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Vector Assessment and Control Advisory Committee Meeting
April 17, 2014

Roger called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Shigeo, Roland, Ken, Mark, Chris, Christine, Roger, Carl, Rick were present. Allen was absent. Commissioner Bob Main was also present.

Roger asked if there were any corrections to the prior meeting. Chris identified some corrections. Staci will make those corrections. Shigeo made a motion and Ken seconded. Passed unanimously.

Roger started with making an outline and key issues for people to address to have structure to the meeting.

Roger went over a general agenda and structure that would occur. A question was brought up if items could be brought up at the meeting. Roger stated that it would be better if the items were on the agenda a week ahead. Roger also talked about the public meeting laws that requires public notice. He talked about the quorum issues and the requirement of two-thirds of membership must attend.

Mark asked if he can talk with one person and then take to the committee. Because it is individual they should be ok. However, they do not want to call each one individually and ask the same question. That may cause an issue. Roger mentioned if they do a field trip that is informational and no decisions are made they can do that.

Roger stated that if there is any conflict of interest it would be best to disclose the conflict at the meeting publicly and make the determination that would not affect his decision.

Roger wanted to make sure the group had a good understanding on what their roles are. He went over the necessary objectives of the resolution. He asked the committee if there are any questions. Roland asked what happens if the group comes up with a proposal and presents it to the BOC and the BOC does not accept it.

Christine mentioned that there is no public education outreach. It is an important part of what we should be doing. Chris asked Rick if there is going to be more outreach with regard to this. Chris agrees that something needs to come from USFW or the County with regard to education. Roland said that he was approached about having a Facebook page with regard to this.

Mark stated that he talked with Hennick's. They stated that they would donate bat boxes and supplies. Mark mentioned that John Costa was willing to let his students help with the process

Bob stated that Chris can present information to the BOC and then the Public Health Department can put on their website. This way it would be able to get to the public with regard to education. There is quite a bit of information on the Jackson County website with regard to Vector Control. We could ask if they would share some information with us. This way we do not have to double work when it is already started.

Christine asked if Coos County sends out pamphlets to the public. Roger discussed what Bandon currently does for handouts. Roger stated that there are other avenues to get information to the public. The group thinks this is a good idea.

Roger asked if Rick has a report for us. Rick has a gentleman that is doing monitoring. He is devising a system to get to necessary water bodies within 3 days. As of yesterday doing a site visit and caught mosquitoes and killed them. There was a USFW intern and a County employee doing the site visit. They were trying to find the general beginning of them. This would help them determine to what extent this will go in the future.

Mark asked if Vector America was doing any monitoring. Rick said that USFW wanted to keep a separate file on this. Chris asked Rick to expand on the Vector America. Rick said that Vector Control International was awarded the contract to provide any treatment needed. The person from that company has come and interested that we are all on the same page. USFW has a set of eyes along with Vector Control and the County. Chris asked how many times Vector Control would be on site. Rick said he has been there once since they were awarded the contract

Ken has not seen much at Bandon Dunes. There are different varieties of mosquitoes at this point. Roger said that he went walking today and the only one he saw was the regular mosquitoes.

Roland asked if Bandon Dunes had a monitoring program. Ken said that they do not have abatement program at Bandon Dunes. They have not had issues until last year. Ken said that they can monitor their water bodies. Chris said that they have fish in their ponds that clean the water body.

Christine asked if they are just doing the dip at this point and not determining the species. Rick said that until this point they were not worried about it. It may be a few weeks or month before it is a problem. Christine brought it up due to the information in the public is not accurate. She was asking about the health threat and other issues. This would be included in the educational piece also.

Roger asked if there was anything else in Coos County that we need to be dealing with under the Vector Control. Rick mentioned ticks and rats both with diseases. Nothing on the forefront at this point.

Roger went on to talk about the structure we would put together if we invited USFW. Mark said in so many cases their science is weak with regard to pesticides and what they are killing. They're endangering our fisheries with their weak science. Chris asked if we have a feel if we would fill the room and disruptive if we invite to the meeting. Chris stated that they would more than likely say no if it is going to be a public meeting and not just the group. Roger stated that at this time it would be just the group. The public can listen but not open to public input. Roger briefly touched on the public meeting that was held at The Barn.

Roger stated that we are empowered to structure the meetings in a way that they can restrict public information. The public can present ahead of time topics and then the group could discuss them. The group requested Rick to obtain available information to bring to the group. Informational update of what is going on at the Bandon Marsh. The group would like to see this information.

Shigeo asked at what point bugs becomes a vector. They removed some bees out of Mingus Park. Roger stated that it becomes an issue when it is reported to the necessary people. Mark stated that they are not vector. Roger stated that if it is determined to be a vector problem then we would deal with it at that point.

Rick will contact USFW to make a presentation. The meeting will not be open to the public for questioning of USFW. The USFW could leave after the presentation prior to public asking questions. Bob Main stated maybe the public could put questions in writing that would be presented to the USFW and they can answer them at that point.

Roger would like to consider talking to Jim Lunders from Jackson County. Mark talked about Edward Horvath who works for a Vector Control district. Christine believes it is a public agency. Mark stated that John Costa is in contact with him. Chris asked if the group is comfortable with the chemicals or if we want someone else to come. Cilest Mezicano was suggested to come and give a presentation. She deals with marsh restorations all over the country and had success not using chemicals. Rick stated that it would be in the interest of the group to offer some ideas to ask USFW after this training. There may be some questions that the group may have. Roger stated that we can give timeframes for the USFW to do the presentation and then so many minutes for the group to ask questions.

Carl asked if we should have the others come prior to USFW. Chris mentioned if we take too long to get the others here and get trained prior to USFW we may have a problem with the mosquitoes before they get here.

Roger discussed how we will be accepting public comment. It is limited to 3 minutes and typically items not on the agenda. Since we are not holding hearings they could discuss anything that is up for discussion to the group. Roger went over some meeting rules for the public.

Roger asked if there were any comments or concerns about the public input and comments. There were none. He asked the public not to personally attack the committee members.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Paul Goettlich – he asked if the group could describe vector. Rick stated that vector is a critter that has an effect on mobility and people. One death in a million that is caused any a snake bite Public Health will not call that an epidemic. Vectors cause epidemics. Christine stated that it is something that carries disease. Roland asked if the vector is limited to a critter. Rick talked more about diseases that are not vectors. Vectors are animal hosts that carry disease. Paul said a mosquito that does not carry disease is not a vector. This is correct. Rick has not called the mosquito problem a vector. There are other people that do call this problem a vector problem.

Paul Fisher – He talked about regular wooded mosquitos until this past week when the salt marsh mosquitoes came out. Is there anything that a private citizen can use? Paul asked what Bandon Dunes uses. Ken state that they used some and did not know exactly what it was. Ken stated Cimistar was something that they used. They have licensed applicators that do this. Paul stated that this is public education. Roger stated that lets put this on the agenda to add.

John Costa- He asked how the bids were handled and who made the decision. Rick stated that it went through the County. John asked if that was available to the public. Rick stated yes and suggested that John email him with questions. John also stated that there seems to not be enough input with regard to insecticides and what they are. John would like them to balance with USFW expertise and other resources weight in.

Wayne Miller – He was upset when the mosquitoes showed up and the public turned a deaf ear.

Bob Main – Will monitoring occur in other places than Bandon Marsh. Bob asked about if the chemicals were applied who is it monitored. He talked about organic farms and potential issues. Bob also asked about alternative methods of control. The 97k grant for this project ended up 162k.

Roger closed public comment.

Roger made copies of the editorial of the Bandon Western World. He went through it briefly. He stated that if someone from the group wants to bring it to the group this is the time to do it. He suggested that the members not email stuff.

Mark reiterated the topics from earlier with regard to Hennick's and John Costa. He talked about the regulations from the Organics regulation board and emergency applications. Roger suggested that Mark prepare what Hennick's and Coquille High School would do along with costs for the next meeting.

Bob stated that they may not know to the extent of what they have agreed to. Bob wanted to limit to the mosquito problem.

Shigeo mentioned that honey bees could become a vector to the group. He asked if Rick could key out certain mosquitoes. Bob stated because bees do not carry disease they would not be considered a vector. Chris asked if any data if certain mosquitoes carry West Nile.

Roger stated that the next meeting would be on May 1st at 5:30pm. Location to be determined.

Roland asked about our scope and evasive species. Agenda for next meeting will be out by April 25, 2014.

Roland asked how the committee communicates with BOC. Bob stated we can ask the BOC information. Bob would like the group to inform the BOC of what is going on in the County.

Roger adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm.