



South Santiam Watershed Council
Meeting Notes
January 19th, 2011
Lebanon Public Library 6-8 pm

Board Members in Attendance: Katie Kohl, Nancy MacHugh, Kris Richardson, Norm Kaldahl, Nancy Gilmore, Sean Larsen, Scott Marlega

Community Members in Attendance: Adam Raymond, Debbie Paul, Kevin Seifert, Dan Calvert, Lynn Larsen, Matt Borg, Cyndee Ross, Angela Clegg, Frank Garcia, Krista Lopez, Roberta Swift, Kevin Fenn

Staff: Eric Hartstein, Erika Lang

Presentation: Kevin Fenn, Water Quality Specialist, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture, discussed Oregon's Agricultural Water Quality Program.

The South Santiam Agricultural Water Quality Plan is locally based and completed in 2002. The most recent update was in 2010. The majority of pollution in the South Santiam is non-point sourced. Parameters of concern in the South Santiam are summer water temperatures, dissolved oxygen, and bacteria. Goal of Water Quality Program is to prevent and control agricultural pollution through voluntary action. Enforcement action when voluntary efforts fail.

Riparian rules state that in the S. Santiam vegetation must be allowed to develop and establish on perennial streams. Vegetation should provide stream shade, bank stabilization, and infiltration of overland flow benefits. Complaints from citizens must be in writing and signed. Other agencies can be confidential, and ODA can self initiate action. Statewide complaints statewide under 500 since 1998. Most issues resolved with regulatory action required. In S. Santiam, 16 compliance investigations since 1998 (most related to livestock manure and riparian impacts).

Presentation: Erika Lang, Landowner Partnership Coordinator for Santiam-Calapooia Watershed Councils, discussed upcoming riparian density plantings.

Experience with plantings has led to a few new developments. Better site preparation is needed in addition to a more robust maintenance program. The model watershed program will allow for at least one year of site preparation, increased stem densities (up to 1,800 stems/acre), and long term maintenance. Plants will be mainly bare root and will include a vigorous shrub component. In addition, a "contract grow" has been established through many valley nurseries to grow vegetation to specifications.

Presentation: Krista Lopez, STEWARDS Coordinator, discussed the status of the program. Krista has secured a full time USFS botanist position in Prineville. Angela Clegg will be taking over

for the remainder of the year. Angela is currently a USFS Fisheries tech. Krista also introduced Kristen (last name missing) who will assist with student coordination of the youth watershed council at Sweet Home High School.

Update: Sean Larsen provided an update on the SSWC Operations Sub-Committee

Update: Kris Richardson provided an update on the SSWC Projects Sub-Committee

Time constraints precluded a SSWC fiscal discussion, Eric H. left a balance sheet for people to pick up after they left.

Since many new people were in attendance, a round of introductions finished the meeting.

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