

AGENDA

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

July 24, 2014

Roll Call & Review/Approve previous meeting's minutes

Roger calls roll. Carl is absent. Roger calls to approve minutes for previous except for a few typographical errors. Minutes are approved.

Staff Report

Rick is absent. Nikki reports about numbers of mosquitos in traps being down, next high tide and treatment are in the 2nd weekend in June. There might be a plane.

Roger asks about the construction activity. Chris says the digging on the marsh started and he has been there to oversee the amount of sediment being deposited into the streams. Roughly 20,000 feet of new channels have been dug or marked thus far.

Questions arise from the committee about mosquito magnets and who is responsible for those. Calls have been received by a committee member. Questions about mosquito magnets can be directed to the Public Health Department of Coos County.

There are no new vector control problems.

Bat House Program

Mark reports that construction will begin as soon as the check arrives which is supposed to be in the mail. Houses will most likely be done near the end of September. A fixed date for the event will be set at the next meeting.

Any information that relates to this and other approved techniques can be arranged to be distributed at this event.

The Mapping Project

Dan has been putting together a mapping project for areas that should be surveyed to know what is going on with mosquito activity along the Coquille River. This would help establish a baseline. A rough draft has been drawn up for a proposal that will be posted on the county vector website once finalized.

Do we want to set a monitoring system in the Coquille Valley? If a baseline had been recorded it would make it easier to address when the number of mosquitos increased and why. Should the program be set up to monitor all of the valley or areas that are set to be turned into future marshes? Would resources be better served aiming at specific areas or the entire county? Evenly spaced stations would prevent restoration companies from deferring blame to non-monitored areas.

Dan is going to reword a few things on the rough draft of the proposal but the project is worthwhile with pursuing and setting up a protocol to collect data. The project will be presented to the commissioners or the county.

There were concerns with the numbers being high due to the marsh restoration from USFWS. The numbers will go down and the season that a monitoring system is set up for collecting a baseline is generally due to an irregular fluctuation in what would normally be there.

OSU has some monitoring occurring and maybe someone could look into getting grants through their system. Grants for the proposal come after getting the county to approve the project first.

The consensus is that Dan will have the proposal ready by the next county commissioners meeting after the next Vector control meeting.

Role in Future Projects

The golf course up in Coos Bay does not have anything to do with The Port. The Jordan Cove people picked it up. Therefore, the committee would rather not get involved. Rather than being an in addition group to go through for projects, it would be better served if the committee notified whoever was in charge of projects.

Jordan Cove is several years down the road.

Roger doesn't know of any future projects going on. Chris brings up restoration of Winter Lake in Coquille with ODFW. The county is already set up to monitor traps out at Winter Lake prior to restoration beginning. ODFW is purchasing mosquito traps and getting a baseline with the help of the county.

Public Comment

Bats did not help with the mosquito problem where they were from. Bats led to more problems.

They were using other things to try and take care of the mosquitos, using different avenues such as Clorox. Chris said he appreciated what they were saying and using alternative methods can be helpful but he discourages use of Clorox in waterways because it is not legal.

....Something about birds and barn swallows getting their young off early this year.

Committee Member Comment

None

Next meeting proposed for the 14th, a Thursday 3 weeks away.

Have a proposal ready for the monitoring to take to the commissioner meeting on the 19th.
Also, have a date set for the bat house event.

Adjourn