

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING #10 MINUTES



North Fork Payette River Watershed Coalition – A VSWCD Initiative
USBR WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Grant

“To mobilize a diverse group of North Fork Payette River Watershed stakeholders to identify watershed challenges, develop Watershed Restoration Plan and identify funding sources for plan implementation.”

Date/Time: January 26, 2024 | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Purpose: Debrief Jan 24 NFPRWC McCall Kickoff, plan for Feb 15 NFPRWC workshop

Steering Committee:

-Art Troutner – VSWCD Chairman	-Durena Fall - FPAC-NRCS VSWCD District Manager	-Maureen Pepper - FPAC-NRCS Inc Creative
-John Lillehaug – VSWCD Treasurer	-Danielle Terhaar – ID DEQ	-Melissa D Jayo – USBR
-Bill Leaf – VSWCD Supervisor	-Maureen Pepper - FPAC-NRCS	-Thomas Tidwell - BPLWQC
-Colt Brown – VSWCD Supervisor	-David Nichols – SISU Facilitator BFC	-Dave Bingaman – VC Rec. Planner
-Judy Anderson – VSWCD Supervisor	-Kara Utter -- Dynamic Visions GIS	-Judy Nissula – Cascade Mayor
-Lenard Long – VSWCD Assoc. Supervisor	-Ken Roberts – VC Planning & Zoning, Ag producer	-Daina Aguas – NFPRWC Admin
		-Julie Manning - Sawtooth Law Group

Minutes:

1. Discussion Items

- a. Debrief Jan 24 Kickoff McCall
 - What needs improvement for stakeholder communication/outreach?
 - Create more space for small breakout sessions
 - Attendance at kickoff from VC Planning & Zoning, County Commissioners, USFS
- b. Plan Feb 15 NFPRWC Workshop 4-6PM
 - Donnelly Bible Church is available and has plenty of space for a large crowd. \$100 donation appreciated. Donnelly Fire Station, local school classrooms, and Idaho First Bank are also options.
 - Lenard Long: Hybrid option is important for this meeting.
 - Maureen Pepper: “If there is an opportunity to have a table of information at the kickoff on funding I would suggest this. NRCS has lots of info and funding.”
 - IDFG partnership: insights, talking points for workshops
 - Need info from NR agencies about current watershed projects for potential land use map
 - Jordan M: “Here is what I see as the logical progression of content, to be spread across multiple meetings. 1. History - where have we been and what has been done? 2. Current status of the watershed. 3. Types of projects that could address current conditions. 4. Funding sources to address these types of projects.”
 - Potential workshop content: stormwater dialogue, Planning and Zoning related
 - Review [draft agenda](#) for edits, input
 - Revisit presentations from Dani Terhaar (confirmed State of the Watershed) [Jaap Vos](#) (possible, what content should he focus on?)
 - Dani T presentation: will focus on pressure on the environment, talk about community change impact on the watershed, will be careful not to place blame
 - Potential deep dive on different watershed issues in upcoming workshops
 - IDFW might follow up the State of the Watershed with historical projects and upcoming projects (30-40 mins) but this would not happen in time for Feb 15 workshop.
 - Lenard Long: Need an “old timer” presentation by Art Troutner or Lance Holloway -IDEQ to give a historical watershed address before Dani T presentation.

- Dani T on roundtable discussions: “Start with the word cloud. Start with the prompt we will brainstorm these questions. End with capturing responses.”
 - Judy Anderson: Be aware of getting public input on problems and then not meeting their expectations. This can upset people.
 - Lenard Long: stakeholder groups can be responsible for getting grant plans and money and in some cases, the District can apply for matching grants that prioritize load reductions.
 - Maureen Pepper: DEQ has money for these projects. There are few community groups available to shepard these projects. (Rural Community Assistance Program) The Coalition may also focus on finding money for projects later on.
 - Review drafted outreach materials (interactive map email, [poster](#), [event sign up email](#), thank you memo)
 - finalize the “elevator pitch” we use to get people to attend (what will they do, why should they attend, etc. use for STAR-NEWS article)
 - brainstormed and came up with bullet points to start marketing push
 - c. All SC: please review [steering committee assignment spreadsheet](#)
- 2. Unfinished Business**
- a. Stakeholder outreach groups - continue to fill out [spreadsheet with agencies](#) and orgs to contact
 - b. Address the hybrid meeting format option at the next SC meeting.
- 3. New Business**
- a. permission to FWD [housing survey](#) from West Central Mountains EDC
 - b. Please email/upload/text photos from events to Daina Aguas for marketing**
 - add them to google folder (reach out to Daina for a google drive training)
 - c. Frank Wilhelm from U of I can talk about HABS. Wilhelm was very well received after public water system operators presentation. fwilhelm@uidaho.edu
 - i. Lenard: Dr. Wilhelm did a wave study at big Lake Payette. We should have them present their findings during the first workshop**
 - d. Daina will send out interactive map link through email and work with word cloud (contact Kara for this info)
 - e. Next meeting date: Monday Feb 5 from 1-3PM to finish planning for Feb 15 and start plans for upcoming workshops**
 - f. Coalition will add DEQ funding sources to the website
 - g. figure out sweet treats (coffee and cookies)
 - h. make a point about voluntary projects to avoid regulations: Mauren P.**

SC Meeting No 11: plan ahead for future workshop content

1. Specifics of meeting 15 logistics.
2. Get input on workshop 2 meeting date and time, hybrid format
 - a. deep dive into revolving history poor water quality, improvement projects from agencies
 - b. workshops have been projected for every 3 months, so there is time to discuss
 - c. consider having a speaker series on zoom where experts can lecture and groups work in breakout sessions (would take place between major workshops to keep the momentum)
 - d. record series of speaker seminars for zoom, get public and agency input on desired content and working group format (working groups can also get together via zoom)
 - e. should stakeholders be divided by subwatershed groups or watershed concern topic