



Oregon Technical Advisory Committee



Meeting Notes for June 28, 2023 – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Virtual Zoom meeting

Attendees:

1. Cory Owens, Oregon NRCS, Partnerships **(co facilitator)**
2. Ron Alvarado, Oregon NRCS, State Conservationist
3. Erin Kaczmarczyk, Oregon NRCS, Programs
4. Gary Diridoni, Oregon NRCS, Water Resource Planning
5. Tom Miewlad, Oregon NRCS, RCPP Coordinator Oregon State Office
6. Lauren Bennett, Oregon NRCS, Public Affairs Officer **(co facilitator)**
7. Barbara Grant, Curry SWCD (Coos-Curry CREP)
8. Eric Moeggenberg, Oregon NRCS, Oregon State Easement Specialist
9. Claire Tachella, Oregon NRCS
10. Ken Yates, OWRC
11. Jericho Winter, Oregon NRCS State Soil Scientist
12. Sarah Gardner, Pollinator Partnership, Western Partner Biologist
13. Heather Medina, Oregon NRCS, Basin Team Leader – South West Basins
14. Amy Hendershot, Oregon NRCS, State Resource Conservationist
15. Mikal Cline, Upland Game Bird Coordinator, ODFW
16. Gail Greenman, Oregon FSA, SED
17. Mike Brown, Bureau of Land Management, OR/WA Aquatics Program Lead
18. Jana Compton, USD EPA
19. BJ Westlund, Farmers Conservation Alliance, Gov't Affairs Manager
20. Jason Kesling, Harney SWCD
21. Nicholle Kovach
22. Gabriella Salas
23. Karsyn Kendrick, Conservation Program Manager, Coalition of OR Land Trusts
24. Lucille Ausman, Oregon NRCS, Public Affairs Specialist **(note taker)**
25. Nate Agalzoff, Family Forestland Coordinator, Oregon Dept. of Forestry
26. Nina Sackett Kronberg
27. CalLee Davenport, USFWS, Partners for Fish & Wildlife Oregon State Coordinator
28. Megan Kemple, Oregon Climate & Ag Network
29. Kevin Brannan
30. Julie Harvey, DEQ
31. Jason Kesling, Harney SWCD District Manager,
32. Sean Fleming, Oregon NRCS, Snow Survey DCO Supervisor,

Welcome and Updates– Ron Alvarado, NRCS State Conservationist and Gail Greenman, FSA State Executive Director

Meeting Facilitator: Lauren Bennett Introductions

Cory Owens standing in for Ron Alvarado:

- Working through Quarter 3 of fiscal year 2023, NRCS is continuing to engage with partners at all levels from Universities to Backyard groups,
- Advertisement went live for the State Conservation went live today 6/28/2023 looking forward to Oregon's next leader
- As we wrap up fiscal year 2023, we will be able to share programs with partners and producers starting 10/1
- Sean Fleming Introduction as new Snow Survey
- Amy Hendershot Introduction as State Resource Conservationist

Gail Greenman

- Urban Agriculture brought on new county executive director in Beavercreek office, Amanda Welker, going through county program training
- Urban Ag Cooperator agreement with Ecotrust signed in the last few weeks
- IRA implementation team is going strong
- Participated in the Inaugural Juneteenth Rodeo at the Expo Center in Portland with the help of Oregon NRCS
- Field hearing and listening sessions in Albany working with stakeholders
- Congresswoman Salinas roundtable

*****Unable to Attend*** FSA update – Sarah Hanlon, FSA Farm Programs Chief and Taylor Murray, FSA Conservation Specialist**

NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) Funding Opportunity Updates – Tom Miewald, NRCS Oregon RCPP Coordinator

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- FY23 Notice of Funding Opportunity from the Oregon Perspective
- There is another recording focusing on this issue on the NRCS YouTube channel for more information on creating a strong proposal
- Deadline is August 18
- Have proposals vetted by local offices
- It can take 2-5 days to get into the RCPP portal to apply
- Oregon has been a leader in RCPP in the past because of our strategic approach to conservation

- Oregon has some of the most RCPPs in the country
- Additional Funding through IRA for RCPP
- NFO Timeline
- How project selection works has changed see NFO Highlights slides for more information
- Some changes to RCPP details discussed in slides
- RCPP improvement process is underway looking forward to easing implementation for partners
- Questions or Feedback

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NRCS Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) Updates - Eric Moeggenberg, NRCS Oregon Easement Specialist

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- Overview of ALE Easements and WRE Easements
- Priority areas for ALE and WRE
- Protect the use of eligible agricultural land in ALE
- WRE hold easements for wetland habitat
- Overview of Geographic Area Rate Cap – GARC
- Overview of Oregon’s Wetland Restoration Criteria and Guidelines, a State Technical Document, which can help define Conservation Practices for ACEP-WRE
- Alternative Wetland Communities discussed
- Questions and Feedback

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Closing thoughts

Ron Alvarado –

- Associate Chief was at the airport so apologies for late start
- Thank you to staff for getting information out
- Figure out a way to make sage grouse maps by ODFW match with NRCS maps
- IRA update – continuing to try to make sure that additional funding can be utilized and thank you for
- Easement subcommittee for Nelson’s Checkermallow meeting soon
- Last OTAC meeting thank you for all the great work that you’ve all done and feel free to join Ron for his retirement BBQ

Saved Meeting Chat:

From Amy.Hendershot to Everyone 01:02 PM

Amy Hendershot, State Resource Conservationist for NRCS-OR.

From Mikal Cline - ODFW to Everyone 01:02 PM

Mikal Cline - Upland Game Bird Coordinator, ODFW

From Karsyn Kendrick to Everyone 01:02 PM

Karsyn Kendrick, Conservation Program Manager - Coalition of OR Land Trusts

From barbara.grant to Everyone 01:02 PM

Barbara Grant, Curry SWCD (Coos-Curry CREP)

From Sean.Fleming to Everyone 01:02 PM

Hi there! Sean Fleming, Oregon snow survey DCO supervisor

From Megan Kemple (she/her) to Everyone 01:02 PM

Megan Kemple, Oregon Climate & Agriculture Network

From Me to Everyone 01:02 PM

Agenda: 1:00 – 1:15: Welcome and Updates– Ron Alvarado, NRCS State Conservationist and Gail Greenman, FSA State Executive Director 1:15 – 1:35: FSA update – Sarah Hanlon, FSA Farm Programs Chief and Taylor Murray, FSA Conservation Specialist 1:35 – 1:55: NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) Funding Opportunity Updates – Tom Miewald, NRCS Oregon RCPP Coordinator 1:55 - 2:45: NRCS Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) Updates - Eric Moeggenberg, NRCS Oregon Easement Specialist 2:45 – 3:00: Closing thoughts

From BJ Westlund to Everyone 01:02 PM

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From Jason Kesling, Harney SWCD, Oregon to Everyone 01:02 PM

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From Mike Brown - Bureau of Land Management to Everyone 01:02 PM

Mike Brown, Bureau of Land Management, OR/WA Aquatics Program Lead

From erin.kaczmarczyk to Everyone 01:02 PM

Erin Kaczmarczyk NRCS- Programs

From Me to Everyone 01:02 PM

Lauren Bennett, NRCS Oregon public affairs

From CalLee D (USFWS) to Everyone 01:03 PM

CalLee Davenport, USFWS, Partners for Fish & Wildlife Oregon State Coordinator

From Julie Harvey (DEQ) to Everyone 01:03 PM

Julie Harvey, Oregon DEQ Drinking Water Protection Coordinator (and my apologies, I'm only here for the first hour and need to leave at 2pm)

From Gail Greenman to Everyone 01:03 PM

Gail Greenman, Oregon FSA SED

From Gary Diridoni, NRCS to Everyone 01:03 PM

Gary Diridoni, NRCS Water Resources Planning

From Heather Medina Saucedo NRCS-she,her,ella to Everyone 01:03 PM

Heather Medina Saucedo, NRCS, Basin Team Leader - south west basins.

From Sarah Gardner - Pollinator Partnership to Everyone 01:04 PM

Hi everyone! Sarah Gardner, Pollinator Partnership, Western Partner Biologist

From Nate Agalzoff to Everyone 01:04 PM

Nate Agalzoff, Family Forestland Coordinator, Oregon Dept. of Forestry

From Tom.Miewald to Everyone 01:04 PM

Tom Miewald, RCPP Coordinator, Oregon NRCS State Office

From jericho.winter (she/her) to Everyone 01:04 PM

Jericho Winter, Oregon NRCS State Soil Scientist

From Eric.Moeggenberg to Everyone 01:05 PM

Eric Moeggenberg Oregon State Easement Specialist

From Cory Owens, NRCS to Everyone 01:12 PM

Check out the press for the 6 Second Rodeo!

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/06/19/us/black-rodeo-oregon-juneteenth.html>

Oops 8 Seconds Rodeo!

From Ron.Alvarado to Everyone 01:13 PM

Thank you!

From Nina Sackett Kronberg to Everyone 01:14 PM

could you go full screen on the slides?

From Me to Everyone 01:16 PM

Here's this RCPP presentation webinar from two weeks ago:

<https://youtu.be/LcDjZyywa48>

From Gail Greenman to Everyone 01:18 PM

Apologies for having to drop and head back to my afternoon sessions. My contact information is:

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(971) 412-7100

From Jana Compton US EPA (she/hers) to Everyone 01:36 PM

Tom - Great to see that it's not a 1:1 ratio needed now. Can other federal dollars be used for the match?

From Tom.Miewald to Everyone 01:40 PM

Yes, you can use non-USDA federal dollars

e-mail: tom.miewald@usda.gov if you have questions

From Cory Owens, NRCS to Everyone 01:48 PM

As a follow-up Jana - Federal Dollars CANNOT match RCPP.

Well this is what happens when someone OTHER than the RCPP expert answers questions.

NON-USDA is okay.

No USFS or NRCS etc.

Sorry for the confusion everyone

From Jana Compton US EPA (she/hers) to Everyone 01:49 PM

Thanks all! Sometimes we have US EPA funds but are not able to use, good to know that these funds now could be used as match.

From Mikal Cline - ODFW to Everyone 01:53 PM

Important to note that ODFW is currently revising the sage-grouse PAC boundaries.

From Mikal Cline - ODFW to Everyone 02:02 PM mikal.l.cline@odfw.oregon.gov

From IFW1PDXS C Davenport iPad Pro to Everyone 02:03 PM

FYI, We may want to visit with y'all (or in the subcommittee) in the upcoming future regarding Nelson's checkermallow WRE zone also. Thanks!

From Eric.Moeggenberg to Everyone 02:04 PM

eric.moeggenberg@usda.gov

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