

GAG Working Session Group Funding Team Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2018

Attendees: *Liza Ehle (By the Sea Gardens), Jim Seeley (Wild Rivers Coast Alliance), Robert Mawson (Bandon City Manager), Matt Swanson (Curry Watershed), Goldie Warncke (Coquille Watershed Association and CWMA), Robin Harkin (Coquille Tribe GIS Coordinator).*

Funding:

- Need to build capacity in the future –Samarra Group currently assisting with funding from WRCA
- Identify Grant Writing options and who will manage those funds

Expanding Funding:

- Identifying Sources
 - Government-legislative services
 - Federal, State, County, City, Other
 - Landowners
 - Philanthropic-fundraising and community sources
 - Lenders-working landscapes that can show an ROI for traditional business loans

Prioritization:

- There was a lot of discussion on whether fire prevention or stopping the spread was the highest priority. The general consensus was that fire got quick attention for “why should I care” while stopping the spread should be the overall highest priority for the GAG.
 - Fire Hazard of the Gorse in Bandon: “The why behind the need to stop the spread of Gorse at the local level”
 - Stop the spread
 - EDRR methods, citizen science projects and information to the public
- Land for productive usage
- Wildlife conservation programs
- Who will manage the data?

Next Steps Action Plan:

- Expanding our FireWise communities
- Identifying capacity needs and expanding appropriate support
- Identifying who is at the table and tallying the hours that the group is putting in for **matching** needs for future grants, i.e. in-kind funding credit.
- Documentation of demonstration projects to help make the case for increasing capacity and funding
- Workforce housing in Gorse infested areas such as the Donut Hole through land reclamation development