



## 4-County CWMA Technical Committee Meeting

Feb 13, 2019, 11am-12pm

East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, 5211 N Williams Ave, Portland, OR 97217

Attendees: Brian Eberhardt - Multnomah County Drainage District, Courtney Gattuso - 4-County CWMA, Mitch Bixby - BES, Elaine Stewart - Metro, Michelle Delepine - West Multnomah SWCD

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**11:00 Welcome**

**Mitch Bixby**

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**11:05 Willamette Aquatic Invasive Network, Winter Meeting Recap**

**Elaine Stewart**

Elaine serves as the Lower Willamette Rep for the WAIN Steering Committee. She is involved in the current WAIN Strategic Planning Process efforts. Willamette Falls may be break between one of the lowest reaches and upstream reaches; Multnomah Channel and the Willamette confluence is another reach in our CWMA area. Oregon Parks and Rec Dept is doing modeling work to figure out what the priority reaches and species are along the Willamette mainstem. The lowest reach forms a great nexus with Columbia Slough Watershed Council and BES work, along with Multnomah Channel phragmites/Ludwigia work with ODA and PSU Center for Lakes and Reservoirs. The aim is to have an online interactive version of strategic action plan. Aquatic plant focused.

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**11:15 Ailanthus & Spotted Lanternfly**

**Mitch Bixby**

Emily Stevenson & the Gorge CWMA has a call for data on ailanthus management methods, and outreach work. Ailanthus (or tree of heaven) is a host species for spotted lanternfly (currently only found in Pennsylvania, but expected to spread). Questions the committee raised: What are the current management & surveying efforts? Who's going to start looking for ailanthus outside metro area? Should we focus on outlying pops and vectors like railroad corridors? Should we make a focus of future mapping efforts? Meg Rabbe - APHIS has done some work on spotted lanternfly--partner with them. Include in field day? Ailanthus could be a gateway weed for working with stakeholders we haven't previously, such as railroad companies. Talk to wine and hops industry about potential for spotted lanternfly? Talk to arborists about trend to stump grind instead of chem treat (many no longer employ herbicide applicators and stump grind instead). Talk to Portland Urban Forestry? Talk to Landscape Contractor Board? Mitch spoke with someone from them a few years ago--might be a good way to outreach to large pertinent audience

**\*\*Action:** Discuss at length with Meg Raabe (APHIS), who's been focused on lanternfly for the past year

**\*\*Action:** Follow-up within tech committee for next couple meetings before bouncing out to larger CWMA on possible action items

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**11:40 Mapping & Data Chair**

**Mitch Bixby**

Jeff Lesh stepped down in the fall, and Jay Yungerman stepped in to fill the vacancy briefly before he also had to step down. Jeff Lesh envisioned M&D committee to be the means to how the CWMA prioritizes treatments, listing nominations, etc. In the early days of the committee there was a lot of interest in exploring, demoing and exploring new data collection technologies, and attendance has waned some since folks decided on which mobile data collection technologies they'll employ in their work. So what are future roles for M&D and technical committees?

- Curating "Super List of lists" noxious weed listings database \*ongoing Maintenance - How do we get more folks to contribute data to mapping projects and update with new points. Maybe time to talk to the larger CWMA and see what we need from committee \*Needs assessment
- Elaine: clarification on how M&D interacts with iMap data submissions, so we don't have duplication. Good task for incoming chair: what is the niche of the M&D committee and how can we better meet needs of partners. What species do we want reports? Brian-why isn't Ludwigia on there? MD: because goal was to map all A species in CWMA, and CWMA watch species we were asking to report

**\*\*Action:** continue to search and cultivate a new chair and work on a needs assessment --maybe for April committee meetings?

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**11:50 Herbicide Statement Discussion**

**Mitch Bixby**

Impetus is to explain why we use herbicides; research-backed.

**\*\*More to come—Mitch working on this**

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**11:55 New Member Introduction**

**Brian Eberhardt**

Brian Eberhardt is the Multnomah County Drainage District Project Manager. His work is aquatic weed focused in part of Columbia Slough (I.E. inside their district) for water conveyance etc. Focused on upstream shading and regulating water flow to prevent ideal conditions for AIS growth. Need for reaching out to private landowners --- connecting with Chelsea (EMSWCD) and Mitch (BES)

**12:00 End**

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## **Next Technical Committee Meeting**

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, 11am – 12pm

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