote presenters. This year's Pull Together will feature a keynote from Gabe Sheoships with a talk entitled *Decolonizing Sustainability*. Learn more about Gabe and his interests at the following links <https://www.cdeinspires.org/board-of-directors/> and <https://www.klcc.org/post/native-oregon-history-goes-public>.

The 4-County CWMA is also putting the final touches on its annual report and funder packet. Courtney has been spearheading this effort, and it has turned out great. Lindsey also contributed a section highlighting the work of the Clackamas River Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP). Be sure to check the 4-County CWMA website (<https://4countycwma.org/>) in the coming week for the public release of the annual report.

Columbia Gorge CWMA



This past month the Columbia Gorge CWMA hosted its general meeting that highlighted ODA entomologist, Joel Price about the results from the first season of knotweed biocontrol. The outlook from year one is exactly as expected...inconclusive. The biocontrols are largely disappearing into the landscape following release, which is expected. Unfortunately, this also makes it difficult to ascertain their potential impact. The ongoing releases over the next few years will help to determine the viability of these biocontrols to meaningfully impact knotweed plants.

The Columbia Gorge Education and Outreach Committee is also busy preparing for the Invasive Species and Exotic Pest workshop (ISEP) planned for February 25th during [National Invasive Species Awareness Week](#). This event is sure to be a great event with several confirmed speakers, including Dr. David Coyle from Clemson University to discuss their [Bradford Pear bounty program](#) and Dr. Rachel Meyer from UC Santa Cruz to discuss the use of eDNA for the detection and management of invasive species.

The Columbia Gorge CWMA has also completed its annual report (<https://columbiagorgecwma.files.wordpress.com/2020/11/2020-annual-report-2.pdf>). Courtney did an amazing job putting this together and it really highlights some of the many efforts underway in the Columbia Gorge CWMA.



Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District

November 10, 2020

BRIEFING NOTE FOR THE CLACKAMAS SWCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Re: Education and Outreach Program Update



Working with Partners to Provide Fire Resources

General information about the District's services as well as informational handouts from our NRCS partners and Clackamas County are now located at the Estacada Fire Resource Center located at Estacada City Hall. This center is the hub for all services, including FEMA, for residents in Clackamas County who were impacted by the recent wildfires. Additionally, ongoing and updated information and

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resources have been shared on the District website and via social media, including many funds available to farmers impacted by the fires

Virtual Adaptive Ag Water Symposium



In collaboration with the [Dry Farming Institute](#) and OSU, District outreach staff helped to develop a webinar series on water, drought, and wildfire impacts on agriculture. This symposium was held on November 6, 2020. The three recorded sessions included:

- Landscape Rehydration with Water Harvesting Structures
- Oregon's Ag Water Future – Water Law
- Drought, Wildfire Risk, and Climate Change

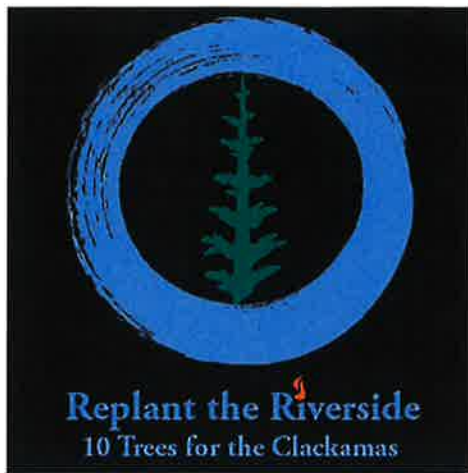
These sessions will be archived and will be available for viewing in the future.

Watershed Council Partners

Education and Outreach staff reached out to the 10 District watershed councils to provide support and to assess the needs and concerns of our watershed partners. Both the North Clackamas and Tryon Creek Watershed Councils expressed their ongoing hope that the District will have some funding for them in the future. Molalla River Watch has a [new website](#). Johnson Creek Watershed Council has embraced change and has continued to offer many events from weed pulling and habitat enhancement to a virtual science symposium.



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The Oswego Lake Watershed Council is preparing for their annual [Tree Summit](#) which will be held on Saturday, November 21st. Education and Outreach staff provided support documentation and a letter of support for a Grey Family Foundation grant which they are pursuing. The Clackamas River Basin Council is busy preparing for their [Replant the Riverside – 2020 Watershed Celebration](#) which will be held on Thursday, November 19th at 6:00 p.m. This virtual event will focus on raising money to purchase trees that will be planted in areas impacted by the recent Riverside wildfire.

Small Farm School 2020 Draws to a Close



Small Farm School 2020 is preparing to wind down. The last session will be held on Thursday, November 19th. Twenty-six presenters provided webinars twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.) from September 17th through mid-November. District Education and Outreach staff, in addition to contributing to the organization of the event, helped develop the evaluation that will go out to all participants. Additionally, the steering committee contracted with a local artist with interests in conservation and farming to create unique thank you cards which will be sent to each presenter.

Newest Articles on the Website

- Prepare Now for Mud and Rain Season!
- November Invasive Weed of the Month: Spurge Laurel
- Explore our Woody Weed Guide
- Soil and Water Conservation Districts: A Best Kept Secret!
- Focus on Staff: Drew Donahue



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Voucher Approval List

11/5/2020

Date	Number	Payee	Memo	Payment
11/5/2020	100412	AFLAC	Acct: LGF14 11/2020	766.21
11/5/2020	100413	Nicole Ahr	Reimbursement: Mileage 10/29/20	262.95
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11/5/2020	100415	Coverall North America, Inc	Acct: 157-6800 11/2020	567.00
11/5/2020	100416	Clackamas Dept of Finance	CSWCD: EE/ER Benefits 11/2020	21,329.50
11/5/2020	100417	Drew Donahue	Reimbursement: Mileage 10/2020	46.46
11/5/2020	100418	Scott Eden	Reimbursement: Mileage 11/3/20	106.38
11/5/2020	100419	Garmin Services, Inc	Acct: DL627537 09/2020-10/2020	146.80
11/5/2020	100420	National Association of Conservation Districts	Acct: 42075 Mbr 20/21	775.00
11/5/2020	100421	Northwest Local Government Legal Advisors, LLC	CSWCD: Prof Svcs [Legal] 11/2020	400.00
11/5/2020	100422	Oregon City Garbage, Inc	Acct: 57768000 11/2020	96.90
11/5/2020	100423	Oregon Government Ethics Commission	Acct: OGE001263 FY21 10/2020	548.87
11/5/2020	100424	Pacific Office Automation	Acct: 900-0266949-000 [100-0417] 09/2020	163.08
11/5/2020	100425	PG&E	Acct: 9606754531 09/23/20 & 10/22/20	1,091.36
11/5/2020	100426	Jennifer Reische	Reimbursement: Mileage 10/2020	96.60
11/5/2020	100427	Special Districts Association of Oregon	CSWCD: Mbr 20/21	970.63
11/5/2020	100428	T-MOBILE	Acct: 961602090 9/20/20 & 10/20/20	926.72
11/5/2020	100429	US Bank Voyager Fleet Systems	Acct: 869284679 09/24/20 & 10/24/20	498.54
11/5/2020	100430	Verizon Wireless	Acct: 242017036-00001 9/13/20 & 10/13/20	480.14
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11/16/2020	100432	AG West Supply	Acct: 169225 Repair Svcs 10/2020	363.78
11/16/2020	100433	Ash Creek Forest Management, LLC	DOG-1922-4039 [WW-2019-02] 10/2020/WW-2019-02-CRBC	2,380.37
11/16/2020	100434	Cascade Environmental Group, LLC	PSC-1820-4037 Prof Svcs 10/2020	942.50
11/16/2020	100435	Clackamas County Clerk	CSWCD: Record Lien [SRL-7010 Betancourt] 11/2020	153.00
11/16/2020	100436	Clackamas ESD	CSWCD: SIP 11/2020	893.83
11/16/2020	100437	CWT, LLC	CSWCD: Prof Svcs [Media] 1st Pmt 11/2020	8,750.00
11/16/2020	100438	E & A Systems Incorporated	SRL-7010 Betancourt [Final Pmt] 11/2020	6,400.00
11/16/2020	100439	Green Banks, LLC	WW-2019-05 [CRISP LK 2020-11] 11/2020	2,001.96
11/16/2020	100440	J Franco Reforestation, Inc	WW-2019-07 [WW-CG-2020-01/03] 10/2020	1,960.22
11/16/2020	100441	Mosaic Ecology, LLC	WW-2019-09 [CRISP-LK-2020-09] 10/2020	8,272.14
11/16/2020	100442	Oregon State University	CSWCD: Award2020 [Hayes 933186685 06/2020] 10/2020	3,000.00
11/16/2020	100443	Eann Rains	Reimbursement: Supplies 10/2020	135.12
11/16/2020	100444	Gregory Smith	CSWCD: SRL-7009 [SpeedySeptic] 11/2020	2,860.00
11/16/2020	100445	Sound Native Plants Inc	WW-2019-12 [CRISP-CRBC] 10/2020	9,374.94
11/16/2020	100446	Speedy Septic	SRL-7009 Smith [Final Pmt] 11/2020	11,045.00
11/16/2020	100447	Spire Technologies, Inc	Acct: 02208 BU Ngmt 12/2020	450.00
11/16/2020	100448	Zions Bank	CSWCD: Payment [CRC] 12/15/2020	74,080.05
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Total: \$ 192,680.35

Total Conservation Fund

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 Board Treasurer
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