



South Santiam Watershed Council  
Meeting Notes  
September 15, 2010  
Lebanon Public Library 6-8 pm

Board Members in Attendance: Katie Kohl, Nancy MacHugh, Diane Kaldahl, Norm Kaldahl, Nancy Gilmore, Sean Larsen

Community Members in Attendance: Heather Slocum, Krista Lopez, Roberta Swift

Staff: Eric Hartstein

**Update: SSWC Summer Projects:** Eric presented an update to the South Santiam Watershed Council Summer 2010 projects. The projects discussed were the Moose Creek Steelhead Habitat Enhancement Project and the Crabtree Creek Japanese Knotweed Control Project. Spawning gravel was placed this summer in Moose Creek in order to complement the existing log structures that were placed in 2008. Knotweed treatment was underway in the middle reaches of Crabtree Creek with some delay because of weather (rain).

**Update: Model Watershed Program:** Eric gave a brief update on the status of the model watershed program, and the participation of the South Santiam Watershed Council. To date, it has allowed the Council (and its partners the North Santiam and Calapooia Watershed Councils) the opportunity to expand capacity through additional staff. This added capacity has allowed the Santiam-Calapooia partnership to conduct landowner outreach and recruitment which has resulted in a number of landowners eager to participate in restoration. The Calapooia-Santiam partnership submitted a proposal to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) to fund restoration, and is awaiting a decision on the funding amount which will be available soon.

**STEWARDS Education Program:** Krista Lopez provided an update and a handout on progress of the education program and plans for the upcoming year. Funding for the program is through OWEB, Oregon Community Foundation, and the USFS. The Youth Watershed Council was recognized by the Region 6 USFS Forester, and new partnerships are being developed with the Ford Leadership Foundation, Oregon Sea Grant, and RESTORE. New programs include working with an alternative high school, and Foster school. The Foster Lake Trail is being worked on with many community groups, and Katie mentioned this has been the case for a number of years; a good community project.

The Youth Watershed Council will have opportunities to work on Canyon and/or Wiley Creek this year. Canyon Creek is slated for large wood treatment in 2011 and Krista identified Wiley Creek Park as a good location for restoration due to its proximity to Sweet Home, public use, and good instream habitat conditions.

The 2011 outdoor school will feature two different sessions of students, up from the current one session. K.C. Briggs and Krista are working on creating a Salmon Watch event for Sweet Home students at Wiley Creek in 2011.

**Watershed Tour Discussion:** Eric announced the preliminary date of a watershed tour on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sites would reflect a good cross-section of the watershed (rural vs. urban, forestry vs. agriculture). There was good interest for the tour, and Krista said that the USFS van (holding 12) may be available.

**SSWC Procurement Policy:** A draft version of the SSWC Procurement Policy was read and discussed by Board and community members. Nancy G. moved to accept the draft version as final, and was seconded by Katie. It was approved unanimously.

**SSWC Board of Director Elections Discussion:** According to the by-laws, it is past due to have an election of Board members. Board and community members were asked to think of possible recruits before the next meeting. The timeline will be for an election to be held before January, 2011.

**November "Regional" Meeting Discussion and OWEB Conference:** As the OWEB conference is November 15-17<sup>th</sup>, it was decided that the SSWC meeting in November will be moved to either November 9<sup>th</sup> or November 11<sup>th</sup> depending on library availability, with a preference for Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> as the 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day. Eric also announced that any Board members looking to attend the OWEB conference in Pendleton should contact him.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm