

Teanaway Community Forest



Washington
Department of
**FISH and
WILDLIFE**



WASHINGTON STATE
Natural Resources

Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee Meeting Summary September 17, 2015 4:00 – 6:30 PM

Advisory Committee Attendees:

Andrea Imler	Mike Reimer	Kathy Young
Gary Berndt	Jim Halstrom	John Littel
Jeri Downs	Doug Schindler	Scott Gray
Kitty Craig	Wayne Mohler	Andrew Cromarty
Martha Wyckoff	James Rivard (for Tom Tebb)	JJ Collins
Tom Ring (for Phil Rigdon)	Lara Gricar	Deborah Essman
Urban Eberhart		

Advisory Committee Members Absent:

Dale Bambrick

Agency and Consultant Staff:

Eric Winford – DNR/WDFW	Larry Leach - DNR
Michael Livingston – WDFW	Emma Barnett - DNR
Rick Roeder – DNR	

Staff Action Items		Date Due
E. Winford	Send out AC Contact List	Sept 25, 2015
E. Winford	Send out calendar invite for future meetings	Sept 25, 2015
E. Winford	Send out Participation Agreement to new members	Sept 25, 2015
Advisory Committee Action Items		Date Due
TCF Advisory Committee	Coordinate between members interested in legislative advocacy	Nov, 2015

- 1) **Welcome, Review the Day (Eric)**
 - a) Welcome new members (Lara, Scott, Andrew, John, and Kathy).
 - b) Introductions of Advisory Committee Members and staff.

- 2) **Advisory Committee Charter (Rick, Mike, Eric)**
 - a) The charter is being updated to reflect a new work plan. Instead of developing the TCF Management Plan, this committee will be providing advice on how it is implemented.
 - b) Terms for committee members will be set so as to create a rotating membership. Currently this will be 2-year terms for existing members, and 3-year terms for new members.
 - c) Once the charter is approved by the leadership of DNR and WDFW, it will be sent out.
 - d) The participation agreement signed by existing members last year still applies. New members will be sent the agreement.

- 3) **Budget (Rick and Mike)**
 - a) **Current Budget Review**
 - i) A total of \$340,000 was received for operating expenses: law enforcement, weed control, fire assessment, and other contracted expenses.
 - ii) Recreation operating expenses received \$30,000
 - iii) Within DNR's Road Maintenance and Abandonment Plan (RMAP) Capital request, the TCF received \$337,000
 - iv) Within Forest Health, the TCF received \$300,000 (Rick noted this number may still change).
 - b) **Supplemental Budget Request**
 - i) The agencies are working to develop this budget request. The numbers presented may still change.
 - ii) Within operating expenses \$180,000 will be asked to provide a DNR coordinator for TCF activities and WDFW biologist.
 - iii) A capital budget request of \$50,000 for RMAP projects, \$25,000 for Forest Health projects, and \$60,000 for miscellaneous recreational expenses will be included.
 - iv) The agencies have not yet decided if money for a Recreation Plan will be included. To do this plan, they anticipate needing \$350,000 for a two-year period.
 - (1) The Advisory Committee discussed options for completing a Recreation Plan – would it be possible to do a Rec Plan-lite? Or to do a sequential plan?

- 4) **Kittitas County Water Leasing Proposal**
 - a) Peter Dykstra presented a draft proposal from Kittitas County to purchase a permanent dry-year option for 48-acre feet of water rights owned by TCF.
 - b) Advisory Committee members discussed terms, purchase price (though no appraisal has been done), and payment options.

- 5) **Future Meeting Dates (Eric)**
 - a) Meeting dates were discussed. Proposed to meet the 2nd Tuesday at the end of every quarter. Some discussion was had about moving the schedule around to accommodate the upcoming legislative season.
 - b) Future meeting dates agreed upon: December 10th; January 14th; March 10th; June 9th

- 6) **Priority Action Review (Eric)**
 - a) Handout of the status of priority actions within the plan that were supposed to be started or finished by June, 2017.

- b) Many priority actions are curtailed or totally stopped due to the lack of a budget.

7) Staff updates

- a) YBIP (Mike) – A total of \$5 million of restoration funds are available for the Yakima Basin. Some are potentially available for the TCF.
- b) Grazing (Emma) – Monitoring began this summer in riparian areas. The lease holder made fencing improvements. Wolves killed two cattle this summer.
- c) Recreation (Rick) – Law enforcement reported heavy use this summer, but not many complaints. Reported 272 user contacts one weekend.
- d) Roads (Larry) – WARSEM sediment modeling was completed this summer.
- e) Restoration (Scott Nicolai) – Indian Creek floodplain restoration project will begin this fall.

8) Public Comment

- a) Arden Thomas, Washington Water Trust – New contact in the region. Looks forward to working with people.

a) Handouts

- a) Agenda, September 17, 2015
- b) Priority Actions Review