

**CHEHALIS BASIN PARTNERSHIP
STEERING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
Thurston Conservation District
2918 Ferguson Street SW, Bldg 1, Suite A
Tumwater, WA
October 6, 2011
9:30 AM**

Meeting Summary

MEMBERS, ALTERNATES, AND GUESTS PRESENT

Glenn Connelly, Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis
Reservation
Janel Spaulding, Grays Harbor College
Mark Swartout, Thurston County
Kahle Jennings, City of Centralia

Bob Burkle, Washington Department of Fish and
Wildlife (WDFW)
Julie Balmelli-Powe, Lewis County Farm Bureau

Welcome & Introductions

Everyone provided self introductions.

Agenda:

- 1) Discuss CBP fundraising letter and other fundraising ideas/legislative outreach
- 2) Discuss Watershed Coordinator Work Plan
- 3) Review quarterly progress report
- 4) Discuss CBP operating procedures
- 5) Discuss speaker ideas for future CBP meetings
- 6) Agenda items for October CBP meeting and November STC meeting

1) Discuss CBP fundraising letter and other fundraising ideas/legislative outreach:

The CBP fundraising letter went out but we haven't heard much feedback. This is a difficult time for everyone but the discussion is important to continue. Many entities are in the process of developing their budgets for next year so we need to keep the discussion in the forefront of everyone's minds. The idea was suggested of our chair, Bonnie Canaday, making follow up phone calls to cities about contributing financially to the CBP. Kahle volunteered to talk to Bonnie about this to see if she would be willing to make those phone calls. Mark wanted to remind the group that cities are allowed to use to 10% of their water-related revenues for watershed planning projects. However, PUD's don't have that 10% lid. They could use more than 10% of their revenues on watershed planning projects.

Thurston PUD expressed interest in becoming a member of the CBP and making a financial contribution at the September CBP meeting. Janel has followed up with Chris Stearns from Thurston PUD about the information they need to provide to the CBP in order to be considered for membership. She has not heard anything from Chris as of yet.

The STC discussed how Thurston PUD could become a member: either replacing one of the existing water purveyors or adding them as a new interest under interest groups. Janel will contact the two existing water purveyor members about their interest in continued participation in the CBP. If one of the groups decides it is no longer interested in attending monthly CBP meetings Thurston PUD could take their place.

The City of Montesano has requested a presentation/update about the CBP and what our status is. Since Ron Schillinger's term as mayor ends in December he wants his council to be informed to make decisions when he's gone. The Montesano City Council presentation is scheduled for October 25th. Lee Napier said she would attend and be a supportive role in the presentation.

Janel requested ideas from the STC about what should be included in the presentation. Here are the ideas the group came up with:

- Point out DIP goals of keeping Ag and Forestry on the landscape.
- Water quality-Ecology report about improvement in fecal coliform
- Habitat Work Group accomplishments
- GH County is pushing tourism then taking care of the watershed is important
- GH Stream Team/Jarred Figlar-Barnes, Centralia Stream Team
- Watershed Festival
- CBEC work in schools
- Pull future project ideas out of the DIP
- Website info
- Open to the public, more public involvement
- Give certificate of appreciation to Ron
- USGS Groundwater/surface water study

Janel requested more information about the legislative tour happening in the Basin related to the work of the Flood Authority. Julie and Mark provided information about the purpose behind the tour.

2) Discuss Watershed Coordinator Work Plan:

Janel presented her current work plan to update the group on a few changes. She has been spending more than 5 hours per month lately doing sustainable funding ideas and that should be bumped up. Since the majority of Watershed Festival Planning is winding down a few hours can be cut back from this task. She was also assigned by the President of GH College to chair the GH College Sustainability Committee and will spend approximately 5 more hours per month coordinating this committee. She also asked about any new tasks that should be added. The group did not have any additional tasks to add.

3) Review Quarterly Progress Report:

Janel emailed the STC the last quarter's progress report which will be presented to the CBP in October for their approval. This progress report covers July 1 through September 30. She didn't have updated budget numbers yet from the college, but the bill should be around \$18,000. The College sends GH County an invoice for salaries, benefits, travel, and some supplies (printing costs) to the County at the end of each quarter. It usually takes the College a few weeks to prepare the invoice and send it to GH County after the end of the quarter has passed. The STC reviewed the work performed under this progress report. This grant is now the only grant the CBP has and it is used to pay for Watershed Coordinator expenses. The CBP will review the quarterly report and will also have updated budget spreadsheets and the invoice paperwork from the College to review and approve at their October meeting.

4) Discuss CBP Operating Procedures and how they relate to Consensus:

It seems there has been a lot of frustration lately with how slow and long it takes for the CBP to reach consensus/make decisions. Some of our members have expressed concern to Janel about the actions that have happened at meetings. Our Chair usually does a great job of handling the meetings and letting everyone have a chance to speak, but when it comes to getting everyone on the same page to make a decision it seems the CBP has been having difficulties with this.

Janel suggested that it might help if “Consensus” in operating procedures can be reviewed at the CBP meetings. Kahle suggested “Consensus” doesn’t necessarily need to be reviewed, and instead it is trust that needs to be gained or reached among CBP members.

5) Discuss speaker ideas for future CBP meetings:

George Pess is scheduled for October and Janel is waiting to hear from the Grays Harbor MRC on their availability for October. Janel will find out from George about what his presentation will entail for the CBP meeting.

Janel asked the group for ideas for the November and future CBP meetings:

- Cliff Mass from UW Metr: difference between new/old technology and how it benefits the people; what ENSO year are we in and what does it mean for us?
- Early Warning System Basin-Wide demonstration <http://contrail.1rain.com>; u/n and password is public
- December I’ll be on vacation so we’ll either need to reschedule or cancel the meeting, unless there is a pressing need and someone else like Lee or Mark could be there.
- Curt Holt from WDFW about status of fishery

6) October CBP Agenda and November STC Agenda:

October CBP meeting agenda:

- George Pess presentation
- MRC presentation
- Thurston PUD membership decision
- Fundraising Update
- Introducing the topic of “goal-setting/work plan” for 2012 for CBP
- Quarterly Progress Report review

November 3rd STC meeting agenda:

- Work Plan
- Goal-Setting 2012
- Speakers ideas
- Legislative outreach brochure update; engage CBP members with tri-fold and cover letter from Bonnie; or obligate members to meet with their reps

Meeting ended at 11:15.