



January 15th Full Partner Meeting Notes

Bandon City Council Chambers

Action Items from the Meeting

- * **Marie to reach out to John Sweet on status of IGA**
- * **Rushal update contractors list to have GAG training check box (get attendees list from Liza)**
- * **Rushal send WRCA GAG partner 2019 highlights and accomplishments**

Gorse Blossom Festival Action Items

- * **Rushal use Facebook live during GBF**
- * **Liza to help coordinate heavy equipment for GBF**
- * **Rushal coordinate with WRCA on printing stickers, magnets, handouts, etc.**
- * **Liza and Marie Coordinate live gorse specimens at different ages for booth**
- * **Liza bring photo thing for slide show and tent for booth set up**
- * **Rushal update photos for slide show (GAG projects, thrip, etc.)**
- * **Rushal bring gorse old growth log for booth**
- * **WRCA to help with PA system for Pub Night**

Meeting Agenda: Gorse Action Group (GAG) January 15th, 2020 9am-12 noon

*City Council Chamber, Bandon
Located at 555 US Hwy 101, Bandon OR 97411*

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Guest Speaker: Sally Hacker, OSU Coastal Ecologist in the Dept. of Integrative Biology
Topic: Native and non-native beachgrasses and dune building; plover habitat restoration

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

- III. City of Bandon Noxious Weed Ordinance Update (Dennis)

- Introduce new
Vegetation Management Coordinator, [Bear Slothower](#)
Code Compliance Officer, [Debbie Martin](#)
 - Plan for 2020, starting in District 1
- IV. Intergovernmental Agreement Update (Dennis)
- V. Outreach Update (Rushal, Liza, Carri)
- Coos Weed Day (October)
 - Fire Awareness Night (December)
 - Social media, Website
 - Three-Part Education Training Series (December, January, February)
 - Gorse Blossom Festival Planning
- VI. GAG Finance Team Update (Matt and Team)
- Priorities and Grants moving forward
- VII. Partner Updates: Gorse 2020, what do you have planned? (All)

Meeting Attendees: *Rushal Sedlemyer (CoqWA), Goldie Warncke (CoqWA), Sherri Laier (OPRD), Lucy Allison (CoosWA), Liza Ehle (Windward Gardens, LLC), Ryan & Brittany Hughes (WVF), Scott Kreutzer (Sunnyside), Dan Anderson (Bandon Public Works), Erin Minster (Curry SWCD), Carri Pirsoko (ODA), Kate Iaquinto (USFWS), Nick Schoeppner (Bullards State Park), Norma Kline (OSU Extension), Jody Ray (ODOT), Debbie Martin (CoB), Marie Simonds (WRCA), Paula Thompson (WRCA), Bear Slothower (CoB/VMC Volunteer), Matt Swanson (Curry WP), Dennis Lewis (CoB) Sally Jurkowski, Neal Davis (GBA), and Sharon Schmidt (GBA)*

Agenda Item 1 - City of Bandon Noxious Weed Ordinance Update

- ❖ **Bear Slothower introduced as new Vegetation Management Coordinator (VMC) for the City of Bandon**
 - **Starting on a volunteer, trial basis for the first few months**
 - **Has a work station at the city and an email: gorse@cityofbandon.org**
- ❖ **Debbie Martin introduced as Code Compliance Officer**
 - **Has new approach w/ gorse complaints: friendly letters w/ tools (contractors list, GAG handouts) and has received mostly positive feedback**
- ❖ **Both Bear and Debbie have started to form a good partnership for a voluntary compliance approach**

- If intentionally non-compliant, then move to \$750/day fine, but will offer many opportunities to be compliant
- Timeline for compliance can be flexible
- ❖ **New City Manager – Dan Chandler**
 - **Background in land use planning and law**
 - **Dennis will continue to be GAG liaison and update Dan**

Agenda Item 2 - Intergovernmental Agreement Update

- ❖ **IGA approved by City Council**
- ❖ **Now at legal counsel with the County**
 - **Gives the City enforcement powers within the urban growth boundaries (UGB)**

Agenda Item 3 - Outreach Update

- ❖ **Goldie spoke on Coos Noxious Weed Day (October 14th)**
 - **Most successful Weed Day so far**
 - **Presentations from Partners, including GAG, and did a noxious weed tour**
- ❖ **Carri and Rushal planned a Fire AWARENESS Night in Bandon (December 18th)**
 - **Keynote speaker Rich Fairbanks called his presentation: "Could it Happen Again?"**
 - **Panel Discussion with Chris Powell (Paradise Fire), Court Boice (Chetco Fire), and Robert Franson from CFPA**
- ❖ **Norma Kline – climate risk assessment workshop**
 - **Field tour on Liza's property**
 - **Assessment tool for small woodland owners**
 - **Many folks have gorse as understory on woodlots**
- ❖ **Rushal – Update on GAG Social media**
 - **Posting pictures and event pages**
 - **Liking partner pages and sharing info**
 - **Posted Kate's GAG blog**
- ❖ **Liza's Winter Educational Series**
 - **Next one will be on January 16th and February 13th (please see flyer)**
 - **ODA credits/ contractor credits/ CCB hours**
 - **February 13th training:**
 - **Vegetation management planning, districting**
 - **Sherri Presenting**

- **Watershed and agency folks will be attending**
- ❖ **Gorse Blossom Festival**
 - **Pub Night: February 13th from 6-7:30pm at Bandon Brewing**
 - **GAG booth at Festival: February 14th-16th**
 - **Please contact Rushal if you would like to volunteer**

Agenda Item 4 - GAG Finance Team Update

- ❖ **Working session with finance team on November 13th, 2019**
 - **Came up with strategies to streamline GAG priorities**
 - **Updated priorities for 2020-21**
 - **Management zones and geographic areas**
 - **Samara group to help us write gorse stories for these zones**
 - **Example outline of graphic was passed around to partners**
 - **Will update GAG partners once a graphic is created**

Agenda Item 5 - Partner Updates

- ❖ **Carri Pirosko (ODA)**
 - **Moving forward with gorse biocontrol (thrip beetle) this spring**
 - **A handful of sites around Bandon and Coos County have been picked for monitoring**
 - **State Weed Board Grants submitted; many Coos and Curry gorse grants**
- ❖ **Goldie Warncke (CoqWA)**
 - **Closed weed grant w/ mowing 1 acre of gorse on Shelly Ln. in Coquille**
 - **Announced CWMA meeting Feb. 5th at 9am, OSU Extension in Gold Beach**
- ❖ **Lucy Allison (CoosWA)**
 - **Lots of reports for urban gorse in Coos Bay; plans to surveys small populations to help come up w/ a plan to control these small populations**
 - **Hoping to do drone surveys along power lines w/ next ODA funding**
 - **Hope to do more outreach for utility companies**
- ❖ **Erin Minster (Curry SWCD)**
 - **Made video from drone footage of Rainbow Rock**
 - **Shout out to Brian from ODOT for the outreach and getting the work done!**
 - **City of Port Orford approved funding to retreat gorse areas (Hubbard Creek, drinking water source), management plan, and large fire breaks around Port Orford**
 - **Lead tour for BLM fuels funding**

- **4 mile main spot to treat, some planning money for Crystal Creek and Lost Lake**
- ❖ **Matt Swanson (Curry Watershed Partnerships)**
 - **Focusing efforts in Elk River, north of Port Orford**
 - **Elk river very gorse infested**
 - **Funding from NOAA, WRCA, and others**
 - **Working on 30-40 acres, need containment strategy for upper watershed so gorse doesn't spread to National Forest**
 - **Side note: Lord Bennet shared seeds with friends in Elk River and Florence**
- ❖ **Marie Simonds (WRCA)**
 - **Introduced Paula Thompson to replace Christy Day**
 - **Plans to move forward with air curtain burner trials late spring**
 - **Making sure Bandon Dunes in compliance since Keizer received letter from City of Bandon**
 - **Announced tribute show for Jim Seeley on Cam Perry radio show**
- ❖ **ODOT**
 - **Still working on removing gorse from Hwy 101 at milepost 256; Shutter Creek crews cut it, ODOT trucking it out**
 - **Plans to spray**
 - **CoqWA reported two sites on Hwy 42 and they responded quickly**
- ❖ **Kate Iaquinto (USFWS)**
 - **Continue work on Coquille Point**
 - **Treatments on headlands**
 - **Some gorse still on marsh northern boundary and southern end**
 - **Working on areas along river**
 - **Working on invasives for project south of Gold Beach**
- ❖ **Sherri Laier (ORPD)**
 - **Harris Beach gorse removal scaling project; partnerships with Curry Watersheds Partnership, ODOT, and WRCA**
 - **Closed park for 2 weeks, which was not popular**
 - **Some challenges, but in the end successful**
 - **Learning experience for future scaling projects**
 - **Treated w/ Garlon 4 after cutting then took debris to ODOT staging site**
 - **Drone flyover**
- ❖ **Nick (ORPD)**
 - **Continue to monitor gorse project on Bullards where dune grass was planted**
 - **Removing gorse on Face Rock**
 - **Need to work together with Sherri to remove gorse in corridors**

Agenda Item 6 - Guest Speaker: Sally Hacker

- ❖ **Research on how dune grass, American beachgrass, and European beachgrass create foredunes**
- ❖ **Discovered hybrid between American and European beachgrasses**
 - **May be more robust and grows at higher densities than parent species**
- ❖ **Sally's latest research: "How does foredune morphology and stability change with native and nonnative planting designs?"**
- ❖ **Sally could potentially help us monitor dune restoration where gorse was removed**
- ❖ **This research could help inform us on creating a dune restoration handout for GAG**
- ❖ **Institute for Applied Ecology is starting a nursery for native dune plants**
- ❖ **Please email Sally Hacker at hackers@science.oregonstate.edu if you would like a copy of her presentation or research**

Next Meeting

April 7th or 23rd, 2020

9-12pm

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