

Willamette Mainstem Cooperative Steering Committee Meeting

Monday, February 4, 2013

Benton SWCD, 456 Northwest Monroe Avenue #110, Corvallis

Agenda

Meeting objectives:

- Discuss the following topics assigned by Kendra to subregions on the Willamette River to prepare for the upcoming SIP Partnership Meetings and Needs Assessment:
 - “Organizations please think about broad conservation and restoration actions needed on the Willamette and its tributaries to meet ecological and socio-economic goals of the WRI, where on the landscape these actions are likely to offer the greatest benefit, and how long it will take to achieve those goals.”
 - “You will not be asked to articulate specific projects at this meeting; we have until the early fall to determine a priority list. Generally, consider the overall order of magnitude of the acres, structures, and miles of actions in your subregion that could realistically be implemented in the next **6 years (2013-2019)** to put the Willamette and its tributaries on a trajectory of meaningful recovery.”
- Use maps of key invasives and good habitat to form strategic plan for priority management actions.

Minutes

In attendance: Jeff Baker, Crystal Durbecq, Holly Crosson, Debbie Paul, Peter Kenagy and Marvin Gilmour

- Use data to identify priority areas and potential projects, including overlap in management activities by other groups.
- Use the list of priority species and Dick Brainerd’s recommendations to prioritize treatments:
 - List includes: Japanese knotweed, ivy, purple loosestrife, false brome, E. holly, Scotch broom and butterfly bush.
 - Peter - E. holly and ivy can be treated at the same time of year

- Holly - Has a drag rake and would like to use to look at some of the aquatic invasives in areas such as Bowers Rock and Collins Bay
- Peter - Should get all groups and landowners on board to treat tree ivy within the reach.
 - Marvin - Should expand treatments to ground ivy when possible
- Crystal – Should treat all EDRR species found, since there were few. This could be done by working with landowners and doing piecemeal treatments. May not need a grant for this, but should include in a strategy plan for this reach. Need to use data to get total acreages for each site to treat.
- Jeff – We should identify all needs soon for the SIP Needs Assessment, then work on developing a project budget based on these needs.
- Crystal – Agree with Jeff, that a plan and draft budget is needed. SIP is looking at channel reconnection and I do not see it as our main role or function. We can recommend project areas to other groups if found during survey and they are obviously in need of work.
 - We need to complete our assessment to complete a strategy for this reach, but we can work on a preliminary strategy.
- For the SIP Needs Assessment:
 - Come up with an estimate of all acres infested with weeds, and use it to project a number for what can be treated, including un-surveyed acres.
 - Jeff – Should consider if we need funding to expand this assessment methodology to other reaches of the Willamette.
 - Debbie – It is important to have participation from each group to assess where the needs are. Need to communicate and work with partners to develop priorities.
 - Tom Snyder may have information on current projects being implemented.
- Have a need to complete an MOU with Linn SWCD by May surveys
 - Wish to complete this by March
 - Will attend the March board meeting
- Action items:
 - Use survey data to come up with an estimate for acreage to be treated, and have ready for Feb. 13, middle-Willamette meeting.
 - Find data on rate of spread of ivy for proposal to treat ivy in the project reach
 - Attend March board meeting at Linn SWCD
 - Talk with Tom Snyder and other partners to identify projects already being implemented, and planned in the A-C reach.
 - Work with survey data to identify specific projects and identify needs for each of these sites