



4-County CWMA General Meeting

Wednesday, October 10th 2018 10:00am-12:00pm
West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, Montgomery Park Room 452 A/B (Fourth Floor)
2701 NW Vaughn St, Portland OR 97210

Attendees: Michelle Delepine (WMSWCD), Courtney Gattuso (CSWCD), Tyler Pedersen (TSWCD), Kevin Fitzgerald (Multnomah County Roads), Sam Sharka (PP&R), Sam Leiniger (CSWCD), Beth Meyers-Shenai (ODA), Lucas Hunt (WIN), Jeff Merrill (Metro), Jeff Lesh (CSWCD), Lindsey Wise (PSU, iMapInvasives), Andrea Berkley (OPRD), Chris Aldassy (EMSWCD), Emily Matson (CLT), Mitch Bixby (BES), Erik Horngren (SWWRC), Jane Hartline (Sauvie Island Habitat Partnerships), Marshall Johnson (PP&R), Chelsea White-Brainard (EMSWCD), Whitney Bailey (EMSWCD)

10:05 Welcome & Announcements

Michelle Delepine, West Multnomah Soil Water Conservation District

10:10 SolvePestProblems.org Project Update

Weston Miller, OSU Extension/Department of Horticulture

OSU Extension and partners have been hard at work creating SolvePestProblems.org, a collaborative vision to reduce the impacts of pest management on people and the environment in non-agricultural settings through a comprehensive educational resource.

- Uses plain language and easy-to-use features for diverse audiences, offering English and Spanish homepages
- Community-based approach to help target a wide range of the general public
- Seeking assistance from CWMA partners and other land manager professionals to give research-based feedback on the resources to help fine-tune the production
- Preferred to receive reports through Oregon Invasives Hotline
- OSU Extension will provide baseline funding, but additional funding will be needed to carry out further IPM resources; estimated total costs will be about \$4 million
- Proposed draft layout will be available in batches around July 2019, and the complete body of work to be formally launched in 2020

10:35 Introduction of New 4-County CWMA Coordinator

Courtney Gattuso, Clackamas Soil Water Conservation District

- Courtney shared her background experience in vegetation management during her previous positions with Mosaic Ecology, Clean Water Services, and Metro.
- She will be involved in CWMA event planning, outreach, meeting coordination, and maintenance of social media platforms. She will also conduct weed management projects with the CSWCD WeedWise Program, specifically in the Sandy River Basin.

10:55 Weed Control & Survey Efforts in the Eagle Creek Burn to Assist Healthy Forest Regeneration

Chris Aldassy, East Multnomah Soil Water Conservation District

- East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District provided their research and proposed strategy on controlling shade tolerant weeds in the Eagle Creek Burn containment zone within the Columbia Gorge.
 - Data collection and mapping shows that false brome control in the Eagle Creek and Tanner Creek areas has been extremely successful and is (hopefully) near eradication!
 - Surveys in fire line areas where fire crews were staged show little signs of germination, but they would like to focus more on these areas next season
 - Key observations show that native vegetation is regenerating strong in low intensity areas with added nutrients from the fire, but previous weed infestations are still present
 - Areas where the fire burned really hot indicate less regrowth of false brome, but garlic mustard and herb Robert are coming back with vigor, possibly due to increased soil nutrients
 - Friends of the Gorge are leading weed identification volunteer trips and restoration projects to help protect the Gorge

11:20 Western Invasives Network Update

Lucas Hunt, WIN Coordinator

- Lucas has been heavily involved in coordination efforts with regional CWMA's and other partnerships throughout Oregon and Washington and presented updates for each organization.
 - Mid-Willamette CWMA and Marion County SWCD participated in Master Gardner plant sales with great response
 - Yamhill SWCD and Yamhill County are working together in a roadside technical committee surveying roadside vegetation
 - Polk SWCD continues to work with Fish and Wildlife Service on a water primrose treatment and have not found many downstream infestations
 - Columbia Gorge CWMA is focusing on increased survey efforts throughout the Gorge to observe the succession of weed populations post Eagle Creek fire
 - Forest Service is continuing to treat knotweed, scotch broom, and mouse-ear hawkweed in their Saint Helens Management Area, which are moving at more rapid rates
 - Eurasian milfoil has moved from Spirit Lake to Coldwater Lake, which the regional dive team will strive to control
 - Oregon State Parks found golden chamomile along the historic highway between Wasco and Hood River counties
 - Laura Brown is the new Benton County CWMA coordinator!

11:30 CWMA Committees & Working Group Updates

Mapping & Data – Jeff Lesh, Clackamas Soil Water Conservation District

- Priority Weed Coordination Project, asking land managers to look at the map on the 4-County CWMA Mapping & Data website and provide information on “A” listed populations that are not represented on the map to close any gaps that might exist
- Catalog of Weed Lists, a resource that will prioritize weed lists using a centralized spreadsheet consisting of 60 species in the region to raise awareness for weed species that we don't have much information on – more information on the [Mapping & Data webpage](#)

Outreach & Education – Chelsea White-Brainard, East Mult. Soil & Water Conservation District

- Next Pull Together Planning meeting will be on October 17th at 1pm at EMSWCD – email Chelsea at Chelsea@emswcd.org if you would like to join us in person or teleconference
- Big thanks to Mitch Bixby for posting Spanish translation fact sheets on the CWMA Website! Any suggestions or feedback on the website would be much appreciated

Steering Committee – Michelle Delepine, West Mult. Soil & Water Conservation District

- Casey Gozart has switched positions to Clark Public Utilities, so there is a current vacancy for the Clark County At-Large Representative for the Steering Committee that we will be looking to fill soon
- Next Committee meeting will be held on November 14th at East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, check out the calendar for more details!

11:45 Partner Updates

- Lindsey Wise – Call for iMapInvasives data submissions, Lindsey will be sending out more info in the near future, stay tuned!
- Andrea Berkley – Willamette Aquatic Invasives Network is working on a strategic action plan focusing on aquatic invasive species in the Willamette River.
- Beth Myers-Shenai – ODA will be opening their next grant cycle in the next couple of weeks, closing date will be on December 13th.
- Interagency Noxious Weed Symposium is coming up on December 4th-December 6th held at OSU in Corvallis, Oregon – snag your early bird registration before November 21st!

12:00 End

**Save the date for the 2019 Pull Together scheduled for January 16th at
McMenamins Kennedy School!**