

**South Santiam Watershed Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**1/21/2009**

In attendance: Eric Hartstein, Erika Lang, Jennifer Costelow, Frank Garcia, Nancy MacHugh, Steve Kohl, Katie Kohl, Matt Borg, Nancy Gilmore, Norm Kaldahl, Diane Kaldahl, KC Briggs, Lance Gatchell

**Council Meeting:**

Lance Gatchell, US Forest Service Hydrologist/Engineer, presented "Rwanda, an Environmental Assessment"

Erika Lang delivered the landowner recruitment for restoration update. She stated that the high water events in early January did not impact the program's projects greatly, although some erosion occurred on Crabtree Creek that took a couple plants. Erika announced that a continuation of her regional program was recommended for funding by both the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) and Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality. She has other grants pending. Erika also enrolled in a NRCS training course that will assist her in planning projects.

Eric Hartstein delivered the projects update for the Council. The Ames Creek Fish Passage Restoration Project and the Crabtree Creek Japanese Knotweed Control Project were recommended for funding by OWEB. However the "funding" line is yet to be set by OWEB, so it is still unclear whether either project will actually be funded. Eric announced that the high water event caused significant erosion on the shaped bank of the McDowell Creek Project. He is in discussions with the project engineer about options for correcting the problem. Eric also thanked Jennifer Costelow for her work with Community Services Consortium (and particularly the Santiam Wilderness Academy) for doing native plantings at Roaring River County Park after Japanese knotweed was controlled at site. Finally, Eric passed out the Crabtree Creek Assessment Plan that was put together by River Design Group and funded by the Oregon Governors Fund for the Environment.

**Board Meeting:**

**Crabtree Creek Oregon 150 Grant Agreement Discussion:** Eric announced that the grant agreement for the restoration project arrived, and if the Council was prepared to be the fiscal agent on this grant. The consensus was yes, and Nancy G is prepared to do the books. Eric recommended a Council fiscal policy be established before project implementation in the summer 2009.

Cascade Pacific RC&D personnel wants to present their services to the Council, and the Board recommended inviting them to the next meeting to flesh out what services they will provide as Council evaluates bringing all fiscal services in-house. There is also a Risk Management meeting scheduled in March that at least one representative from the Council will attend (Salem or Bend?)

**Review draft of the SSWC Council Support proposal for 2009-2011.** Those in attendance reviewed a draft of the grant that will be submitted to OWEB to support Council activities in the coming biennium.

**Council evaluation** was postponed to a later date given the pressing fiscal administration and risk management issues.

**Open period** Norm said that the Sweet Home Recycling Center is interested in partnering in storm drain marking.