

Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District
Annual Weed Committee Meeting
Miller Woods Conference Room
June 13, 2018
Meeting Reports and Minutes

The Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation District (district) convened the meeting at 10:30 AM. Introductions were made prior to the meeting.

1. Review of 2017 Minutes: The minutes from the July 12, 2017 weed meeting were approved.
2. **Updates On Noxious Weed Projects & Activities:**
 - a. Oregon State Weed Board Projects: Justin Cooley, Yamhill SWCD (District) Invasive Species Program Coordinator, reported the new interns begin June 26.
 - b. Early Detection and Rapid Response Program: Mike coordinates this program and commented on the lack of funding to respond to the weeds on the T list at this time. Justin's position will be beneficial in responding in a shorter amount of time.
 - c. Weed Watch: The official Weed Watch campaign has ended due to lack of funding. The district continues to publish this information on their website and in newsletters.
 - d. Weed Free Gravel Certification: ODA has stepped up to provide certification through the Commodities Department. It is now required on Federal contracts.
 - e. NEPA Update: Ian Grinter from BLM announced they are updating the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) handbook. They will be expanding the chemical list to better address weed control.
 - f. Luke Westphal suggested the group meet more often and that he would like to work more closely with Mike and Justin.
3. Roadside Management Plan Update: Mike and Gordon Cook reported the inventory continues to be done and there are no changes to the policy. Luke shared the last Roadside Vegetation Committee meeting included a field tour of potential demonstration sites. They hope to do more demo sites similar to Kuehne Road. Gordon Cook expressed his satisfaction in seeing the cooperation between the District and the Road Department.
4. Update on Yamhill County Public Works: Steve is still unable to spray brush on the roadsides due to a complaint last year. It was not even the county that sprayed the area. Gordon Cook will re-read the Roadside Vegetation Committee's policy regarding one complaint stopping all roadside spraying. Steve reported seeing more Japanese Knotweed on the roadsides. He will provide the information to Mike and Justin and the District will spray those areas. A discussion on the best chemicals to use ensued and was very productive.
5. Budget Needs, Outreach Strategies and Partnerships: Mike asked for suggestions on how the group could work together and communicate the weed control message through one voice.
 - a. Joining forces with Marion and Polk was suggested to send out seasonal weed control messages.
 - b. Mike would like to see Weed Watch started up again if the funds can be secured.
 - c. Reaching out to the Downtown Association was suggested. They have planted two noxious weeds throughout downtown, Archangel and English Ivy.
 - d. Marie suggested working with Wilco, Valley Feed, and similar stores certain times of the year. Photos of current noxious weeds would be posted by chemicals used to treat them.

- e. Using the weed mapping database information, signs could be posted on public roadways to encourage neighbors to watch for these weeds and call if they spot them.
 - f. Luke suggested another smaller meeting be held to discuss ways to obtain funds through sponsorship and small grants to produce signs and literature for outreach.
 - g. Steve has only two signs left that say "Controlling Invasive Weeds is Your Responsibility." Mike will look into purchasing more. Steve is willing to install them on county posts.
 - h. Luke would like to see Justin or Steve spray knotweed in city parks too.
 - i. Luke suggested someone from the weed committee reach out to the Kayaking Club in McMinnville. They could be very helpful in mapping weeds along the river banks. He recommended having an event for them where we bring noxious weeds for identification purposes. Also volunteer to give them access to the Yamhill River from private property to float and note noxious weeds. Luke would go with them to point out weeds.
 - j. Mike recommended the committee look into fees collected by the State Marine Board to stop Aquatic Invasive species entering Oregon waterways. They may have funding available. Justin reported the templates can be obtained that say CLEAN, DRAIN AND DRY. The committee could paint them in the appropriate places.
6. New Weed Concerns: Justin noticed *Carex pendula* (Drooping sedge) that needs attention.
 7. Concept of a Yamhill County Weed Board/District: There was no new data available to move forward in this discussion.
 8. Additions/Deletions to County Noxious Weed List: Move Garlic Mustard, Knotweed, False Brome and Mouse- ear Hawkweed to Target (T) list now that we have dedicated funding to control these weeds. Justin recommended changing the verbiage for the "T" to be more accurate. It will read "A priority noxious weed that will receive the highest priority treatment. The Yamhill SWCD and partners will attempt to control where found through containment or eradication." The committee approved of the change.
 9. Other Agenda Items as Needed: Mike announced Vern Holm is retiring in 13 days. Lucas Hunt from Polk County will be filling in for Vern part-time.
 10. Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 am.

Attendance List: June 13, 2018

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