



Coordinating Committee Meeting Notes August 20, 2020

Attendees: Carri Pirosko (ODA), Rushal Sedlemyer (CoqWA), Melaney Dunne (CoqWA), Sherri Laier (CoqWA), Lucy Allison (CoosWA), Erin Minster (Curry WP), Kate Iaquinto & Sherrie Barns (USFWS), Bear Slothower (COB), Liza Ehle (Bandon Resident), Matt Swanson (Curry WP), Paula Thompson (WRCA), Marie Simonds (WRCA), Brittny Hughes (WVF)

❖ Updates on WRCA Grant: GAG Capacity & Collaboration

- Submitted grant for capacity and continued momentum; identified key points to best use infrastructure for efficient project development and turned coordinator model into a collaboration model split between 3 watershed associations and Liza for education. Additional information on attached handout.
 - Moving from single GAG Coordinator towards gorse project development with multiple partners supported (landowner outreach, budgeting, grant writing, contracting, etc.)
 - Capacity to attend and/ or lead GAG meetings
 - Liza – video trainings for credits
 - Erin to lead website updates
 - Rushal will still check email, Sherri will be CoqWA point person for presentations or projects.
 - Educational trailer being put on hold
- WRCA – this is the only non-COVID grant it has given in 2020, showing there is a high priority for continued momentum around gorse.
- Who will spearhead the group? – still working on this. Each group is highly motivated to control gorse and will lead their group and then communication (partner check-ins) between the watersheds will continue the collaboration together, efficiency, and leveraging each other.
 - Committees haven't been successful on the coast; people have a strong motivation to tackle this problem through individual actions, just need to continue to align them to best leverage use of resources.

❖ City of Bandon District Plan Updates

- Letters have been approved by the city manager and sent out to district 1 (124 letters) and people are excited about getting information on how to tackle gorse.
- Ordinance/Letter – there are no loopholes, must control gorse on your property, here's options on how to do it
- Improved relationship with public works



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- Port of Bandon is on board, still working on State Parks, Tribe, Coast Guard, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife
- Already experienced a project with many barriers which were overcome and successful turn out. Lots of people watching and sparking the momentum.
- **IGA – not approved yet**
 - **Marie will check with John Sweet**

❖ Current Gorse Project Updates

- **Coquille Point** – spraying starts, need to plant grass
 - With help from USFWS, Powers property was taken care of
 - Video was taken showing WVF working with Jensen's Tree Service – can be used for education & website
 - Brittny put in a bid with Pacific View that includes spray plan and working with Jensen's, just waiting for hire ups for review
- **Bullard's Bridge** – Needs more follow up
 - still challenges with landowner, partially due to language barrier; Need to up the pressure and show the contract which requires adherence to maintenance from the former project – **Rushal send Kate Ken's information for project support**
 - Ed Eckes property sold so need to work with new owner – **Rushal get contact info from Bear**
 - **Carri get update from ODOT**
- **Demo Plots** – getting last set of data this fall then work on getting something published.
 - Liza has been going once a month to maintain plantings
 - Don't know how COVID is affecting Frank's funding – **Carri check in with Frank**
 - How do we leave the site for the Guynup family?
 - Reach out to ODOT to mow
 - Need some weed eating and maintenance to make it look better for showcasing the project
 - **Paula look into getting after flyover footage of Demo Plots**
- **Harris Beach** – not great outcomes, need to focus in on cut stump applications, let's keep communicating on what works.

❖ Updates on New Projects from Partners



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- **RAC funding** – Sherri and Lucy working on grants for Coos to submit for EDRR Coos County Strike Team (this funding in lieu of OSWB Weed Grant)
 - Goldie will be BLM point person
 - Curry submitting 3 applications and building noxious weeds treatments (gorse, jubata grass, & knotweed) into restoration plans
 - Should be getting another 30k from **BLM WUI grant** – treatments for Fourmile/ Lost Lakes areas
 - Full proposal for **ODF LSR grant** due in October for Elk River (Matt lead on project) - \$300,000
 - Plan to add in Port Orford Drinking Water area, but conservation Easement issue
 - Erin updates: sprayed Dawson area – totally dead in June and resprayed
 - Will continue refining mapping
 - **Wash Station** – Kevin Kent (contractor) purchased portable wash station – will include this on contractor list
- ❖ **Updates on Air Curtain Burner**
- Forest Service will be in Oregon demoing different areas with different debris
 - Scheduled to demo at Bandon Dunes in fall (date in October TBD)
 - **Marie - ask Forest Service if they are able to add a second demo date while in the area – possibly Elk River or Brookings**
 - CTR in Curry may have interest – on Erin’s radar for potential project/ partnership
- ❖ **GAG Outreach**
- Liza – contractor event, virtual classes for multiple audiences, possibly put rack of pamphlets outside the library for people to access.
 - Outside venue options for District #1 – 2 hr. meeting, then have 2nd meeting virtual
 - Jim Powers is helping with videography
 - Cassie Bouska (OSU extension) – Coos Weed Day – working on best way to do it through the barriers of technology capabilities
 - The Bandon Cranberry Festival has been postponed to 2021
 - Liza - Fire guy (name? contact info?) from OSU is interested in working with us again
- ❖ **GAG Quarterly Meetings & Committees**



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- Who else should be connected to this group? ODOT, BLM, CFPA, John Sweet
- **Next full partner meeting – Tuesday, November 10th? 9am-12pm**
 - Prior to that meeting – **Rushal will compile email updates from partners** and send out to keep everyone in the loop
 - Discuss what balls are being dropped
- Formalize one GAG committee instead of many committees?
 - One person volunteers for the shared coordinating tasks for each meeting (agenda, coordinating/ facilitating meetings, notes, etc.)
 - Coordinating committee meets a month before full partner meetings
 - **This model still needs to be agreed upon by the group or other ideas to maintain coordination put forward. Something to discuss at next coordinating committee meeting?**
- Watershed groups will meet quarterly on grant deliverables
- Include WRCA with requests for Samara Group & Nancy Chase