

AGENDA

COOS COUNTY VECTOR ASSESSMENT & CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Bandon Conference and Community Center (aka Bandon Barn)
1200 W 11th St. SW Bandon OR

November 20, 2014

Roll Call & Review/Approve previous meeting's minutes

Roger calls roll. Dan and Roland are absent. Roger calls to approve minutes for previous meeting. Chris motions. 2nd by Mark. Minutes are approved.

Staff Report

Rick is absent. Nikki reports no news.

There are no new vector control problems.

Bat House Program

John Costas has a bat house to show. 3 of the 6 compartment bat houses are ready and 78 of the smaller single ledge bat houses are completed.

There is an ad being run in the coffee break for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for the allotment of them Friday.

Preference will be given to Bandon residents who live near the marsh.

An article was also printed in The Western World.

There is still money left over. The money paid for all of the materials and advertising.

Roger would like to get the document about bat houses and alternative types on the county website.

The booth will be setup and ready at 10 am tomorrow. An optional sign up sheet will be available.

There will be absolutely no bat houses given to anyone who does not live in Coos County.

Shigeo has been trying to contact ODOT and state parks about maybe trying to start a bat program on the bridge similar to the San Antonio Bridge. Roger says that would have to bring ODOT into discussion and that it can be addressed later after looking into it more.

Meeting with USFWS

There was a meeting with USFWS Monday about new director and what has happened so far. There were four people from USFWS there, Roy Lowe, Rebecca Chuck, Bill Bridgeland and Eric Mruz, the new refuge manager. Other attending Committee Chair Roger Straus, Commissioner

John Sweet, HHS Director Ginger Swan, [the new] Public Health Administrator Florence Pourtal Stevens and Rick Hallmark.

Roger went over slides from USFWS presentation. Should be available on county website. As of 10/2/14 there were 16 acres of new channels that eliminated 80+% of breeding pools. USFWS estimates that about 30 more acres need work.

Over Winter/Next Year

USFWS is Federal property and there are certain areas that can only be accessed by approved personnel. They are storing equipment over the winter. They are also working on a mosquito control strategy for 2015. 90% of the funding for this year was spent. They will be monitoring and doing disease surveillance next year. They will assess the need for additional channels and will be supporting spraying. The County will prepare an RFP and they will take bids for vector control. The committee and USFWS will be starting stronger and more prepared this next year.

There will be a transfer of funds from USFWS to Coos County.

Outreach to the public will be made.

USFWS is committed to being more aggressive next year and acknowledging that they are not done yet.

There are some concerns about off-site habitats.

There is the question about whether BTI or destroying the pools is negatively affecting other non target species. Currently it is proposed that the channels are positively affecting other species and providing more and better habitat for more species.

Winter Lake- ODFW owns a piece in Winter Lake and in Beaver Slough. Mosquito monitoring is occurring here. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

There will be a change in leadership in USFWS in Newport when Roy Lowe retires and there is a new Refuge Manager on Bandon Marsh. Hopefully, a meeting can be set up over winter.

USFWS will provide the money, after waiting for the RFP.

Commissioner Sweet was re-elected. He is still supportive of the mapping project. More areas for monitoring are being looked into including Winter Lake.

Public Comment

Paul- 80% is an aggressive number and that there is probably more habitat left. Hopefully everyone is still on board to address. He is concerned about habitats on other privately owned properties.

Roger- Maybe educating on how to reduce this habitat.

Paul- Tide gates failing, costs are high and people are giving up. Regulations are getting stricter.

Committee Member Comment

None

Next meeting in late January.
Will have info on term commitments.

Adjourn