



Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

October 30th 2018, 11:30-12:30pm

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

Attendees: Lucas Nipp (East Multnomah SWCD), Sam Leininger (Clackamas SWCD), Courtney Gattuso (Clackamas SWCD), Emily Stevenson (Skamania County), Marty Hudson (Klickitat County), Christina Mead (Forest Service – Mt. Hood), Chris Aldassy (East Multnomah SWCD), Jon Wagner (East Multnomah SWCD), Lucas Hunt (Western Invasives Network)

11:30 Welcome

11:35 Coordinator Introduction

Courtney Gattuso

- Courtney shared her professional background in volunteer coordination and vegetation management with the group, as well as her eagerness to work with the Columbia Gorge and 4-County CWMA's and CSWCD WeedWise Program!

11:40 Work Plan Overview, Calendar, and Priorities

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- Coordinator Work Plan
 - Courtney will revise the current Coordinator Work Plan and calendar dates and send it to Steering Committee for suggestions.
- Google Group Email List
 - The new email list for the CWMA group is in progress and will be launched this week.
 - Courtney will also set up email lists for the Steering Committee and Education & Outreach Committee.
- Website
 - The plan for the website is to utilize it more to be an information hub, containing agendas, meeting minutes, event information, etc.
 - Courtney will refer the CWMA email list to the website for updates and announcements.
- Weeder Reader

- The newsletter will be posted monthly, if time allows. If not, we will release it quarterly.
- Suggestions and feedback for the Coordinator are *always* welcomed!

12:10 Farm Bill Update**Emily Stevenson**

- Invasive Species and Exotics Pest Workshop (ISEP)

The group discussed details for the 2019 ISEP Workshop which will be on **Thursday, February 28th**.

- The group agreed that a poster session would be a great idea.
- Hannah Brause will be MC.
- An interactive weed quiz on each attendee's phone would be a good way to engage the group.
 - Sam will look into the quiz setup on Kahoot! and ease of app download for attendees.
- Possible Topics
 - Decontamination (could be used at Stop the Invasion as well)
 - Spotted Lanternfly – *Lycorma delicatula*
 - Herbicide exposure and laundering clothes – Kaci Buhl
- Courtney will send out the Save the Date poster and create the EventBrite registration.
- Stop The Invasion Training (STI)
 - The committee agreed that a full day of training (two sessions) during the week would be ideal, offering more credits for attendees, on **Thursday April 4th**.
 - Possible topics
 - IPM, Weed ID, Spray Calibration
 - Outreach efforts to target individuals in the landscaping industry.

**Further details to be discussed at the Education & Outreach Committee Meeting (see Education & Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes for more information).

12:30 End

Next Steering Committee Meeting

January 29th 2019, 11:30-12:30pm

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Happy Holidays!