



## Columbia Gorge CWMA General Meeting Minutes

January 29<sup>th</sup> 2019, 1:00-3:00 pm

Hood River Extension Service, 2990 Experiment Station Drive, Hood River 97031

**Attendees:** Beth Myers-Shenai (ODA), Mika Barrett (Friends of the Columbia Gorge), Courtney Gattuso (Clackamas SWCD), Lucas Nipp (East Multnomah SWCD), Lucas Hunt (WIN), John Cowan (OPRD), Mitch Bixby (City of Portland), Sara Woods (Friends of the Columbia Gorge), Angie Kimpo (PWB), Jeanette Burkhardt (Yakama Nation Fisheries), Heather Hendrixson (Hood River SWCD), Marty Hudson (Klickitat CNWCB), Sarah Callaghan (USFS), Karen Lamson (Wasco County SWCD)

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**1:00 Welcome** Lucas Nipp

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**1:05 Coordinator Update** Courtney Gattuso

- Courtney introduces herself to the new faces that she didn't meet at the previous General Meeting in October 2018.
- She reminds the group that the Columbia Gorge GoogleGroup is active and can be used as an email listserv, granting all members the ability to share information with the entire group (except for a few people with anti-spam features through their email server).
  - [columbiagorgecwma@googlegroups.com](mailto:columbiagorgecwma@googlegroups.com)
- Lately, Courtney has been assisting with the upcoming Columbia Gorge CWMA event flyers and registration pages alongside Mika Barrett and Emily Stevenson (not in attendance) – see *Event Planning* section below.

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**1:10 Steering Committee Update** Lucas Nipp

- Lucas introduces Mitch Bixby, the 4-County CWMA Chair, to the group and opens up the discussion about the possibility about sharing a 50/50 Coordinator with 4-County down the road, if funding permits.
- He shares that the CWMA is securing additional funding and encourages the group to provide suggestions as to what services they would like to see funded.
  - Email Courtney at [columbiagorgecwma@gmail.com](mailto:columbiagorgecwma@gmail.com) with suggestions.
- Lucas makes the announcement of the new meeting day, last Thursdays, to the group, but several people did not see the Doodle Poll that was sent out a couple months ago.
  - As decided, the Steering Committee would like to continue to meet at the Hood River OSU Extension, but the current meeting day of last Tuesday conflicts with the Extension's meeting days.

- **ACTION:** Courtney will resend the survey to the group to allow for more participation and share the results with the group.

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### 1:15 Education & Outreach Committee Update

Mika Barrett

- The Columbia Gorge CWMA is very excited to have Mika serve on the Steering Committee!
- She invites group to join the Education and Outreach Committee if interested in participating in outreach and event planning efforts.
  - If you are interested in joining the Education & Outreach Committee, email Mika at [mika@gorgefriends.org](mailto:mika@gorgefriends.org).

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### 1:20 Event Planning

Mika Barrett & Courtney Gattuso

- Invasive Species and Exotic Pest Workshop (**February 28<sup>th</sup>**)
  - About 50-60 attendees registered
  - The agenda is finalized and can be found on the registration page: [2019isepworkshop.eventbrite.com](http://2019isepworkshop.eventbrite.com)
- Boot Brush Kick-Off (**March 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 24<sup>th</sup>**)
  - Volunteer recruitment will be done through SignUp.com: [signup.com/go/WOkcYdw](http://signup.com/go/WOkcYdw)
  - Mika is making a how-to video for boot brushing to connect with hikers and recreationalists
  - Mika is working on securing a grant to purchase boot brushes
  - Land Managers are expected to be maintaining booth brush stations. Mika will help check on status of boot brushes before BBKO and clean. She will report back to Land managers if major replacements are needed. Please help by cleaning your boot brushes by March 2018!
- Stop the Invasion (**April 4<sup>th</sup>**)
  - Historically, the event has been targeted to the general public, teaching them on the importance of Integrated Pest Management.
  - This year, it will be broken into two sessions:
    - First session: general information
    - Second: more advanced information
  - The Education & Outreach Committee is hoping to secure ODA and WSDA Core Credits for the event.
  - **ACTION:** Courtney to send out registration for Stop the Invasion and apply for credits once agenda is finalized.
- Field Day (**tentatively May 28<sup>th</sup>**)
  - The group shared location suggestions for Field Day since Eagle Creek access may be limited.
    - John B. Yeon
      - Currently closed to the public, but it might reopen before the event
    - Dabney State Recreation Area

- Larch Mountain
      - Large fire break to observe, but it takes time to hike up there
  - **ACTION:** Mika will talk with Chris Aldassy about Eagle Creek Fire access possibilities for Field Day.

## 1:45 Partner Updates and Observations

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- **Karen Lamson (Wasco County SWCD)**
    - Annual grasses are creeping in the Wasco County burn area
      - Aerial spray of annual weeds (medusahead and ventenata grass)
  - **Mika Barrett (Friends of the Columbia Gorge)**
    - Has several plantings coming up with OPRD and planning the spring weed restoration schedule
  - **Sara Callaghan (USFS)**
    - Getting back in the swing of things and prioritizing projects after federal government shutdown
  - **Jeanette Burkhardt (Yakama Nation Fisheries)**
    - Restoration site Lower White Salmon River
      - Previous flooding affected plantings; reseeding efforts were washed away; more live staking down the road
    - Citizen science project coming up in White Salmon (pilot project)
      - To spread the word about tree of heaven and spotted lanternfly and put together a monitoring program to track where tree of heaven is located
      - Lucas Hunt sent out a call for information through the Google Group
  - **Angie Kimpo (Portland Water Bureau)**
    - Angie would like to coordinate with the CWMA on EDRR species in the Gorge
    - Suggested having an EDRR working group for the Columbia Gorge
  - **Marty Hudson (Klickitat County)**
    - *Correction from last General Meeting minutes:* flowering rush is actually upstream from the John Day Dam, not downstream
    - Tree of heaven and spotted lantern fly is a headache; herbicide is the only way to treat tree of heaven
  - **Sara Woods (Friends of the Columbia Gorge)**
    - Reigning in star-thistle and medusahead in Lyle, Washington along Klickitat Trail
  - **Heather Hendrixson (Hood River SWCD)**
    - Native plant sale with Hood River SWCD – deadline to order plants is March 22<sup>nd</sup>
      - Bareroot plants will be available for pickup in April
      - For more information: [hoodriverswcd.org/projects/plants/](http://hoodriverswcd.org/projects/plants/)
  - **Beth Myers-Shenai (ODA)**
    - Currently taking WeedMapper data submissions, submissions due on January 31<sup>st</sup> but can possibly take late submissions
    - Oregon State Weed Board meetings next week, making final descions on grants

- Will be held at the Salem ODA headquarters
  - Network of Oregon Watershed Councils Aquatic Weeds Webinar -- February 21<sup>st</sup>
  - New positions opening up at ODA
    - Administrative Specialist
    - Glenn Miller will be retiring, so his position will be vacant
    - Eastside Seasonal Specialist
    - Stay tuned for more information
- **John Cowan (OPRD)**
  - Getting planting projects wrapped up
    - Herb Robert treatment John Yeon within the burn areas
      - Secured funding to treat herb Robert
    - Italian arum is observed west of Cascade Locks
    - Shiny geranium at Dabney State Recreation Area is not looking so great
- **Mitch Bixby (City of Portland)**
  - Lesser celedine might be added to containment list
- **Lucas Nipp (East Multnomah SWCD)**
  - Hand pulling tree ivy; gearing up for garlic mustard; planting site preparation
  - McCord Creek Delta
    - Black cottonwood is coming back strong after Eagle Creek Fire
  - Data to be sent to iMapInvasives and WeedMapper

**3:00 End**

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**Anticipated Columbia Gorge CWMA Funding Contributors 2018-2019 (as requested):**

- East Multnomah SWCD
  - Clackamas SWCD
  - BLM, Salem District
  - ODA Noxious Weed Control Program
  - US Forest Service- Mt Hood National Forest
  - Skamania County- Noxious Weed Control Program
  - US Forest Service-Gifford Pinchot National Forest
  - Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
  - US Forest Service-Columbia Gorge NSA
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**Next General Meeting**

**TBD**