

COLUMBIA SLOUGH WATERSHED COUNCIL

General Meeting Minutes Summary

January 26, 2009 5:00 – 7:30 PM

NABISCO BAKERY / KRAFT FOODS
100 NE COLUMBIA BLVD., PORTLAND, OR

Board of Directors

NAME	GOVERNMENT AGENCIES	AFFILIATION	
Nancy Hendrickson	City of Portland	Environmental Services	✓
Bob Eaton	MCDD		✓
Kathy Balogh	Port of Portland		
Kathy Shearin	EMSWCD	Naturescaping	✓
Kathleen Murrin	City of Portland	Parks and Recreation	✓
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Erwin Bergman			✓
Linda Robinson			✓
NAME	ENVIRONMENTAL	AFFILIATION	
Karen Munday		Audubon Society of Portland	✓
Ry Thompson			
Ulysses Cooley, Jr.		PBS Engineering and Environmental	✓
Dave Helzer			✓
NAME	RECREATION	AFFILIATION	
NAME	TRIBAL-CULTURAL RESOURCES	AFFILIATION	
Laf Keaton		American Indian Association of Portland	✓
NAME	BUSINESS	AFFILIATION	
Steve Mason	Boeing Portland		✓
Chuck Harrison			✓
Bob Dolphin	Owens-Illinois		✓
Corky Collier	Columbia Corridor Association		✓
Eric Wentland			✓
Randall Thayer	Pollin Hotels		✓
	ACADEMIC & SCIENTIFIC	AFFILIATION	
Mark Hansen			

NAME	AT-LARGE	JOB / AFFILIATION	
Susan Barthel			
CSWC STAFF		JOB / AFFILIATION	
Jane Van Dyke	Executive Director	CSWC Staff	✓
Sheilagh Diez	Education Director	CSWC Staff	✓
Melissa Sandoz	Outreach Coordinator	CSWC Staff	✓
Nathaniel Talbot	Watershed Steward	CSWC Staff	✓
Elaine Murphy	Contract Bookkeeper	CSWC Staff	
CSWC OFFICERS		JOB / AFFILIATION	
Chuck Harrison	Chair		✓
Karen Munday	Secretary	Portland Audubon Society	✓
Bob Dolphin	Treasurer	Owens-Illinois, Inc.	✓
VISITORS		JOB / AFFILIATION	
Jennifer Sutter		DEQ	✓
Alice Blatt			✓
Linda Hulme		City of Fairview	✓
Susan Aha		Port of Portland	✓
Rachel Wray		Port of Portland	✓
Bruce McClelland		Port of Portland	✓

WELCOME, BRIEF INTRODUCTIONS – Council Chair – Chuck Harrison

BUSINESS MEETING

- **Minutes from October 27, 2008 approved**
- **Finance Committee and Financial Reports Oct, Nov, Dec and 2nd Qtr 08-09–Bob Dolphin**
 - Approved all three months: October, November, and December

HOT TOPICS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Nancy H- Ecoroof Incentive Program being offered by BES
- Jennifer Sutter – Clean-up at Johnson Lake, proposal now for an underwater cap consisting of 6 inches clean sand; this proposal because there is more contamination than originally thought

Winter 2008 Snowmageddon – Port of Portland, MCDD, City of Portland-BES

Susan Aha – Beginning on Dec 20th, we experienced a 50 year event. The total snow at the airport was 18.9 inches. Even with plowing and deicing, it was difficult to keep airport open. Once the tank and pond were full, discharges began to the Slough. Those discharges have continued since the 28th. They asked BES to increase amount of materiel sent to the wastewater treatment plant.

Bob Eaton – They had low flows because it was snow and not rain. Also, one pump went out. Overall they did not experience any significant problems.

Nancy Hendrickson – The Slough has a unique hydrology. Any material in the water, deicing runoff, works it way out slowly. There is also an important difference between the middle and lower slough. Material in the middle slough moves slowly but generally “down slough”. Whereas, in the lower slough, tides let material go out but then bring it back.

Portland Airport Deicing System Enhancements – Susan Aha

The Port of Portland is continuing work on their proposed deicing system enhancements. FAA requires deicing and regulates the deicing materials. Proposed changes include:

- Increased storage capacity-two new storage tanks
- On-airport treatment for concentrated runoff
- Expanded collection area
- New outfall to the Columbia River

The Army Corps of Engineers is the lead environment agency for the process. Plan is to finish the design by June. As part of this process, the Port will be lowering the set point of concentration for collection and treatment. They still plan to send stormwater from the airport to the Slough. Open house is planned for February 5th.

Lower Slough Restoration Projects– Dave Helzer

Off channel habitat is a limiting factor for salmon. Project objectives include:

- Improved in stream habitat for ESA listed Chinook, steelhead, and coho
- Off channel rearing and refugia habitat
- Improved wetland and riparian areas to benefit native wildlife and migratory birds

Monitoring data shows that Chinook, steelhead, and coho juveniles found in the lower slough are from both the Willamette and the Columbia Rivers.

Large Wood Installation: They are planning to install large woody debris at twenty five locations, mostly on the south bank. The budget is about \$500,000. They received two grants, one from the Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership and one from NOAA.

Ramsey Phase II: Ramsey Phase I, the creation of off channel habitat by the construction of an alcove and riparian plantings, has been very successful. The Council received an OWEB Restoration grant for Phase II. However, as we went through the design phase, we began to reevaluate the project. The proposed location is fairly high in elevation for that area of the slough, so over 35,000 cubic yards of material would need to be removed. The archeological survey found several resources including a cooking ring and an arrowhead. The current upland area provides high value habitat and over 100 trees in that area would be removed. Now we are looking for an alternative location in the general area, maybe Blind or North Sloughs.

Ramsey Stormwater Wetland Project: Currently this regional facility treats the stormwater from over 600 acres. It is a created wetland with concrete forebay. It is not functioning properly. The plan is to re-grade the area, install check dams, and add woody debris.

Program Reports

Administration-Executive- Chuck Harrison

Bunn House-Meeting with the staff of ACE Academy to discuss a partnership to remodel the Bunn House.

Outreach – Melissa Sandoz

The 10th Annual Slough Celebration: Awards and Silent Auction is coming up on February 6th. Please plan to attend; reservations are due this Friday.

ADJOURNED AT 7:40