

## AGENDA

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

July 7, 2014

### 1. Roll Call & Review/Approve previous meeting's minutes

The minutes will be deferred for one meeting. If you have questions you can send them to Staci Leep or Public Health Department. Each committee member needs to review the minutes before the next meeting.

### 2. Staff Report – Rick stated that there was an increase of mosquitoes during the past few weeks. It was concerning about the areas that do or do not have larvae present. Rick received some calls regarding this. He is thinking that they will get back to the way it was a month ago.

Roger asked if there were any other Vector issues. Rick brought some information from Public Health that they have compiled over the past few years. He does not feel that there is anything that the committee has to worry about at this point.

Mark mentioned that there seemed to be one issue that has to do with the chicken bite.

Roland – mentioned cockroach infestation. Roger asked if that was restaurant problems. Rick said that he has a different list for that. Rick said that this was within a private residence.

Chris asked for an update on the marsh and he has some additional information. Rick said that they will follow the high tide with another application that will take about 2 days to complete. Rick has not checked USFWS website but the last conversation from the property they expect equipment to come in soon to remove the puddles within the marsh. Chris was asked to be present for fish salvage on the 15<sup>th</sup>. So they will start around that time.

Roland mentioned the issues of lime diseases and what is considered cases. Rick mentioned lime disease that is diagnoses a medical facility it is reported to the state health facility. He is sure that some survive and deal with the illness and don't go to the doctor. There is a database that is shared between state and local agencies. Mark asked who's database is it? It is his understanding that if someone diagnosis lime disease you could lose your

license because they are really down on letting anyone one know what is going on with lime disease. Rick said it is a state database. If a physician elects not to report they are not sure how they will get the date. Rick identified some scenarios of issues and physician reporting. Chris asked if we have any idea how many have been reported. Rick said that it is low. Roger suggested that we get some information and material about lime disease for the next meeting. Someone mentioned that the diagnostic is not covered by insurance which would impact the reporting.

3. Bat House Program – There will be under the prevue of the Vector Committee and they will buy supplies for the bat houses. They will set up accounts to the hardware stores for the supplies and they will get the bills since they are a non-profit committee. Within the next 5-10 days this will occur. Roger provided some clarification as to the reasoning for the non-profit and their role for the funds. Mark mentioned the issue of when the money was coming. Roger will follow up with this and find out what is going on. They are going to get 5000 from USFWS to build and distribute bat houses sometime in July or August.
4. Event Planning – The event will be sometime in July or August to distribute the bat houses. Roger mentioned that there are some additional citizens that would like their information to be available at the event.
5. Mosquito Magnets – Roger handed out a report. As identified in the report the last magnet is going to be distributed. There was report that Brian turned his off. He is not sure if it is being uses. Reports show that they are working. Now that they are all out the committee needs to decide what they are going to do next. The committee does not have the resources to collect them and analyze what they are. A couple are being monitored by USFWS. Ken mentioned that they are not checking at this point because the numbers are lower. They will be collected in September and stored at the City of Bandon. The magnets are data collecting mechanisms not a cure to the problem. Chris asked if there have been any additional requests for more of them. Roger stated that he is not aware of any more requests. There was a question about follow up and seeing of people do not need theirs. Roger stated that he will give them through the next high tide and see if they still need them. If they do not he can collect them and give to new citizens.
6. Mapping Project – Dan will have the revised project for the next meeting. The committee can review and make determenations at the next meeting.
7. Future Role in projects – Roger asked if this mapping project needs to occur further up river or not. Dan is doing committee work and donating his time for this mapping project but they need to look at future projects. Then funding and value of the project will need to be determined. There was mention that the committee needs to find a reason for the problem. Mark

mentioned Kentuck is a marsh restoration. Roger asked if there was a status for Kentuck. Chris said that they do not have their FERC permits or state permits approved. They propose to break ground in 2015. There was suggestion for Rick to contact Bob Braddock from Jordan Cove to see if they will talk about funding. There was discussion on who owns the property and what the proposed project is going to be. Roger mentioned that the committee should not become another layer that people have to go through to do something.

Roland was under the thought that this group was tasked to obtain input from the community and provide to the Board of Commissioners. Roger asked how we would accomplish this. Ken said it depends on if the committee wants to be proactive. If the group seeks out certain projects and do not allow for input they may have a problem. With the marsh they got information from last year. If the BOC is not aware of issues then the committee should identify the issues and see what they determine.

Commissioner Sweet said that they do not need to reinvent the wheel with the process. Maybe a planning ordinance that would require a developer of a wetland is responsible for a pre project vector analysis, post project analysis and any ensuing controlling issues that come from that. Roger stated that he could do some research around that.

#### 8. Public Comment -

John Ireland - Beekeeper and the issue of pesticides (Neonicotinoids) being sprayed and killing his hive. He has some friends with health issues and gets products from him. Certain spray can kill the bees. The state is looking in to the problem. The question is if this problem will be passed on to human consumption. He is also concerned with alfalfa fields and issues. Someone asked if he sent bees in to be tested.

Steve - Late June they did not have a problem with mosquitoes. They treated the Fillpot ranch since then. They are having a problem at Rocky Point. Why did they treat certain areas the way they did. There are some pools near the Rocky Point area that now have mosquitoes there. Rick said that the before application a few weeks ago will have results 4-6 weeks with the assumption that everything is coming from the marsh. During the application almost everything went down to nothing. The air application was not near as consistent as ground application. They may have a small burst until they die off. Mark asked if there was water near the Rocky Point property. It was mentioned that there is some water coming in and out.

Don said that his property is not being treated or monitored near North Bank Road. There are some ponds there and would be nice if they review that parcel also. Don is not sure if it will have an effect in that area. When they do

start the draining construction will the larvacide application continue? He talked with the gentleman that is going to do the ditching. No one could answer him. Rick said that the contract for application will go through this fall. It is speculated that it would be a bad deal if there is not another contract. They have enough time to take care of what is proposed. He asked about next year, will the VCT have another contract, will there be monitoring, and held available to see if they are needed. He asked USFWS if they were on for next summer and they said not at this time. Rick stated that they have a contract and it ends this fall. Commissioner Sweet stated that USFWS has stated they will continue next year.

Paul – He is on the east end of the marsh and the increase is radical. He mentioned that the real word is that there is an acceptable level. They will continue with ditching and send contract with the county and at some point there are acceptable levels that people will have to live with. Roger asked where he got this information. Paul said this is the future action that they will take.

Wayne – Asked what the acceptable levels were and how come they do not have the mosquito on the list of acceptable levels. If you call and ask what they are suppose to live with the BOC probably could not tell anyone. He talked about the mapping project. He mentioned if there were 200 traps in the community. The committee stated that it was 20 traps in the community. He talked about how the mosquitoes will probably move throughout the area and how it was going to be handled.

..... Someone mentioned that dibs should be taken in areas. This is not happening. It was mentioned that this was an easy task. He wants to know why this has not happened. Rick stated that he is not sure why this is not happening. They are not paying Rick to do that. He is not saying it's not important. The County will honor the current contract. It was mentioned that you have to check the correct ponds. It was asked if the County hired a specific employee to monitor the marsh. Rick stated that it is reasonable to go to private property and see if they are migrating there. Chris mentioned that as a courtesy they could check.

Steve - The County used to have a Vector Control group about 40 years ago. They just went to the property owner and asked if they could check. Rick said that collecting data is a good thing. Without it you have nothing.

Wayne – He mentioned if the contract is not enough then the County should open up for another contract to continue and clean up the problem.

## 9. Committee Member Comments –

Ken – Stated that they will do more monitoring at Bandon Dunes since there was a fly off. They will see if they get a spike and increase. They will have some numbers to report and go on. He has seen some at Fahy Drive but nothing like they had last summer.

Roland – One of the important things is GMO and should be on the agenda and let the BOC know how important it is to the organic industry. People should be aware that the GMO is important.

Mark – Agrees with Roland. The dairy industry has 14 out of 16 are organic and if we lose that there will be a problem with GMO. How can you be organic when the application of stuff has GMO.

... – The GMO is a problem but there are other vectors also.

Roger – He will check and get direction on GMO regulations. The state government has rules that state that local people cannot regulate GMO's. He will take the new issues that were brought up at the meeting and research so that he can update the committee at the next meeting.

Roland – Asked who got the contract for the ditching. Chris stated that Magnus from Sacramento received the contract. Commissioner Sweet stated that Magnus specializes in this type of projects.

#### 10. Set Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

Next meeting will be July 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at same location in Bandon.