**Spring OTAC Meeting Notes 23 March 2023**

**Attendees via Zoom:**

Ron Alvarado, NRCS State Conservationist
Jessica Bras, NRCS Executive Assistant for the State Conservationist
Cory Owens, NRCS ASTC- Partnership Liaison
Erin Kaczmarczyk, NRCS ASTC- Programs
Heather Medina Sauceda, NRCS ASTC- Field Operations CCUW/SW
Damon Brosnan, NRCS ASTC- Field Operations HD/D
Eric Moeggenberg NRCS State Easement Specialist
Tom Miewald, NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program Coordinator
Misty Beals, NRCS C-Programs Specialist
Claire Tachella, NRCS EQIP Program Manager
Matt Warbritton, NRCS Acting Snow Survey Supervisory Hydrologist
Gaby Salas, NRCS RCPP Finance Contractor
Jan Lee, OACD Executive Director
Gail Greenman, FSA State Executive Director
Taylor Murray, FSA Conservation Specialist
Jill Rees, RD, Deputy State Director
Jason Flowers, Oregon Wheat Growers League, Program Director
Mike Collier, OAWU, Source Water specialist
Ken Yates, OWRC
Bre Owens, Western Landowners Alliance
Karin Stutzman, ODA, SWCD Program
Wym Matthews, ODA, CAFO and Fertilizer Programs Manager
Marganne Allen,ODA, Water Quality-SWCD Program Manager
Olivia Jasper, ODA
Amanda, ODA
Gene Foster, DEQ
Nate Agalzoff, ODF
Jessi Kershner, OWEB, Water & Climate Programs Coordinator
Sara Evans-Peters, Pacific Birds Habitat Joint Venture
Jason Kesling, Harney Soil and Water Conservation District
Ellen Hammond, Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District
Ellie Gage, Powell Butte, Oregon, Western Landowners Association
Nicole Maness, Willamette Partnership - Partner for Climate, Habitat and Working Lands
Dale Smith, Rancher- Antelope, OR
Lisa Windom, Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District
Lacey Townsend, Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District
Breanna O'Connor, Harney County Soil and Water District
Ellie Gage, Alliance
Dustin Taylor, Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, Upper Klamath Basin
Greg Green, Ducks Unlimited, Director Conservation Programs
Addie Candib, American Farmland Trust, PNW Regional Director
Brenda Smith, High Desert Partnership
Penny, Working Lands Program
Karsyn Kendrick
Rhett Nelse

**Meeting Start:** **10:03am (Pacific Time)**

**Cory Owens and Ron Alvarado:**

Welcome/meeting kickoff

**Gail Greenman, FSA:**

-Updates on upcoming Program deadline of April 7th
-Staffing updates: Program Specialist onboarding, Urban Ag County Executive Director starting on 10 Apr, multiple job postings on USA Jobs- please share with your staff
-Currently working on Emergency relief/pandemic programs training
- Resuming outreach in April with People’s Garden, Tribal, and Public
-Shared contact information for those interested in receiving invites for upcoming meetings

**Taylor Murray, FSA:**

-CSP/CRP under continuous signup until 7 April- some issues to include unmapped areas of Oregon, erodibility calculations- Sep 30 is cutoff this year
- After general sign up ends, a new CRP Grasslands sign up will be available
-Explained and compared General/Continuous/Grasslands sign ups

**Erin Kaczmarczyk, NRCS:**

-Programs Presentation: Erin posted the links to the maps used in the presentation
\*\*Cory and Erin will reach out for future subcommittee requests
\*\*Reach to Cory with any ideas on IRA using the flexibility of TA funding

**Tom Miewald, NRCS:**

-Oregon RCPP Presentation

**Wym Matthews, ODA:**

-Small and Raw Milk Dairies Presentation

**Matt Warbritton, NRCS:**

-Snow Survey Presentation
\*\*Future initiatives: Increase soil moisture monitoring; produce plans to expand Snow Survey network

**Ron Alvarado/Cory Owens**:

Meeting close out and request for any feedback on improving OTAC

**Meeting adjourned: 11:33am (Pacific Time)**