



4-COUNTY Cooperative Weed Management Area

4-County CWMA General Meeting

Wednesday, August 14th 2019, 10:00am-12:00pm

Abernethy Grange, 15745 Harley Avenue, Oregon City, OR 97045

Coffee and snacks will be provided by Clackamas SWCD.

Attendees: Kristina Prosser (Metro), Chris Hagel (Metro), Michelle Delepine (WMSWCD), Justin Cooley (CSWCD), Dominic Maze (COP), Beth Myers-Shenai (ODA), Alex Martin (PPR), Dan Medic (PPR), Robert Downs (PPR), Rio Hybert-Zack (SRWC), Anna Stifter (SRWC), Chelsea White-Brainard (EMSWCD), Shawna Bautista (USFS), Matt Paroulek (POP), Kevin Fitzgerald (Mult. County), Monte Mattsson (COP), Nicole Ahr (CSWCD), Aaron Shaw (TSWCD), Mitch Bixby (COP), Sanoë Keli'inoi (CLT), Whitney Bailey (EMSWCD), Angie Kimpo (PWB), Nate Jefcoat (PWB), Brad Mead (CPU), Trevor Norman (TSWCD), Tyler Pederson (TSWCD), Olivia Hurd (TSWCD), Sam Leininger (CSWCD), Lindsey Karr (CSWCD), Courtney Gattuso (CSWCD); **Teleconference:** Justin Collell (CCNWCB)

10:00 Welcome & Introductions

Sam Leininger, Clackamas Soil & Water Conservation District

- Sam invites the group to help themselves to coffee and snacks and other general housekeeping business.
- This is the last Clackamas hosted General Meeting that will be held at the Abernethy Grange; future meetings will be held at CSWCD's new location in Beavercreek. The District will be moving in December of 2019.

10:05 CWMA Coordinator Update

Courtney Gattuso, Clackamas Soil & Water Conservation District

- **New Teleconference Speaker**
 - Courtney shows the group the new teleconference speaker, shared with the Columbia Gorge CWMA.
 - The CWMA will start having the option for our members to start calling in and attending our meetings remotely.
 - If you're interested in using this new call in option, Courtney will include teleconference instructions in each meeting reminder.
- **2020 Calendar**
 - Courtney announces the 2020 CWMA calendar is about finalized and will be posted on the CWMA website in the next couple weeks.
- **Website Updates**
 - The CWMA has a new website theme, feel free to check it out!

- Courtney will be devoting more time to the website this Fall/Winter, updating content, fixing broken links, and she'll start routing members to the website for meeting minutes instead of emailed PDFs.
- **Organizational Documents**
 - The CWMA organizational documents (MOU and Management Plan) are expiring at the end of December. Steering Committee has been reviewing the documents and making revisions if needed to make sure we have those in place for 2020.
 - Steering will be sending the updated MOU out to our current and future signatory partners, so keep an eye out for that in a couple weeks.

10:10 CWMA Committee Updates

- **Steering Committee** – *Mitch Bixby, Bureau of Environmental Services*
 - Mitch thanks the group for participating in the recent Partner Survey. Steering will figure the next steps in moving forward with allocating funds to a highest ranked task based on the results.
 - The CWMA will also be electing new Steering Committee officials at the October General Meeting.
 - Current vacancies include:
 - Mapping & Data Committee Chair
 - Clackamas County At-Large Representative
 - If you're interested in participating on the CWMA Steering Committee, email Courtney at info@4countycwma.org
- **Education & Outreach Committee** – *Chelsea White-Brainard, East Multnomah SWCD*
 - The CWMA's annual Field Day was held on June 12th this year and had a great turnout despite the miserably hot weather. Big thanks to our fabulous speakers!
 - The group is starting to plan the next annual event, Pull Together, which is scheduled for January 15th 2020. More details to follow!
- **Technical & Scientific Review Committee** – *Michelle Delepine, West Multnomah SWCD*
 - Michelle asks the group if people would rather utilize the IPM Urban Weed Facts sheets for landowner use or organization/professional use, and the group voted for professional use.
 - The CWMA will be updating their BMPs once the Columbia Gorge CWMA revisits theirs.

10:30 Kahoot! & Contractor Training

Lindsey Karr, Clackamas Soil & Water Conservation District

- Lindsey shows the group Clackamas SWCD's contractor training procedure, which has been hosted for the last 4 years.
 - It includes 2 hours of Fulcrum training and 2 hours of plant identification training to assist in surveying and data collection.
 - CSWCD also offers ODA Pesticide Applicator credits for attending.

- There were 45 attendees in 2018; including CSWCD staff, CRISP partners, and contractor companies.
- A way to give hands-on training to our contractors in preparation for field treatment season and landowner interactions.
 - CSWCD provides all types of outreach materials, permission forms, business cards, and pressed and live specimens.
- Lindsey invites the General Meeting attendees to participate in the Kahoot! quiz that is given to our contractors to assist with invasive plant identification.
 - Congrats to our top scoring weed warriors, Justin Cooley, Michelle Delepine, and Beth Myers-Shenai! More snacks for them! 😊

10:50 [Lolo Pass Hawkweed Project](#)

Beth Myers-Shenai, Oregon Department of Agriculture
Courtney Gattuso, Clackamas SWCD
Sam Leininger, Clackamas SWCD
Angie Kimpo, Portland Water Bureau

- The Lolo Pass Hawkweed Project is a collaborative priority weed project on the Mt. Hood National Forest within the Bonneville Power Administration powerline corridor, targeting meadow and orange hawkweeds primarily, as well as other EDRR species.
 - **History**
 - From 1998-2001, manual control was the only mode of control outside of the BPA powerline corridor, until the U.S. Forest Service's NEPA document was approved in 2006.
 - Oregon Department of Agriculture was controlling the hawkweed populations using waipuna, a hot coconut oil foam weed control system, on Mt. Hood National Forest land before herbicides were approved.
 - It is suspected that the both orange and meadow hawkweed came in on equipment from out of state, some stories say possibly Idaho or Montana.
 - Lesson learned: 5 years is simply too long for an EDRR response time.
 - **Bull Run Watershed**
 - The Bull Run Watershed, managed by the Portland Water Bureau, sits primarily on U.S. Forest Service land, spanning over a little BLM land.
 - PWB has a cooperative agreement with USFS, allowing them to survey and maintain 1400 road miles, multiple times a year.
 - The PWB Invasives Program started in 2009, and their hawkweed control work began in 2012.
 - Since then, the hawkweed populations have declined significantly in the Bull Run.
 - **Mt. Hood National Forest Weed Partners**
 - Organized in 2015 to work together, share resources, and tackle weed infestations on Mt. Hood National Forest.

- Original partners include:
 - U.S. Forest Service Mt. Hood National Forest
 - Oregon Department of Agriculture
 - Clackamas Soil & Water Conservation District
 - Portland Water Bureau
- **2019 Treatments**
 - Treatment area acreage: 365 acres spanning over 8 miles and 2 counties
 - Targeted EDRR species (from most abundant to least abundant)
 - Meadow hawkweed
 - Orange hawkweed
 - Spotted knapweed
 - False brome
 - Total days of treatment: 9 days with 9-12 person crew per day
 - Clackamas County: 7 days
 - Hood River County: 2 days
 - Herbicide application
 - Crew: 0.5% Transline (clopyralid)
 - Staff: 0.2% Milestone (aminopyralid)

11:20 [Tiptoe Through the Rare Plants: Weed management in sensitive habitats](#)

Elaine Stewart, Oregon Metro

- Elaine shares the goals and management plan of Oregon Metro’s natural areas, Canemah Bluff and Peach Cove Fen, and the rare plants that inhabit these sensitive areas.
 - Over 40 regionally rare plant species.
 - Management Goals
 - Oak/Madrone woodland health
 - Rare plant conservation
 - Mosaic of habitats
 - Fen heath
 - Peach Cove Fen
 - Water and sediment testing for benchmarking
 - Identify watershed and understand groundwater movement
 - Invasive plants on floating mat
 - Risk – septic failures?
 - Canemah Bluff
 - Show prairie and savanna plants
 - Provide experience in accessible place
 - Get people excited about Oregon’s oak and prairie habitats

12:00 End

Next General Meeting

October 9th, 10:00am-12:00pm, Washington County