

South Santiam Watershed Council
Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2016

Present: Eric Andersen, Norm Kaldahl, Diane Kaldahl, Tyler Pedersen, Joseph Deardorff, Lee Peterman, Nancy MacHaugh

Meeting started at 3 pm with welcome and introductions. Meeting was held at Lebanon Public Library.

The September meeting minutes were approved. The financials for the fiscal year quarter were approved.

Joseph Deardorff was introduced as our new Santiam Project Technician. Joe is hired through the North Santiam Watershed Council and Cascade Pacific RCD. He will be working in the South and North Santiam basins. He is a Willamette valley native who has several years of experience with vegetative restoration implementation and maintenance. He was with Ash Creek Forestry before coming to the councils. We are very excited to have Joe join our team and working to get him up to speed on the area and the projects he will be taking over.

Eric Andersen gave a quick update on the education program as Angie was not present. The Salmon Watch program has ended for 2016. Eric and Angie are going to debrief to discuss how this year's salmon watch went and look for ways to improve implementation. We will also discuss with our partners roles and responsibilities for next year's events.

Tyler Pedersen gave a projects update. Three project sites that are funded through OWEB grant 217-3013 will start in spring 2017. The projects are jointly funded by CREP, but CREP has a back log due to staff retirement. The back log has delayed the completion of necessary paperwork and project implementation. A new instream project for 2017 is in the planning stages. Many project sites are in a stage of site maintenance.

Eric Andersen gave an update on grants. There is one OWEB restoration project grant (due Nov 1) that he and Tyler are working on that would involve instream habitat enhancement on Scott Creek, which is a tributary to Hamilton Creek. Some logs have already been secured as match. Angela has submitted an education grant proposal to the Siletz and if approved a formal grant application will be submitted. She is also working on an OWEB education outreach grant that is due Nov 1, 2016. The SSWC will be awarded \$10,000 capacity grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust to fund development of a strategic plan, explore further partnership opportunities with the North Santiam, create a Santiam basin restoration fund, create a SSWC donor network, and look for ways to support the SSWC education program. The North Santiam Watershed Council also received \$10,000 capacity grant. Both Councils will combine the funding to hire an outside consultant for some aspects of the capacity grant.

The council self evaluation was performed using the new evaluation form provided by OWEB. There was general consistency among answers, but some board members were unsure of how to answer due to unfamiliarity with elements of Council business. This was good feed back and illustrated the need to keep board members engaged in Council business. Not all board members were able to be present and complete the evaluation at the meeting. However, answers were filled out on paper and sent in or via

email. Eric will be tallying up the evaluations and providing feed back to the Council in the coming weeks.

The next Council meeting is Tuesday, Nov 15 from 1 - 3 pm at Dos Arbolitos in Lebanon. It is a general operations meeting with no speaker.