



CG CWMA Steering Committee Meeting

July 25th, 2017 at 1:00 pm

Teleconference

Attendees

Christina Mead, Eastside Botanist and Invasive Species Coordinator, Mt. Hood National Forest
 Emily Stevenson, Program Coordinator, Skamania County Noxious Weed Control Program
 Marty Hudson, Program Coordinator, Klickitat County Noxious Weed Program
 Sam Leininger, WeedWise Program Manager, Clackamas Soil & Water Conservation District
 Sarah Hamilton, Coordinator, Columbia Gorge CWMA

Item	Time	Who	Description
Convene		Chair	Call meeting to order
Agenda		Chair	<i>Action:</i> Review/amend/accept agenda. Agenda accepted.
Minutes		Chair	<i>Action:</i> Review/amend/accept minutes. Minutes accepted.
Farm Bill 2016 Update		Emily	<p>Report: 2016 Farm Bill Update The Farm Bill is complete. The final report and final billing are done. Emily send the final report to Sarah.</p> <p>The 4-County CWMA edited the BMPs and some of the edits need to be transferred to the Columbia Gorge BMPs. Sarah will add the appropriate changes. She will also add a bullet about RCG control w/o herbicides.</p>
Farm Bill 2017		Emily & Sarah	<p>It's time to start working on the 2017 Farm Bill.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CWMA need to have their own planning meeting for the Farm Bill before inviting OISC and other partners to the table. Sarah will send out a doodle poll to plan the meeting. Sarah will add the 2017 Farm Bill discussion as an agenda item to the August general meeting. We will include a wrap-up of this year, synopsis of goals for next year with a list of the species, an ask for control information from the group, and a discussion of any changes that need made. Changes include a need for partners to provide tables at the STI training. Sarah will also add a Farm Bill discussion to the Education & Outreach meeting agenda. The Ed & Out committee will be asked to solicit greater participation and offer editing and feedback. <p>At this meeting we need to decide on the weed list for training and</p>



			<p>BMPs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ventenata grass 2. Shiny geranium 3. Stinky Bob 4. Spotted Knapweed 5. Houndstongue 6. Poison hemlock 7. Scotch thistle 8. Yellow starthistle 9. Russian Olive 10. Clematis <p>Alternates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Diffuse Knapweed 2. Medusahead 3. Milk thistle 4. Wild Carrot 5. Hedge parsley 6. Bird Chervil 7. Common burdock 8. Toadflax 9. Field Bindweed 10. Tamarisk <p>There was a discussion whether to include groups of plants with similar treatments (like we did with knotweeds), or have a BMP for each individual species. Decision was to have separate BMPs for most species, except in the instances of plants like knotweed where the identification is difficult and the treatments are the same.</p>
Farm Bill 2018		Emily	<p>Action: Do we apply for the next year? What needs to change?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emily had a talk with Justin. OISC is planning to apply with us. The application is due on the 18th of August. • We did a subcontract last year between the CWMA and Skamania County. Do we do that again? Yes, we can do the same we did last year. • Ideas for the proposal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Add boot-brush maintenance. ○ Print Play.Clean.Go. materials. ○ Lease a billboard.



			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Divide the STI training and do an East side vs West side. The training could be held in Hood River and somewhere further west. ○ Add a field portion to the training, perhaps in lieu of the field day. ○ Hold a single STI training, but in a different location each year. ○ Expand ISEP and offer lunch. Make sure we add more time for networking during the event. Catering is an option for the ISEP. ○ Hold a summit with top officials and agencies working with invasive species. ○ A Pacific Coast training has also been suggested. WISC is doing an ISEP style training in Pullman, Washington.
USFS Region 6 Invasive Species Conference		Christina	<p>Discussion: The Region 6 Forest Service Invasive Species meeting will be held in Hood River this year, from November 7-9. On that Wednesday, we are hoping to have a field day, as a break from PowerPoint presentations. If anyone knows of some excellent locations to visit for this weeds field day, Christina would appreciate any ideas. And if anyone is interested in presenting at these sites, that would be even better. There will be agency staff from across the PNW, so it is a great time to highlight the amazing work CWMA partners have been doing. The field crew can travel up to 1 hour. No need for national forest sites. The field day has a partnership focus.</p> <p>Sarah will send this blurb to the entire CWMA and put it on the agenda for the general meeting.</p>
Financial Report		Sam	<p>Report: Update from Fiscal Agent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CWMA has \$2500 in the account, but none of the partners have been billed for the year. Partner support invoices will be sent out in November. • The CWMA has some extra money in the coffers. They are making enough to cover the coordinator position at cost, but they are not currently paying the full cost.
Misc.		All	<p>Sarah will add to the general meeting agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where does the CWMA want to go in the next 3-5 years

Next Columbia Gorge CWMA Steering Committee Meeting

August 29th, 2017, 1:30-12:30 pm, Hood River