

February 14, 2018
Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS)
Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District (JSWCD)
Local Work Group Meeting Minutes
JSWCD Conference Room ~ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

The purpose of this meeting is to help guide future investments with input from other agencies and organizations.

Erin Kurtz, NRCS District Conservationist, opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking everyone for their attendance and introductions were made. NRCS is a non-regulator agency that works with landowners on private lands. NRCS' top resource concerns include forest health and fuels reductions, water quality and quantity, and wildlife habitat. Other concerns are local food systems, pollinators, soil health, oak restoration and farm produce.

Erin spoke of the different projects they are working on including the completion of the AFAR project. NRCS is now starting another forest health and fuels reduction project in the Green Springs Area. They are conducting community meetings and will be starting the application process.

NRCS is working with the Seven Basins Watershed Council on an EQIP Program.

They are working in several areas with the RCCP program on oak woodland restoration that include the Table Rocks and the Siskiyou's. Their partners include KSON.

Phil Morton, from FSA stated that they want to have a bigger footprint in Jackson County by using some of their programs. FSA has low interest loans and crop insurance. They would like to build the CREP Program in this area by doing outreach.

Clint Nichols, Rural Planner from JSWCD gave power point presentation about the Bradshaw Drop project known now as the Hopkins Canal Pipeline. This project is converting flood irrigation to sprinkler. He also spoke of the Wagner Creek project that included OWEB funding for a riparian project.

? Myra from NRCS spoke about the Native Seed Production Manual. It contains information on all aspects of seed production, from establishment and weed control to harvesting and seed processing.

Nick from ODF gave an update on the project that includes partners from NRCS and JSWC. 75% cost share 20 acres or more

Sarah Sauter, from RRWC gave a brief review of the monitoring for the pesticide stewardship project (PSP) that has been going on since 2014.

Kristin spoke of the Rogue Mapping of pollinator habitat in urban areas of the Rogue Valley.

Kora, Urban and Community Planner from JSWCD, spoke about a new Riparian Rebate Program that JSWC just rolled out. This program is for private landowners to improve their riparian areas.