



Approved February 15, 2022

***Clackamas SWCD Board Meeting Minutes for January 18, 2022***

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| PRESENT      | <b>Directors:</b>           | Jeff Becker (Chair), Roger Fantz (Treasurer), Don Guttridge (Secretary)<br>Jim Johnson, Jesse Nelson (Vice Chair), Jan Lee, 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,<br>Chris Lapp, Sam Leininger, Jenne Reische, Nathan Tucker       |
|              | <b>Partners:</b>            |  |
|              | <b>Guest:</b>               | Gerald Murphy (Sandy River Watershed Council)  |
| 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 January 18, 2022, via “Zoom” originating from the Clackamas SWCD office at 22055 S Beavercreek Rd, Beavercreek, Oregon.

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 Zuber received notice that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is working with the City of Molalla to modify their current discharge permits. Zuber noted that the city has been working for years to fix problems with the sewage treatment plant. She noted that she had sent a personal letter to DEQ objecting to the modification of the permits as she feels that the City of Molalla has not made enough effort to get a new plant built.
- Director Guttridge reported that he was glad to see creeks receding since the last rainfall event. Chair Becker noted that he had seen a small creek become quite large during the storms.

- Director Lee reported that the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) would be interviewing for the soil and water conservation position at the end of January. The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board will be meeting on January 25 and 26, 2022, to discuss a revised resolution about climate and proposed rulemaking on moving climate requirements into grants.
- Associate Director Rankin reported that the Pudding River Watershed Council has submitted a grant request for technical assistance for design and impact studies on the removal of the Abbot Dam on Rock Creek in Sublimity. The site review is underway for the large woody debris placement on Abiqua Creek. They are not making much progress on the Scotts Mill Dam removal, but Marion Soil and Water Conservation District is becoming more involved. Rankin also noted that the Pudding River was mentioned several times in national news forums when the river flooded in the last storm events.
- Associate Director Melethil reported that he has sent in a slide regarding the Eagle Creek Community Forest (ECCF) questionnaire sent out by Staff Faucera. Melethil would like to share this with the Board later in the meeting. He would also like Board permission to attend the Urban Ecosystem Research Consortium meeting in Portland, the cost will be \$45.00.
- Director Becker asked if the Board meetings were being recorded on "Zoom." Staff Kilders reported that the District does not record the meetings.

*Director Nelson joined the meeting at 4:07 p.m.*

**D. Partner reports – No report.**

**E. Manager's report on committees –** General Manager Lapp reported that the following committees had met:

- Finance Committee has exchanged emails.
- Watershed Council Grants Committee met on January 7, 2022.
- The Personnel Committee met on January 11, 2022.
- Eagle Creek Community Forest Advisory Committee has been in contact via email.
- The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee met on January 13, 2022.

There will be reports on these committees later in the meeting.

## **2 – MINUTES**

**A. December 21, 2021, Annual Board Meeting minutes –** Minutes of the December 21, 2021, Annual meeting were presented. The Board Secretary has reviewed the minutes. Director Zuber noted that she did not attend the Annual meeting.

Directors Lee/Johnson moved/seconded to approve the Annual Meeting minutes of December 21, 2021, as corrected. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson, Lee, Nelson, and Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. **December 21, 2021, Regular Board Meeting minutes** – Minutes of the December 21, 2021, Regular Board meeting were presented. The Board Secretary has reviewed the minutes.

Directors Guttridge/Fantz moved/seconded to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2021; Regular Board meeting as presented. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson, Lee, Nelson, and Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.

### 3 – FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. **Review and accept financial reports** – Staff Tucker presented a graph for the Board's review showing the budget to actual for the second quarter of the 2021/2022 fiscal year. The District is doing well overall.

Tucker then reviewed the financial statements ending on December 31, 2021. Total assets were at \$12.5 million, liabilities at \$6.8 million, and total net assets ending December 31, 2021, were \$5.7 million. The District received total revenues of \$57, 143.31 for December and expenses were \$251,182.85.

Directors Fantz/Guttridge moved/seconded to accept the December 31, 2021, financial reports as presented. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson, Lee, Nelson, and Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. **Disbursements** – Staff Tucker presented the January 2022 Automatic Clearing House (ACH) payments to the Board for review. The ACH payments totaled \$27,989.48, including a new payment to ACHO that will manage the loan payments made through the Bryt software system.

Tucker then reviewed the disbursement list. Checks were numbered 100869 to 100891 with no breaks or voids in the sequences. The checks totaled \$39,300.31 with no funds being expended from the conservation fund for January 2022.

Directors Guttridge/Fantz moved seconded to approve the January 2022 disbursements as presented. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson, Lee, Nelson, and Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Guttridge asked about the committee review of financial policies that the Board has requested. GM Lapp reported that he was working on a framework for the policies and would like to wait until it is completed.

### 4 – OTHER FINANCIALS

- A. **Watershed Council grants** – GM Lapp reported that the Grant Review Committee met on January 7, 2022, to review nine applications. Lapp reported that there was \$65,000 budgeted for support grants and the committee's recommendations were as follows:

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| • Clackamas River Basin Council         | \$9,000  |
| • Greater Oregon City Watershed Council | \$5,000  |
| • Johnson Creek Watershed Council       | \$7,000  |
| • Molalla River Watch                   | \$8,000  |
| • North Clackamas Watershed Council     | \$16,000 |
| • Oswego Lake Watershed Council         | \$7,000  |
| • Pudding River Watershed Council       | \$7,000  |

- Tryon Creek Watershed Council \$5,000
- Tualatin River Watershed Council \$1,000

Director Lee asked if the watershed councils were required to submit final reports. Lapp reported that all the councils send a report with the grant applications stating what they used the dollars for the previous year. Lee asked to see the reports from the watershed councils, staff will compile and forward them to her.

Directors Guttridge/Zuber moved/seconded to approve the recommendations of the Grant Review Committee and spend the appropriated funds of \$65,000 for Watershed Council Support. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson, Lee, Nelson, and Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Tucker requested to send the watershed council support checks out in the first of the month check run. Director Guttridge noted that they were approved by the Board and could be sent out in his opinion.

- B. Approve scholarship amount for 2022 awards** – Staff Kilders reported that the District has budgeted \$3,000 for scholarships for the 2022/2023 school year. Kilders asked that the Board approve offering one scholarship of \$3,000. The District was unable to offer any scholarships last year due to budget constraints.

Directors Guttridge/Lee moved/seconded to approve offering one scholarship in the amount of \$3,000 for the 2022/2023 school year. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson, Lee, Nelson, and Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.

### ***Presentation: Gerald Murphy – Sandy River Watershed Council***

Mr. Murphy introduced himself. He is the current vice-chair of the Clackamas County Planning Commission and a longtime member of the Sandy River Watershed Council. Murphy discussed the dissolution of the Sandy River Watershed Council. Murphy had concerns regarding the need for good fiscal frameworks and the maintenance of projects started in the basin. Murphy noted that there are hopes of forming a new organization of that can help with high-water events in the Sandy, he does not know for sure what form it will take.

Associate Director Rankin noted that many of the watershed councils are in the same position. She encouraged Murphy to continue to work with other groups in the area to find funding and rebuild the Sandy River Watershed Council in the future.



## 5 – PROJECTS, PROGRAMS

- A. Vegetation management contracting approval** – Staff Leininger requested that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to enter into contracts with a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000 that will terminate on December 31, 2024. Contracts should go to qualified contractors identified through the Request of Proposal review process to support Priority Invasive Weed and Vegetation Management Services.

Directors Guttridge/Fantz moved/seconded to approve General Manager Lapp to sign vegetation management contracts with a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000 each for the next three years January 2022 thru December 31, 2024. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson, Lee, Nelson, and Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Advocacy Policy rewording/delegation** – GM Lapp thanked the Board for their feedback regarding the advocacy policy. Lapp noted that he has removed the names from the policy and substituted positions (i.e.: Chair, General Manager). Lapp then asked for approval to have the Assistant Manager as a backup if the GM or Board Chair is not available. If this is approved, it will be added to the position description for the Assistant Manager. Directors felt adding the Vice-Chair to the list would also be advisable. This will give a clear path for the District to follow.
- C. Upcoming Legislative Action** – Director Lee reviewed upcoming legislation with the Board. Lee provided a list of bills that are currently in committee. Lee noted LC114 regarding the establishment of a state entity to pursue and coordinate Federal Funding, and LC240 regarding carbon sequestration are important to monitor. The sequestration bill, which currently has no funding, may provide staff positions to assist soil and water conservation districts in the state if funded in 2023. Lee also provided a list of links for more information about some of the upcoming legislation.
- D. Draft governance and committee structure for the Eagle Creek Community Forest (ECCF)** – Staff Faucera presented a draft governance structure, draft committee charter, and current committee list to the Board for review. Faucera reviewed the role of the District under the governance structure. Faucera noted that the Board would have final approval of proposals submitted by the Advisory Committee. The Charter outlines the number of members on the Advisory Committee, including at least two District Board members. Staff will collaborate with the Advisory Committee as a resource. Board Directors discussed who should decide on the Advisory Board Chair position and felt the Advisory Committee should elect its own Chair. Board members were encouraged to complete the questionnaire sent to them by Faucera.
- E. Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) Grant Opportunity** – Staff Faucera reported to the Board that David Bugni, an ECCF neighbor, had contacted the District about sponsoring an ODF grant for fuels reduction. Bugni has approached ten property owners along the boundary of the ECCF who would like to participate. The grant request total is \$300,000 for 18 months. Glen Ahrens with the Oregon State University Extension Service will function as the Technical Consultant, and Staff Tucker and Faucera will have some staff time involved in coordination and contract payments. This fuels reduction along the east side of the ECCF will function as a fire break. Landowners will provide some cost share and in-kind services, and the District will provide in-kind services.

Directors asked about other grants that might be available for this kind of work, noting that the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board has money available. Staff Reische said she would investigate these grants.

- F. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee report** – GM Lapp reported that the DEI Committee met on January 13, 2022. The Committee spent the time reviewing the training agreement with Yee Won Chong. Questions and concerns posed by the Committee have been answered and the contract is under the not-to-exceed amount. There has been a Doodle poll sent out regarding available dates for the staff and Board training. Chair Becker asked for flexibility in scheduling as the District goes through this process.

## **6 – PERSONNEL**

- A. Request to change General Manager title** – GM Lapp reviewed with the Personnel Committee his wish to change his title to District Manager. Lapp feels that title more directly aligns with his job and other Districts.

Directors Guttridge/Johnson moved/seconded to change Lapp's title from General Manager to District Manager. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson, Lee, Nelson, and Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. District Safety Manual** – District Manager Lapp reported to the Board that the Safety Committee had completed a review of the Districts safety manual and it has been sent out to staff to review. The District has instituted monthly safety meetings, reviewed the Hazard Communication Plan, and is working on the District Continuity Plan. The Safety Committee is also working on OSHA required safety checklists.

## **7 – BOARD AND MANAGER REPORTS**

### **A. Management reports –**

- **Education and Outreach** – Staff Kilders presented a “StoryMap” to the Board regarding the Districts work with the Clear Creek Strategic Implementation Area. The StoryMap included an outline of the work being done in the middle and lower stretches of Clear Creek, including water quality concerns, work with landowners to help with erosion and outreach efforts. Please also see Kilders written report that is included as a part of these minutes. Link to StoryMap - <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/f6f017ab1f4447b7931ef887675886d7>
- **WeedWise** – Staff Leininger presented a Power Point presentation “A day in the leaf” to the Board, outlining the ongoing work of the WeedWise staff and illustrating how a call received about a priority weed goes from first contact to treatment and hopefully eradication. Leininger offered praise to his staff for the work they tackle on a regular basis. Please see Leininger’s written report that is included as a part of these minutes.

## **8 – PROPERTY, PLANNING – No report**

## 9 – OTHER REPORTS

- Associate Director Melethil presented a slide with comments and questions regarding the Eagle Creek Community Forest. Staff Faucera will review this document. Melethil also asked the Board to approve his attendance to the Urban Ecosystem Research Consortium Symposium, at a cost of \$45.00.

Directors Guttridge/Fantz moved/seconded to approve Associate Direct Melethil attending the Urban Ecosystem Research Consortium Symposium at a cost of \$45.00. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson, Lee, Nelson, and Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.

- Director Fantz reported that he will be out of state for the February meeting. He may try to join by Zoom.
- Director Zuber reported that she had changed her e-mail and did not receive all of the meeting information. She also asked if she could answer the questionnaire regarding the Eagle Creek Community Forest over the phone. Staff Faucera let Zuber know that she could call him to discuss the questions.
- Director Lee asked that the District Board and staff review the stream setbacks that were passed at the last legislative session. Setbacks were negotiated by large forestry businesses and environmental groups.
- Staff Faucera noted that the setbacks will have a significant impact on small forest property owners, buffers could take up all the property, but there may be tax credits to offset those impacts.
- Staff Leininger reminded staff and Board members that the 4-County Cooperative Weed Management Area Pull Together would be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and invited them to attend.
- Chair Becker congratulated those staff and Board members who received length of service award pins in December and District Manager Lapp on his one-year anniversary

## ADJOURN AND NEXT MEETING

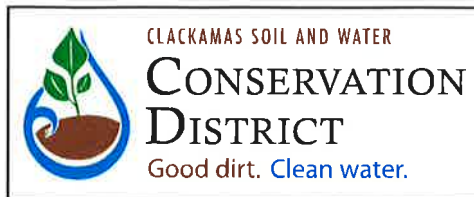
- The next regular meeting will be on February 18 at 4:00 p.m.
- There being no further business, Chair Becker adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tami L. Guttridge  
Office Administrator





## The Latest from the Education and Outreach Program January 2022

### Web Posts

Since last we met, we have posted four articles on our website:

- [2022 Horse Keeping and Land Management Masterclass](#)
- [Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program \(CREP\) Video](#)
- [January Invasive Weed of the Month: English Ivy](#)
- [Annual Report Published for Fiscal Year 2020-2021](#)



January Invasive Weed of the  
Month: English Ivy

### Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Video



To assist our Multi-County Riparian Technician, Drew Donahue, we are promoting the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program using an informational video that landowners will want to view to learn more about the program.

Drew has done a great job of engaging Clackamas County landowners and securing participation in the program. She has recently recorded this video to help explain the CREP program and hopefully encourage wider participation. We have uploaded this video to our Vimeo Channel and are promoting it on our social media outlets.

### CREP Brochure on the Horizon

In addition to promoting the CREP video, we are working with Drew to update a VERY old CREP brochure. This will come in handy with the promotion of riparian plantings in the Clear Creek SIA and in the Molalla Watershed NWQI project area. We will present the finished brochure next month.



## Partnerships and Workshops

In the spirit of partnership and economics, we have partnered with our neighboring Districts to offer two workshops to our Clackamas County landowners.

### Horse Keeping and Land Management Masterclass Series

With Tualatin SWCD we are sharing the cost of offering a six-week workshop series with well-known speaker Alayne Bickie, founder of Horses for Clean Water. The workshop is free.

We will be using a lesser-known format called Instant Teleseminar. For this application, participants will receive all documents via email ahead of time. Then they call in and can follow along on with a .pdf file on their computer or just listen. Alayne had good success with this format in Washington, so we are hoping for the same.

The class will be open to everyone, but the horse property owners in the Strategic Implementation Areas in both Washington and Clackamas Counties will receive a direct invitation.

### Horse Keeping and Land Management Masterclass Series

Join Tualatin and Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Alayne Bickie of Horses for Clean Water for this Masterclass Series!

Whether you're new to horse keeping or have years of experience, this course will help you learn ways to simplify your chores while managing your property in a way that benefits the entire ecosystem.

**FREE WORKSHOPS** will be held virtually on Wednesday nights from February 9th - March 16th, 2022, 6:30-7:30 pm (PST).



**MASTERCLASS SERIES SCHEDULE:**

- Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> - Mud Management
- Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> - Manure Management
- Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Pasture Management
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Nature-Based Solutions
- March 9<sup>th</sup> - Firewise for Horse Owners
- March 16<sup>th</sup> - Equine Enrichment

Registration required. Sign up at <https://tualatinswcd.org/get-involved/#attend-workshop>

Questions? Contact Kristina Peterson at [kristina.peterson@tualatinswcd.org](mailto:kristina.peterson@tualatinswcd.org) 503-713-7906



**You are invited to attend!**

### Make a Plan for Your Land

Wednesdays in February, 2022  
6-7 p.m.

Watch pre-recorded presentations at your convenience. Join experts each week for discussions and to answer questions.

Producers, land managers, and rural homesteaders: Learn to make your operation more resilient and productive, prevent and reverse natural resource concerns, improve wildlife habitat, and cope with changing weather and drought conditions. Join us on Wednesday evenings in February!

Topics Include: Conservation Planning • Soil • Water • Wildlife Habitat • Wildfire • Project Permitting, implementation, and funding options

For: Cropland and Orchards • Livestock • Forests • Streambanks



**Wednesdays in February 2022**

**No cost, but registration is required**

To register go to: [https://plan\\_for\\_your\\_land\\_2022.eventbrite.com](https://plan_for_your_land_2022.eventbrite.com)

Questions? Call Sarah at 503-949-6832

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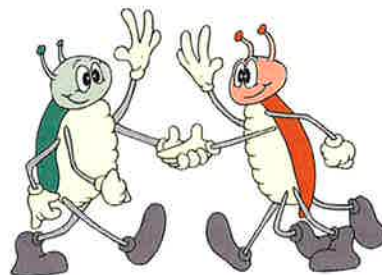
### Make a Plan for your Land.

With Marion SWCD we are partnering to offer landowners in Clackamas County a workshop series to learn about managing rural acreage. This workshop curriculum is based on the *Living on the Land* series that was developed by the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension. Marion SWCD is coordinating speakers and delivery. Clackamas SWCD is providing design work for the flyer and the postcards.

This is a four-part series where attendees will watch pre-recorded videos whenever they have the time. Then on Wednesday evenings, there will be a short recap of the planning process. Then speakers will be available to answer questions, and participate in breakout sessions so attendees can discuss issues with each other and the experts.

### Watershed Council Support Grants

The Watershed Council Support Grant Review Committee met on Friday, January 7 to review the partner support grant applications. The committee's recommendations for funding approval will be presented at the January 18, 2022, regular SWCD board meeting.



**Celebrate the achievements of Martin Luther King Jr. January 17, 2022**



CLACKAMAS SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
[www.conservatondistrict.org](http://www.conservatondistrict.org)

Good dirt. Clean water.

January 13, 2022

## BRIEFING NOTE FOR THE CLACKAMAS SWCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS (DEC-JAN)

*RE: WeedWise Program Update*



### English Ivy: Weed of the Month

This month the [WeedWise program is highlighting English ivy as our weed of the month.](#) January is a great month to highlight the impacts of English ivy. The heavy rains, saturated soils, strong winds, and the massive amount of English ivy biomass found on many of our local trees, result in the loss of many trees in our region during the winter months.

In January, the ivy is actively growing at a time when many other plants are dormant. As a result, the ivy infestations are much more visible, and their impacts are evident. The wet and saturated soils we typically see in January also provide ideal conditions for removal of ivy vines. The soft ground, allows for roots to be removed much more easily, resulting in more effective and complete control.



## WeedWise Annual Planning

The WeedWise program is currently working on our annual work plans for the 2022 field season. The coming season is once again looking to be a challenge as we work to address challenges due to COVID-19, deteriorating conditions in the burn area, increased contractor and equipment prices, supply chain disruptions, and new vegetation management contracts.

The WeedWise program staff are currently working on their individual plans and will be meeting in the coming weeks to review these plans together to identify and coordinate important team-led and programmatic activities in the coming season.

Development of our annual work plan allow us to reflect on the coming year and on our time and resource commitments. It not only allows us to plan ahead for certain activities, but it also lets us account for cooperative activities that engages multiple staff or external partners, so that we can plan accordingly.

The structure of our annual plans also helps to document and evaluate the busy times of the year. This allows us to anticipate those high stress times and take proactive measures to ameliorate these intensive periods.

Although, this process takes some time and resources to complete, it does help to keep our program efforts focused and prioritized over the season.





## **Vegetation Management Request for Proposals (RFP)**

The WeedWise Program has been working on the contractor selection process for our vegetation management request for proposals. The RFP was published just before the Thanksgiving holiday and closed in early January.

We have received a total of 13 proposals during this most recent announcement, from a diverse group of contractors. This total is down slightly from previous years, but the contractor pool should be sufficient to meet District needs in the coming contract period.

The District's Manager and a select group of technical staff from both the WeedWise program and Conservation Planning program have been reviewing the submitted proposals. Contractor are evaluated based on their references, capacity, experience, pricing, sustainable business practices, and diversity in employment.

Nathan and Sam have reviewed and documented the bid prices which showed a significant increase when compared to our 2019 group of proposals. Our most recent bids are up nearly 36% since 2019. Undoubtedly, COVID-related impacts, strong inflation pressure, ongoing supply chain disruptions, and a narrowing work force have all likely contributed to increased prices.

This cost increase is unfortunate but not unexpected based on the pricing that other regional entities have reported in recent years.

The review process is nearing completion, and final contractor selection is planned for later this month. The RFP process will be used to award not-to-exceed contracts for the vegetation management services to support district operations for the coming three-year period.





## **Eagle Creek Community Forest Fuels Reduction**

The WeedWise program has continued to work on implementation of the Eagle Creek Community Forest Maintenance Plan. In December, Justin secured a contract crew to carry out fuels reduction and light precommercial thinning on several stands within the forest and along the main haul road.

The activities completed over the two days of implementation focused on the reduction of ladder fuels within the dense stands, to reduce the risk of canopy fire. The stands were also thinned, where appropriate to increase spacing to improve growth and stand development. Work also focused on the release of cedar and hemlock to increase overall stand diversity for ecological enhancement. All activities were completed as outlined in the Eagle Creek Community Forest Management Plan.

Justin and Sam were also able to meet with Chris and Jason to discuss future coordination of work on the Eagle Creek Community Forest and the continuation of planned work in the coming season. As Jason assumes responsibilities over the Land Management Department, the WeedWise program will continue support core activities outlined in the Eagle Creek Community Forest Management Plan.



## Photos of Eagle Creek Community Forest Fuels Reduction Activities



A dense forest stand with large numbers of small diameter trees that increase fire risk and reduce productivity of co-occurring large specimens.



This forest stand has been cleared of small diameter trees allowing larger diameter trees to continue to grow.





Larger diameter trees grown under open condition develop low hanging branches that can act as ladder fuels. Removal of these low hanging branches helps to reduce the potential for a stand replacing canopy fire.



Removal of small diameter trees along the roads reduces the fire risk where cars and visitors may act as potential ignition sources. Removal also helps to reduce access disruptions to the road system from falling trees.





## Annual Reporting

The winter months are the time of year that we spend a lot of time reporting on activities from the prior growing season. It is also a time to reflect on many accomplishments over the last year. To communicate our work to our partners, we recently published our [WeedWise Annual Report](#) that summarize a portion of our work over the last year.

In FY20-21, the WeedWise program...

- Maintained the Clackamas Weed List with 222 weeds and 105 priority weeds;
- Provided assistance to 553 residents;
- Maintained permissions with 1,577 landowners responsible for 732,390 acres of property;
- Surveyed 52 properties;
- Carried out 701 weed treatments on 365 sites, with a total of 2,144 infested acres;
- Sent targeted mailings to 941 households;
- Partnered with 54 public and non-profit organizations;
- Administered 2 Cooperative Weed Management Areas;
- Tracked 39,279 separate weed observations.

Many thanks to the WeedWise staff for an exceptional year!

In addition to the WeedWise Program's Annual Report, we have also been working on reporting to our granting agencies. Over the last month Sam has written three reports to the Bureau of Land Management on three grants acquired over the last year. He is also working on reporting to the Mt Hood National Forest.

Lindsey has started working on our CRISP Annual Report, and our annual update to PGE. This report is taking a new form this year but is used by partners to communicate the immense amount of work in the Clackamas Basin.

Courtney and Sam have also been working on Annual Reports for the 4-County and Columbia Gorge Cooperative Weed Management Areas. A lot of good work requires a lot of reporting!





## Clackamas River Invasive Species Partnership Winter Meeting

This past month, the WeedWise program hosted our winter Clackamas River and Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP) meeting. The meeting was attended by staff from WeedWise program, Clackamas County Parks, Oregon Parks and Recreation District, Metro, Mt Hood National Forest, Clackamas River Basin Council, and Portland General Electric.

This bi-annual meeting provides a great opportunity to hear and share about all the great work being implemented in the Clackamas Basin. In addition to project updates from our partners, there was also a great discussion about the work underway in the Riverside fire areas of the Upper Clackamas.

The group also spent some time discussing data-sharing using our new AGOL platform. The new platform provides some additional features for us to share data with members from other organizations to allow for real time data sharing and data collection amongst CRISP partners. The WeedWise program will be working with partners in coming months to pilot this effort in the coming year.

Attendees also reviewed proposed CRISP projects in the coming year. The group approved \$116,900 in proposed project work in the Clackamas Basin for the coming year occurring throughout the Clackamas Basin.



Attendees seem to enjoy our winter CRISP meeting. Who says meetings can't be fun?!



## Agreement Modifications

This past month the WeedWise program has been notified by our federal partners about upcoming agreement modifications. These modifications are used to increase the implementation dollars available within an existing agreement.

Sam recently completed one modification for our BLM agreement that support Clackamas County Partnerships. This modification will increase funding for our CWMA partnership and for our work within the Sandy Basin and with CRISP.

We were also notified of a significant amount of money coming to the Mt Hood National Forest to support recovery efforts following the Riverside Fire. These resources will dramatically impact all activities on the National forest including invasive weed control. Contracting is approved for work over the next 5 years with potential implementation expanding out to 5 years following. Based on conversations with the Mt Hood National Forest and District Management the Mt Hood National Forest will be move forward with a proposed modification of our existing agreement for an additional **1.2 million over the next 5 years!**

This amount of additional resources will require a significant increase in the capacity of the WeedWise program in the coming years. Sam has been working with Chris, Nathan, and the other WeedWise staff to assess our current capacity and to begin planning for increasing capacity to meet current need on the Mt Hood National Forest.

The District will be proceeding cautiously as we await contracting in the coming months.



### A Holiday Tradition: *Naughty and Nice*

Each year the [WeedWise program](#) publishes our holiday “Naughty and Nice” lists for the year. This annual tradition provides a fun way to educate people about the native and invasive flora to our region. It also gives us a great opportunity to share some of our holiday spirit and individual personalities. To learn more about our Naughty and Nice, be sure to check out our online post.



The WeedWise team spent some time making our list and checking it twice!





**4 COUNTY**  
**Cooperative Weed**  
**Management Area**



## Cooperative Weed Management Areas

### Columbia Gorge CWMA

The Columbia Gorge CWMA has been busy planning for the Invasive Species and Exotic Pest (ISEP) Workshop scheduled during [National Invasive Species Awareness Week](#) (NISAW). The event is slated to have presentations on:

- Streambank Restoration
- First Food Vision and Invasive Species Management Approach
- Zebra Mussel contaminated marimo moss balls
- Pathways of Ornamental Weeds from the [Plantright.org Partnership](#).
- Spotted Lanternfly & Tree of Heaven
- Pacific Northwest Regional Horizon Scan Results
- And of course, the fan favorite: Invasive Weed Quiz with Marty Hudson!

This is going to be another great event. Registration will be opening soon, but until then make sure to save the date!

*2022 Invasive Species & Exotic Pest Workshop*  
*Thursday, March 3rd, 2022 (10am-3pm PST)*  
*Cost: **FREE***

The Columbia Gorge CWMA will also be hosting a general meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss activities underway within the Columbia Gorge. The Steering Committee is also hoping to announce our limited duration small grants program to support small projects by CWMA partners.

The Columbia Gorge CWMA also recently published its [Columbia Gorge CWMA 2021 Annual Report](#). This annual report highlights just a handful of the great project work underway in the Gorge. Courtney did a great job putting this document together on behalf of the CWMA!



## 4-County CWMA

The 4-County CWMA will be hosting the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Pull Together on January 19, 2022. Cathy, Sam, and Courtney have all been heavily involved in the Pull Together planning process. This year will be a shorter format to combat the virtual meeting fatigue. The event will feature:

- CWMA and Committee Updates
- The PPQ Tiered Weed Risk Evaluation Process
- Reclaiming Nature for People of Color
- Testing Commonly Used Invasive Species Message Frames and Metaphors on Social Media

Registration is still open, so it isn't too late! Now the details!

*2022 Pull Together*  
*Wednesday, January 19th, 2022 (9am-12pm PST)*  
*Cost: **FREE***



The 4-County CWMA Steering Committee has been continuing work on a planned redesign of the [4-County CWMA website](#). Courtney and Sam have been heavily involved in the planning process. The Steering Committee is currently drafting the scope of the work and is reviewing the current website structure and content. An RFP for web design services is anticipated in the coming months.

The 4-County CWMA also recently published its [4-County CWMA 2021 Annual Report](#). This annual report features project work from Lindsey, among others across the 4-County region. Courtney did a great job putting this document together on behalf of the CWMA!

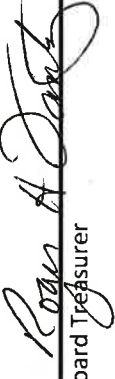
Voucher Approval List


1/10/2022

| Date      | Number | Payee                               | Memo                                     | Payment      |
|-----------|--------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------|
| 1/10/2022 | 100869 | AFLAC                               | Acct: LGF14 12/2021;01/2022              | \$ 675.73    |
| 1/10/2022 | 100870 | Clackamas River Water               | Acct: 032327-00 Water 12/2021            | \$ 464.10    |
| 1/10/2022 | 100871 | Coverall North America, Inc         | Acct: 157-6800 [SWCD] 01/2022            | \$ 1,363.00  |
| 1/10/2022 | 100872 | Garmin Services, Inc                | Acct: DL627537 01/2022                   | \$ 70.30     |
| 1/10/2022 | 100873 | Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP | Acct: 01300-108329653 10/2021            | \$ 496.48    |
| 1/10/2022 | 100874 | Oregon City Garbage, Inc            | Acct: 57768000 01/2022                   | \$ 103.10    |
| 1/10/2022 | 100875 | Oregon Secretary of State           | CSWCD: SRE 2021                          | \$ 250.00    |
| 1/10/2022 | 100876 | Pacific Office Automation           | Acct: 900-0266949-000 [100-0417] 11/2021 | \$ 185.18    |
| 1/10/2022 | 100877 | PGE                                 | Acct: 9606754531 12/22/21                | \$ 1,061.21  |
| 1/10/2022 | 100878 | Spire Technologies, Inc             | Acct: 02208 02/2022                      | \$ 2,014.00  |
| 1/10/2022 | 100879 | T-MOBILE                            | Acct: 961602090 01/2022                  | \$ 546.42    |
| 1/10/2022 | 100880 | US Bank Voyager Fleet Systems       | Acct: 869284679 12/2021                  | \$ 155.41    |
| 1/10/2022 | 100881 | Richard Winkel, CPA                 | CSWCD: Financial Svcs 12/2021            | \$ 5,900.00  |
| Subtotal: |        |                                     |  | \$ 13,284.93 |

| 1/18/2022               |        |                                     |   |              |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| 1/18/2022               | 100882 | Nicole Ahr                          | Reimbursement: Mileage/Supplies 12/2021 | \$ 467.18    |
| 1/18/2022               | 100883 | Clackamas ESD                       | CSWCD: Ph/Int Q2 01/2022                | \$ 894.77    |
| 1/18/2022               | 100884 | Suzi Cloutier                       | Reimbursement: Mileage 12/2021          | \$ 20.72     |
| 1/18/2022               | 100885 | Clackamas Dept of Finance           | CSWCD: EE/ER Benefits 01/2022           | \$ 23,700.32 |
| 1/18/2022               | 100886 | Scott Eden                          | Reimbursement: Mileage 12/2021          | \$ 67.20     |
| 1/18/2022               | 100887 | Edge Analytical                     | Acct: CLA08 [NWQI] 01/2022              | \$ 141.00    |
| 1/18/2022               | 100888 | Jason Faucera                       | Reimbursement: Mileage/Postage 12/2021  | \$ 135.19    |
| 1/18/2022               | 100889 | Tami Guttridge                      | Reimbursement: Postage 12/2021          | \$ 3.17      |
| 1/18/2022               | 100890 | Oregon Government Ethics Commission | Acct: OGE0001263 2022                   | \$ 548.83    |
| 1/18/2022               | 100891 | Pamplin Media Group                 | Acct: 81177287 [Estacada News] 01/2022  | \$ 37.00     |
| Subtotal:               |        |                                     |   | \$ 26,015.38 |
| Total:                  |        |                                     |   | \$ 39,300.31 |
| Total Conservation Fund |        |                                     |   | \$ -         |

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