



4-County CWMA Technical & Scientific Review Committee Meeting

April 12th, 2017, 11:00-Noon
East Multnomah SWCD
5211 N Williams Ave.
Portland, OR 97217

Attendees

Bethany Lund,
Casey Gozart
Elaine Stewart

Jeff Lesh
Michelle Delepine
Mitch Bixby

Sam Leininger
Sarah Hamilton

Welcome, Approve Agenda

Mitch Bixby

Decision: Agenda approved

Report: OISC Update

Michelle Delepine

Latest developments on OISC: They have unveiled the 10 year statewide management plan. They are in the process of ranking the work items. The next meeting is in June. They are in the process of improving the website and building a news channel. There has been a lot of collaboration with WISC.

They are hoping to send someone to the BC invasive Species Conference- Probably Jalene Littlejohn
The regional conference is happening in Portland in June.

Discussion: Weed Free Gravel

Michelle Delepine

There is momentum to develop a Weed-Free Gravel certification program, and Vern has suggested the CWMA's take a lead. Michelle has spoken to ODA to see where their program stands.

How do we proceed? Is there a way for the CWMA to move this forward?

Michelle contacted folks at ODA. ODA was planning to lead a weed-free gravel program. Gravel is not regulated as a commodity, so it couldn't be added to the weed-free-hay program. The project was given to Beth before she was dropped to ½ time. There is no plan now to pick it back up. In the future, they would be happy to help with training and support the program, but are unable to take the lead. Douglas

County has already developed a program and is making it available to others to use. It is unknown if the Douglas County protocols are based on the NAISMA standard.

Clark County has a program: They will be following NAISMA standards. They currently have certified just 2 gravel pits. The weed board will talk about the program at the next meeting, May 15th. They want to make sure there is no weed-free guarantee involved.

Options for certification are to grade the gravel pits with silver, bronze, or gold, or pits may be certified as essentially weed free or meets minimum requirements.

Beth was going to send out a survey to quarry operators to find the interest level. That could be a good way to start. The Water Bureau and the National Forest already certify gravel for their own use. The Douglas County program is developed, but a weed list for the area would need to be developed.

Who uses Weed-Free Gravel?

Washington: WSNWCB, weed free forage, and OISC are all involved in the weed-free-gravel program. PGE is replenishing gravel below dams, which is another use for weed-free-gravel.

Next steps:

- Let Douglas County take the lead and develop their program.
- Michelle will stay involved in the process.
- Send survey to quarry operators in the area to determine interest. Beth has already developed the survey.
- Plan a pilot season.

Discussion: CWMA Weed List

Mitch Bixby

The Mapping & Data committee is working to add value to the weed list.

The committee sites limitations, difficulty updating the list, and the lack of integration as incentive to improve the list. Changes attempt to improve efficiency, add value, and increase accessibility.

Jeff has worked to update the list to a database format.

The current CWMA list is a list of exotic plants that naturalize in the region. It's exhaustive and includes species that are weedy but not necessarily of concern. The public list was a compilation of public noxious weed lists in the area.

Next step: The technical committee needs to decide what the public list is and approve it for public use. Jeff used any CWMA partner as a source for the CWMA public list, including:

COP

- ODA
- WSNWCB
- CSWCD
- EMSWCD
- WMSWCD
- City of Gresham
- CWS

Disclaimer- not all species on the list are prioritized across the CWMA. Elaine would prefer not to have a CWMA rank on the list. They can be controversial, and the rankings are inconsistent.

Decision: Accept the dynamic list which includes the public list for all CWMA partners (signatories).

Decision: Add the species from partner organizations: Leave the rankings as they stand. Use the short version. Add a cell to include partner listing entity concatenated.

Sarah will add the finished list to the web site.

End

Next Technical & Scientific Review Committee Meeting

July 12th, 2017 11:00 pm-12:00 pm

Multnomah County