

**North Santiam Watershed Council  
Meeting Minutes**

**Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting**

Location: Stayton Community Center; 400 Virginia Ave; Stayton, OR

Date: February 12, 2009

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM

**Attendance:**

Role Call for Quorum: Present: John Caruso (Marion County Citizen, Chair), Bruce Rogers (City of Salem), Suzette Boudreux (Economic 2), Tom Fencil (Middle Subbasin) and Jon Tucker (Lower Subbasin). Quorum confirmed.

General: Darren Cross, Scott Eden and Mike Kroon.

Contractors: Elizabeth (Liz) Redon and Erika Lang

**7:00 PM Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order**

***Public Comment and Announcements:***

- Erika Lang announced there is a planting on Stout Creek and Bear Branch on March 14. The first event will be at 9 am on Stout Creek (11103 Philippi Ln) and at noon on Bear Branch (40725 Stayton Scio Rd).

***Approval of Minutes:*** Members reviewed Dec 2008 and January 2009 minutes. Members chose to postpone December minutes to confirm member comments and concerns described as that member was absent. Suzette Boudreux motioned to approve January 2009 minutes, Jon Tucker seconded.

***Decision:*** January 2009 minutes approved.

**7:15 PM Presentation: Landowner Recruitment for Restoration Region Project, Erika Lang**

Erika Lang gave a presentation on her regional project working with the 3 watershed councils (i.e. North Santiam, South Santiam and Calapooia) to recruit and implement stream restoration projects. She described her work on Hatch Side Channel, Snake-Deford, Stout Creek and Bear Branch.

**8:15 PM Decision: Cold Creek Culvert Replacement Project Proposal**

Scott Eden, Marion Soil and Water Conservation District, and Liz Redon provided information on a project partnership request to replace 2 culverts on Cold Creek, which is located west of the Hatch side channel project. The project is a partnership with the landowner, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and US Fish and Wildlife (USFW), which are implementing a Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) project. Scott asked for watershed council assistance to replace the culverts that is likely to primarily require assistance in acquiring funding. Suzette Boudreux motioned to approve Cold Creek project, Jon Tucker seconded.

***Decision:*** Cold Creek Culvert Replacement Project approved. Approved by consensus.

**8:30 PM Progress Reports-**

**Treasurer:** Liz Redon provided reports from Cascade Pacific RC&D and Bruce Rogers offered to answer questions.

**Projects:** Liz Redon explained that she is working with consultants and landowners to get Summer 2009 projects ready, including: Scot Greenwood's project on the Hatch Side Channel, Stout Creek and Tom Fencil's project. Erika reported that plantings at the Suelzle's is underway on Hatch Side Channel and are scheduled for Stout Creek and Bear Branch.

**Fiscal Admin and Risk Management-** Liz Redon reported that Cascade Pacific will be attending the May meeting to present the new fiscal administration agreement. She also reported that Cascade Pacific is pursuing the insurance policy idea to provide coverage to watershed councils. And she and Bruce Rogers looked into the statute idea discussed at the previous meeting to get a statute like the landowner liability protection statute that specifically addresses watershed council liability. She reported that because the legislative session is well underway, it is a little late to pull together a package. However, there was a discussion between the statewide Network of Oregon Watershed Council executive director and OWEB's director in which OWEB suggested they look into a rules change in the near term and then maybe a statute for the next legislative session. She will continue to follow the topic as requested.

**Pending Proposed Projects:**

- Upper and Lower Bennet Dams Fish Passage

**8:50 PM** Other Business –

**9:00 PM** Meeting Adjourned