



## September 24<sup>th</sup> Full Partner Meeting Notes

Bandon City Council Chambers

### **Action Items from the Meeting**

- **Everyone: send anyone you have in mind for VMC position to Robert Mawson**
- **Action Teams (Finance Team, Wash Station, Outreach and Communications, Donut Hole, Website): meet monthly and give updates to full group**
- **Donut Hole team: do some planning now**
- **Everyone: we want updates from partners more often!**
- **Carri – draft 1-year outcomes for VMC to help job post**
- **Will – check w/ Jill about tax lot list for previous letters**
- **Rushal – plan library fire talk**
- **Carri - send out Les Sanitation brush clean-up day info**
- **Carri – check-in with ODOT on their gorse plan, reach out to Tim & Brian on how we can partner (such as IGA like Curry SWCD with ODOT?)**
- **Britany – get price sheet for adjuvent for Noxious Weed Day in October**
- **Liza – Share TNC partners w/ Rushal about Johnson Creek Park Restoration**
- **Rushal – Make GAG Facebook & Instagram**
- **Carri – get DEQ letter for Liza & Lucy**

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## **Meeting Agenda: Gorse Action Group (GAG) September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 9am-12 noon**

*City Council Chamber, Bandon*  
*located at 555 US Hwy 101, Bandon OR 97411*  
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### ***AGENDA***

- I. City of Bandon Noxious Weed Ordinance Update/  
Intergovernmental Agreement (Robert and Will)
  - Share District Plan
  - Status of Hiring a Bandon Vegetation Management Coordinator
  - Share Sample Vegetation Management Plan

- II. Outreach Update (Rushal)
  - Homeowner meetings
  - Trolley Tour
  - Pub Night
  - Cranberry Festival Booth
  - Upcoming Fall Events: Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> Coos Weed Day (at Weed Day, Vastlan (1 gallon containers) will be made available as a limited fall cost-share program), Library Outreach Event, Paradise/Brookings Fire Awareness Night, GAG Contractors Tour
  
- III. GAG Finance Team Update (Matt and Team)
  - Grants Written
  - Grants heading into fall and winter

----- BREAK for coffee and mingling-----

- IV. WE NEED MORE GAG PARTNER HELP with Working Groups:

*Break Out Groups: Goal, brainstorm and then schedule next meeting date/time*

- Finance Team
- Wash Station
- Outreach and Communications
- Donut Hole
- Website

- V. Partner Updates (All)

*Set next GAG meeting date, proposed: January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020?*

**Meeting Attendees:** *Rushal Sedlemyer (CoqWA), Will Bailey (Coos County Weed Board), Frank Burris (OSU Extension), Sherri (OPRD), Rachel Carlson (OPRD), Jim Seeley (WRCA), Lucy Allison (CoosWA), Cyndi Park (CoosWA), Robert Franson (CFPA), Liza Ehle (Windward Gardens, LLC), Robert Mawson (CoB), Jeanne Standley (BLM), Robin Harkins (Coquille Tribe), Brittany Hughes (WVF), Scott Kreutzer (Sunnyside), Dan Anderson (Bandon Public Works), Erin Minster (Curry SWCD), Carri Pirsoko (ODA), Tim Lollar (ODOT), Call-in: Kate Iaquinto (USFWS)*

**Agenda Item 1 – GAG partner introductions and accomplishments since last meeting in April**

## **Agenda Item 2 - City of Bandon Noxious Weed Ordinance Update/ IGA**

- ***Approved vegetation ordinance focusing on County T-list***
- ***Updated ordinance took effect August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019***
- ***Working with GAG to roll-out District Plan for voluntary compliance and education & outreach events***
- ***City engineers working on updating DP maps***
- ***Some challenges with bluff homeowners, such as erosion concerns***
- ***Attended Sunset City meeting with GAG partners to discuss District Plan, ordinance does not apply to them as of now, but they are aware***
- ***In the process of hiring a Vegetation Management Coordinator (VMC) (Code Compliance Specialist is a separate position)***
  - ***VMC will be City position where half could be paid by WRCA***
  - ***VMC should be hired by January 1<sup>st</sup>***
- ***Homeowners are in compliance when they have a vegetation management plan filed with the City and keep working plan***
- ***Enforcement only implemented when homeowner refuses to have plan or stops using plan, but community will have plenty opportunity to be in compliance***
- ***Previous code compliance letters have been pulled back, need list from Jill so city can do open announcement at a community meeting***
- ***Robert, Will & Jim attended a work session with County Commissioners for IGA***
  - ***Should IGA apply to all 3 urban growth boundaries (UGB) or just Donut Hole?***
  - ***County can't help pay for VMC position, but potentially in the future***
  - ***County needs to approve IGA and adopt language into County ordinance***

## **Agenda Item - Outreach Updates**

- ***GAG booth at Coos County Fair, Cranberry Festival, and National Public Lands Day***
- ***Trolley project tour and Pub Night presentation was a success***
- ***Homeowner meetings, such as Sunset city & Beach loop***

## **Upcoming Outreach Events:**

- ***Coos County Noxious Weed Day on October 14<sup>th</sup> with project tour***
  - ***32 gallons of Vaslan will be available 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> serve, but homeowners will need own adjuvant***
- ***Library Fire Talk date & time TBD (November event?)***
- ***Meet your contractor date & time TBD (December event?)***

- **Contractor training and trolley tour date & time TBD (December event?)**

#### **Agenda Item - GAG Finance Team Update**

- **City of Bandon State Revenue Funds (~\$3,500): stayed tuned for a GAG Facebook and other social media**
- **Johnson Creek Park Restoration (~\$5,000)**
  - **Rushal met with Robert and Parks Commission about vision for park**
  - **Need to survey gorse, gorse removal plan with City, plan tree planting days with Bandon High School**
  - **City already did some gorse removal, mowed trails, and working with track team for practice**
- **Rushal submitted BLM WUI fire assistance funding for \$100,000 in partnership with Erin Minster, Matt Swanson and BLM Fuels Specialists**
- **We need more effort or members on finance team**
- **Funding priority: cost-share funding for City of Bandon**
- **Need to prioritize other funding needs**

#### **Agenda Item – GAG Working Groups**

**Brainstorm top priorities for your team, 2019-2020 goals, and plan to meet monthly**

#### **Agenda Item – Partner Updates**

##### **Liza Ehle**

- **Developing curriculum for workshops (mostly gorse specific); will be contractor based to help roll-out District Plan**
- **On Wash-station team with Lucy; plans to start conversations with DEQ**

##### **Erin Minster**

- **Helped Port Orford Watershed write a Drinking Water Protection grant for 30K through the City. Hubbard Creek watershed has lots of gorse that needs a management plan including expanding the treatment area and fire breaks.**
- **Ongoing Gorse Wars grant to treat outliers**
- **Rainbow Rock Demo Project: half the rock is done, took longer than expected, drone footage for website**
  - **Triptech did the rappelling, ODOT funded project themselves**
  - **Made front page in Curry newspaper**

##### **Sherri Laier**

- **Triptech starting Harris Beach rappelling on Monday (Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>)**
  - **Received 25K from WRCA and Parks funding for project**
  - **Closing park for project, press release will be printed soon**
  - **Agreement w/ ODOT to use rainbow Rock dump site**
- **Sunset City owns everything up to vegetation line, can get permit from OPRD for beach access**
  - **Parks can potentially partner when it is a priority for them**

### **Cyndi Park**

- *USFS Stewardship Program funding to expand nursery*
- *Potential future idea is to grow more dune species, we need coastal producers*
- *CoosWA is looking to hire new restoration crew member*

### **Jim Seeley**

- *Aircurtain burner test should be done in spring at Bandon Dunes; there was a set-back with Forest Service testing in Florida*

### **Jeanne Standley**

- *National Public Lands Day was a success (booths from GAG, CoosWA, CoqWA and other partners)*
  - *Planted over 2,000 native species and removed 3.85 acres of scotch broom*

### **Brittany Hughes**

- *Sprayed 320 gallons w/ backpack crew on property by airport*
- *Sprayed China Creek, Seven Devils, and other State Parks work*
- *Sprayed 42 gallons at Coquille Point since lots of seedlings*
- *Getting lots of positive feedback on their gorse work*

### **Tim Lollar**

- *Sprayed Bullards Bridge ROW (1<sup>st</sup> year follow-up)*

### **Lucy Allison**

- *New to GAG group*
- *Needs to get specs, location, and water resources for wash station(s)*

### **Scott Kreutzer**

- *Client w/ phytothera and dying Port Orford Cedars*
- *Once IGA happens, could send info to Donut Hole homeowners and partner with other contractors*

## ***Next Meeting***

***January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with guest speaker Dr. Sally Hacker on dune grass***