



4-COUNTY Cooperative Weed Management Area

4-County CWMA Mapping & Data Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 12th 2020, 8:30am-9:50am

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

Attendees: Lucas Nipp (EMSWCD), Tyler Pedersen (TSWCD), Jon Wagner (EMSWCD), Justin Cooley (CSWCD), Jeffrey Lee (JCWC), Courtney Gattuso (CSWCD), Harris Kidd (Clark County), Mitch Bixby (COP—BES), Michelle Delepine (WMSWCD); **Teleconference:** Lindsey Wise (PSU)

8:30 Convene/Welcome **Tyler Pedersen**

8:32 Introductions **All**

8:37 Review Finalized 2020 Work Plan **All**

- Go over revised/finalized work plan and highlight the priority activities we plan to accomplish in 2020. Get feedback from committee members.
 - The group looks at the committee’s 2020 work plan, broken out with the highest priorities in bold.
 - Some priorities have already been accomplished and will continue to be completed in general committee tasks throughout the year.
 - If anyone has suggestions or revisions for the work plan, email Tyler or Jeffrey.

8:50 Review Mock “Poll” Together M&D Survey **All**

- Solicit feedback from the Committee on the content and wording of survey questions, the format of the survey, the survey audience and discuss possible incentives for completing the survey.
 - The group reviews the mock “Poll” Together Survey that Jeffrey made to ask CWMA partners and members for feedback on the M&D tasks and goals.
 - The committee makes the following suggestions:
 - Revising language in the survey to include free public mapping platforms (iNaturalist, iMapInvasives) for organizations who don’t have subscriptions to AcrGIS, Fulcrum, etc.
 - Narrowing down survey questions by consolidating tasks, removing completed tasks, minimizing numbers for ranking.

- Having incentive for participants, like a prize (like a signed Jon Wagner poster), which we can generate a random participant as the winner.
- **ACTION:** The final “Poll” Together will be sent to the M&D GoogleGroup for last edits.

9:10 Call for Observations follow-up discussion

All

- Discuss why certain species were removed from prior years and explain the rational on the website for species removed from 2018 to 2020.
 - 2020 Call for Observations include:
 - Oblong spurge, balfour’s balsam, puncturevine, Japanese hedgeparsley
 - Since there was no active chair, M&D did not do a Call for Observations in 2019.
 - The group felt like it might be hard to come up with an explanation for the changes in species from 2018 to 2020. Many of the weeds on the 2018 list had been on the Call for Observations list for two years prior (e.g., drooping sedge, greater celandine, wild basil) and the group simply wanted to shift focus to newer weeds.
 - Tyler will be posting to the CWMA listserv for the iNaturalist Call for Observations that Lindsey has set up.
 - iNaturalist and iMapInvasives are sharing data with each other, and the reports will automatically be added to the CWMA project.
 - **ACTION:** Tyler to post the iNaturalist Call for Observations project to the CWMA listserv.

9:25 Discuss updating Priority Weed Map on CWMA website

All

- Review the rubric for priority weeds and exceptions (hogweed, others with significant public health concerns), what platform to use (Mapbox currently used), integrating datasets and timeline of updating website map.
 - The current priority weed map on the CWMA website is display through MapBox, possibly through the CSWCD account.
 - MapBox recently changed their pricing structure—making it a lot more expensive.
 - CSWCD is switch from Fulcrum and MapBox to ArcGIS Online, so the CWMA will need to look into other options for mapping purposes.
 - The group decided the end of the fiscal year is a good deadline to get another platform in place.
 - Also discussed what weeds are designated as a priority on the map. The group felt like it would be a good idea to add giant hogweed since it’s a public health hazard and A-listed species. While it does have over 10 observations within the 4-County CWMA area, it’s good for the public and partners to know where these sites exist and where progress is bring made to eradicate it. The group also discussed potentially removing oblong spurge since it has over 10 observations in the 4-County area.
 - **ACTION:** Courtney will bring this to the Steering Committee at their next meeting and look into how the data is displayed currently in MapBox.

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- Review upcoming opportunities as needed (EDDMapS, iMapInvasives, iNaturalist, etc.)
 - Upcoming opportunities include:
 - YouTube tutorial on iMapInvasives – on the iMapInvasives website
 - Lindsey will be doing a tutorial of iMap at a North Coast CWMA event
 - Michelle Delepine discussed the EDDMapS tutorial that she attended via a webinar on 2/10. Her main critique was that the tutorial was supposed to be targeting the Pacific Northwest, but the examples provided were with data/maps from the East Coast/New York.

10:50 End

Next Mapping & Data Committee Meeting

April 8th, 2020; 8:30-9:50am

East Multnomah SWCD Conference Room , 5211 N Williams Ave, Portland, OR 97217