

1 Summary of September 19, 2019
2 Countywide Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting #4
3 Judge Guy Boyington Building
4 857 Commercial Street
5 Astoria, OR 97103
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7 **The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Andy Davis, CCAC Chair.**
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CCAC Members Present

Andy Davis
Jan Mitchell
Harold Gable
Patrick Corcoran
Robert Stricklin
Theodore Lundy
Cheryl Johnson
James Coughlin
Jim Alegria
Ron Weber

CCAC Commissioners Absent

Staff Present

Gail Henrikson

Public Present

Diane Jette
Comm. Lianne Thompson
Mike Seppa
Misty Ogier
Nancy Ferber
Pamela Matson McDonald
Lisa Phipps
Larry Nelson
Susana Gladwin

9 **Welcome and Introductions**

10 The CCAC members, staff and members of the public introduced themselves.
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12 **Review of August 15, 2019 Meeting Summary:**

13 The Committee reviewed the meeting summary. No comments or corrections were provided.
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15 **Planning Area CAC Liaison Reports:**

16 **Clatsop Plains (CPCAC):** Robert Stricklin stated that the September CPCAC meeting had been cancelled.
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18 **Lewis and Clark Olney Wallooskee (LWCOWCAC):** Jim Coughlin stated that he had nothing to report as the
19 next LWCOWCAC meeting would not be held until the following week.
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21 **Northeast (NECAC):** Cheryl Johnson stated that the NECAC had met on September 5th. She said that the
22 committee had discussed climate change, dikes, tide gates, drainage, public transit, emergency evacuation
23 and housing issues. She informed the CCAC that there is only one house on the Northeast planning area
24 that is for sale that is listed under \$300,000.
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26 Regarding the committee's discussion of Goal 3 – Agricultural Lands, Ms. Johnson stated that two of the
27 NECAC members are farmers. She stated that the NECAC may draft policies to be included in Goal 3.
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29 Mr. Davis asked what issues, specifically, related to climate change had the NECAC discussed. Ms. Johnson
30 stated that the committee discussed sea level rise.
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32 **Southwest Coastal (SWCCAC):** Tod Lundy discussed the SWCCAC's third meeting on September 11th. He
33 clarified that the SWCCAC's recommendation that building permits should be delayed for a week to give
34 neighbors an opportunity to respond to planning staff pertained only to permits which would modify the
35 exterior of the property. He added that the exception to interior permits would be for permits that would
36 create new bedrooms with dedicated baths.

1 He stated that Charles Dice, Chair of the SWCCAC wants to planning staff to find a way to forecast and
2 restrict development of rural communities commiserate with the capacity of the local water and sewer
3 district.

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5 Mr. Lundy stated that the SWCCAC had discussed the capacity of the county to limit short-term rentals in
6 ways similar to Cannon Beach. He added that the intent would be to preserve the local utilities, roads and
7 livability for residents.

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9 Mr. Lundy then read the seven resolutions that had been supported by the SWCCAC with regard to Goal 2.
10 A copy of the resolutions is attached.

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12 **Elsie-Jewell / Seaside Rural (EJSRCAC):** Ron Weber stated the EJSRCAC had met on September 17 and that
13 four members of the public had attended. He stated that the committee had discussed the difference
14 between urban and rural impacts to wetlands. He stated that the EJSRCAC members had agreed that more
15 housing needed to be created and he asked how more housing could be constructed on forest lands.

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17 Mr. Davis asked what was driving the need for additional housing. Mr. Weber stated that the housing stock
18 in the area was aging and that there was a strong demand for housing in the planning area. He cited as an
19 example the new resident deputy in the Elsie-Jewell area who needed housing. Mr. Alegria asked whether
20 there was sufficient water supply to support additional housing. Mr. Weber stated that the committee had
21 not considered the availability of water.

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23 Mr. Weber stated that the EJSRCAC had also discussed traffic issues, particularly with regard to Highway 26.
24 He stated that the committee agreed that there needed to be additional safe turn-outs, lower speeds, and
25 more double-yellow lines on this roadway.

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27 Mr. Weber also stated that the committee had discussed impacts to the planning area related to the
28 production of hemp. Specifically, the biggest concern was the odors created by outdoor growing of hemp.

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30 Mr. Weber also discussed concerns the committee had raised regarding wildfires. He stated that homeless
31 persons would sometimes start fires and other times people would start fires in August, during the driest
32 part of the fire season.

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34 Mr. Stricklin asked whether anyone was growing hops in the planning area. Mr. Weber stated that he was
35 not aware of anyone growing hops.

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37 **Clatsop Soil and Water Conservation District Presentation:**

38 Ms. Henrikson introduced Misty Metcalf Ogier from the Clatsop Soil and Water Conservation District. She
39 stated that Ms. Ogier would be giving a presentation to the committee about the work of the District and
40 the issues and concerns related to agriculture in the county.

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42 Ms. Ogier shared her PowerPoint presentation (attached) with the committee members and public. She
43 provided a brief history of the district. She stated that the district works with farms, fisheries and forestry,
44 but is non-regulatory. The district has the ability to secure a permanent tax rate, with voter approval, and
45 can also issue general obligation bonds with voter approval. She added that the district's focus at this time
46 is on making sure streams are vegetated and that there is not manure run-off into streams.

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48 Ms. Ogier stated that the district receives \$6,000 per year from the County, which is used as a match for
49 grants that the district applies for. Commissioner Thompson asked whether the district could do more with

1 regard to noxious weeds if the County provided additional funding. Ms. Ogier replied that there are new
2 grant funds available for weed control.

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4 Jim Coughlin asked whether there were any regulations regarding the disposition of plastic wrapping
5 around bales. Mike Seppa stated that the wrappers are being properly removed and disposed of. Ms.
6 Johnson in the Northeast planning area and that some of the wrappings are being burned. Ms. Henrikson
7 stated that any burning of plastics is prohibited and should always be reported to DEQ. The committee
8 continued to discuss the plastic wrapping materials and the difference between silage and hay. It was
9 suggested that one way to dispose of the plastic wrappings was to convert them to heating oil.

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11 The group recessed for a short break from 5:45 – 5:52 p.m.

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13 **Goal 3 Discussion:**

14 Ms. Henrikson provided a brief overview of Goal 3.

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16 Mr. Davis opened the discussion by asking how zoning affected farming.

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18 Mr. Stricklin stated that soil maps were more important than zoning maps with regard to agriculture.

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20 Susana Gladwin stated that housing was previously required to be clustered. She discussed taxation issues
21 associated with agricultural exemptions and the impacts from “Wall street forestry”.

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23 Patrick Corcoran that in many areas of the county such as Knappa, there are small farms, but that policies
24 are written larger farms. He added that some state land use rules were spawned by events in the
25 Willamette Valley.

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27 The committee discussed the minimum lot size requirements and how that might affect crop choices. The
28 committee also discussed changes in farming technologies and markets. There was a consensus among
29 committee members that the county should focus on helping small farmers.

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31 Larry Nelson stated that the food supply in the United States will changes over the next 20 years and that
32 there would be a stronger emphasis on locally-grown food.

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34 The group discussed biosource waste and that it was primarily being used in pet food instead of fertilizers.
35 The committee conceded that such a fertilizer will likely be odorous and might negatively impact neighbors.
36 The group continued to discuss odors associated with dairies and fertilizers. There was discussion about
37 allowing residential development adjacent to agricultural activities. The committee wondered with the
38 county could limit farming practices on non-resource lands.

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40 Mr. Coughlin stated that he would like to see language included in the comprehensive plan that would
41 encourage farmers to use best practices. The committee discussed what those best practices might be.
42 Ms. Johnson stated that the purpose of Goal 3 should be to protect agricultural lands, not to make life nice
43 for people in the suburbs. She encouraged the addition of extra protections for small farms.

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45 The committee discussed the agricultural census information that had been provided in the background
46 materials. The committee raised questions about what had happened to the large farms that came out of
47 circulation and what had happened to the dairy farms.

1 Due to time constraints, the committee agreed to continue its Goal 3 discussions to their next meeting.
2 Ms. Henrikson reminded the group of the Forest Practices Act workshop that would be held on October
3 17th. She stated that this workshop would take the place of the Countywide CAC October meeting.

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5 **Public Comment and Input:**

6 No further public input was provided.

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8 **Closing Comments and Adjournment:**

9 ***There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm.***

SWCCAC MEETING #3

The Southwest Coastal Citizen's Advisory Committee met on September 11.

There were several items discussed which bear reporting to this county wide committee.

1. Our proposal that ~~granting of~~ permits should all be delayed for a week to give neighbors an opportunity to respond to county planning should they know of something which may not be revealed in the application. This pertains only to permits which modify exterior of the property. The only interior changes which would be delayed, would be those which implied the house was being remodeled to accommodate short term rentals. An example of this type of interior modification would be the addition of multiple bathrooms serving individual bedrooms.
2. Charles Dice asked that county planning find a way to forecast and restrict development of rural communities commiserate with the capacity of the local water and sewer district.
3. We discussed the capacity of the County to limit short term rentals in ways similar to Cannon Beach. The intent would be to preserve the local utilities, roads and livability for residents... Income from tax on the short term rentals in a district should be used to maintain utilities, roads and beaches.

In addition the SWCAC passed seven aspirational objectives to augment the county's Goal 2 objectives.

PASSED RESOLUTIONS::

1. Supporting documents should be accessible by hyperlink or other user friendly method but not included in the text of the comprehensive plan. (passed)
2. Existing trees and wetlands are to be conserved. (passed)
3. Planning and zoning are to consider: intensity of use, quality of life, neighborhood character and protection of views. (passed)
4. The term "commercial activity" should be specifically defined. (passed)
5. The county through the comprehensive plan is to establish a rule by which to enforce view protection. (passed)
6. Planning and zoning must consider economic impact, on infrastructure and source of the revenue needed to fulfill community needs. (passed)
7. The economic impact of all commercial activity, including short term rentals, Individual communities have unique conditions and attributes. This should be recognized in the county comprehensive plan. (passed)

Handwritten notes on the right margin: "Make a note of the SWCAC meeting" and "9/11/16".

Clatsop Soil and Water Conservation District (Clatsop SWCD)



Oregon SWCD's



Where did Clatsop SWCD come from?

- The Dust Bowl
- 1935 Soil Conservation Act
- 1939 Oregon enacted Soil Conservation District Laws
- 1940 Necanicum SCD formed
- 1941 Warrenton Dunes SCD formed
- 1964 Clatsop SWCD formed

CLATSOP SWCD

- 1966 Consolidated with Necanicum SCD
- 1972 Consolidated with Warrenton Dune SCD
- Offering coverage to the whole County with one District.
- We can thank the families that helped form us Engeman, Saunders, Shultz, Mattson, Borders, Kamara, Tagg, Bjork, Reith, Meeker, Johnson and Falleur. Among many others over the years.

Who are we?

- For Farms, Fish and Forestry
- Special District
- Political Subdivision of State Gov't
- 7 Director Board elected by County voters
- Non-Regulatory
- Operate under ORS 568

SWCD Privileges

- Secure a permanent tax rate with voter approval.
- Hold a conservation easement.
- Issue general obligation bonds with voter approval

Why are we here?

- to conserve and develop natural resources, control and prevent soil erosion, control floods, conserve and develop water resource and water quality, prevent impairment of dams and reservoirs, assist in maintaining the navigability of rivers and harbors, preserve wildlife, conserve natural beauty, promote recreational development, protect the tax base, protect public lands and protect and promote the health, safety and general welfare of the people of this state. ~ORS 568.225

How can we do that?

- We can secure surveys, investigations and do research relating to:
 - Character of soil erosion
 - Character of floodwater and sediment damage
 - All phases of conservation, development, utilization and disposal of water
 - Preventative measures, control measures and improvements needed.

- Conduct demonstrational projects
- Carry out preventative and control measures
- Enter into written agreements...to furnish financial or other aid
- Make available equipment, fertilizer, seeds, seedlings and other materials
- Develop comprehensive plans and specs for conservation of soil resources
- Conduct outreach and conservation education activities

Captains

- Soil and Water Conservation Commission (SWCC)
- Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)
- Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO)
- Oregon Association Conservation Districts (OACD)
- National Association Conservation Districts (NACD)

What drives the boat?



Funding sets the Course

- Volunteers
- SB 1010
- Measure 76
- Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund
- Provides Staff
- Agriculture Water Quality Management Program

Ag WQMAP

- Local Area Committee (LAC), 38 in Oregon
- North Coast Basin Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan (Area Plan)
- For the prevention and control of water pollution from agricultural activities and soil erosion.
- Area Rules, set of standards that all landowners must comply with, enforced by ODA

Funding Focus

- Create awareness of water quality issues
- **Promote land management that limits nutrients and bacteria from state waters**
- Promote land management that stabilizes streambanks
- Promote land management that reduces sediment in streams
- Seek to control water pollution close to its source
- Seek funding sources to implement NC Basin Area Plan

Scope of Work

- Develop materials and conduct outreach events for landowners and operators related to Ag WQMAP
- Provided technical assistance to landowners/operators with strong connection to water quality
- Participate in the Ag WQMAP Biennial review
- Collaborate with partners, related to Ag Water Quality.
- Participate in Ag Water Quality Training

Scope of Work

- 5% for: Project implementation, grant writing, providing technical assistance to landowners regarding general water quality, non riparian weeds, pollinators and upland habitat or species
- Develop, track and report on Scope of Work activities
- 25% of funding required to be spent outreaching and implementing the Ag WQMAP in a FOCUS AREA

Partners

- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Watershed Councils
- Land Trusts
- Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce
- OSU Extension

Grant Sources

- Oregon State Weed Board
- OWEB Small Grant Program
- OWEB Grant Program
- DEQ 319 Grants
- SEP Funds
- National Fish & Wildlife Foundation
- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- Private

Grant Projects

- Heavy Use Area
- Streambank Stabilization
- Riparian Exclusion Fencing
- Riparian Planting
- Manure Storage Buildings
- Install Gutters

Horse Heavy Use Area



Streambank Stabilization



Riparian Exclusion Fencing & Planting



2019



2017 Erosion



2019 View



2017 Riparian Area Planting



2019 Riparian Area Planted



20 year old Riparian Planting



Another View of the Same Planting



Manure Storage Buildings



Manure Storage with Gutters



Outreach

- Annual Native Plant Sale
- Workshops
- Clatsop County Fair Booth
- Spring Garden Seminar
- Youth Animal Feeding Operation Award
- Tack Sale
- Website
- Annual Meeting

Building & Maintaining Relationships

- Important
- Clatsop County Natural Resources
- Landowners, Operators and Residents
- Inspire Voluntary Conservation
- Working Together to Achieve Balanced Sustainability for Farms, Fish and Forestry and the Natural Resources they rely on.

Farming Operations We Have

- Horses
- Beef
- Dairy
- Small scale Poultry
- Sheep
- Small scale Swine
- Goats for fiber, milk, meat, brush and pet

Farming Operations We Have

- Small scale Rabbit
- Mink
- Alpaca's & Llamas
- Cranberries
- Blueberries
- Hay
- Specialty Crops

Farming Operations We Have

- Organics
- A few CSA's (Community Supported Agriculture)
- Large amount of 4-H Producers
- Growing FFA Producers
- Growing number of small hobby type farms