

# OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Lake Oswego School District Professional Development Room

Friday, June 13, 2014

The *vision* of the Oswego Lake Watershed Council is a healthy properly functioning watershed. This vision is of streams, wetlands, riparian forests, upland forests/trees, Oswego Lake, and other natural resources working together as a sustainable ecological system that supports good water quality, productive habitat for native plant and animal communities, and enhanced quality of life.

The *mission* of the Oswego Lake Watershed Council is to foster stewardship, education, participation, and financial support for the purpose of the conservation, restoration, enhancement, and maintenance of watershed functions that achieve and sustain a healthy watershed.

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**1. Welcome and Introductions:** Directors present were Chair Stephanie Wagner, Rob Amsberry, Michael Buck, Mark Rosenkranz, Andy Harris, Sarah Asby, Mary Ratcliff, and guest Anne MacDonald, Stormwater Quality Coordinator for Lake Oswego.

**2. Operations:**

- **Minutes: Resolved: Minutes for April 18, 2014 were unanimously approved.**

- **Financial Report:** No financial report given since Tom was not present.

**3. Council Business:**

- **Report on SL by Anne MacDonald.** Anne briefed the Watershed Council on the implementation of the TMDL's (calculations of pollutant levels in waterbodies in order to meet water quality standards) in Lake Oswego. She said DEQ had given the ability to combine the Tualatin and Willamette Rivers on a single regulatory time line when before there had been two separate time lines. In fact, Andy helped develop the original one for the City. Anne brought up the challenge posed by the Sensitive Lands proposals with less buffers over stream corridors, hence less protection. Anne provided baselines where we are now and where the TMDL is applicable. She briefed Council members on some of the areas where we have clarity and where some of the grey areas are. Temperature reduction in the stream corridors seems to be rely on the TMDL for implementation results. It would seem for optimal data, the City needs new LIDAR mapping and analysis for specificity. New proposals for Sensitive Lands with incentives also need correlation. DEQ wants something approvable or with reasonable assurance. Anne gave Council members a background on the watershed approach to meet quality water standards starting with headwaters in the uplands and proceeding to their natural water bodies. She also talked about the problems with obtaining compliance with the five year plan which gets updated but not consistently. She wonders how responsive the community will be to the challenges before us. Anne gave a time line for this process: June 30<sup>th</sup> was a work session with Planning Commission; July 14<sup>th</sup> would be devoted to Title 3 subject matter (stream corridors); July 28<sup>th</sup> to Title 13 issues with recommendations coming out of the Planning Commission in

September. City Council is expected to consider these issues and come to some resolution by October of 2014. Council members each talked about how they saw their respective roles (and the limitations and constraints) in helping the community understand these watershed issues. The emphasis was on sharing perspectives through a positive network that would keep the message simple and clear.

#### **4. Council Business**

- **Sarah Asby on Mtn. Park Project:** Sarah finally made contact with Kevin who was positive about projects to improve the watersheds in Mountain Park. Stephanie reiterated that OWEB had funding available in small grants and allotments would go out in September. We need to plan for it. Corinna could do the grant write up. Mike volunteered to meet with Kevin and Sarah when they had a date set to review a site. Stephanie also mentioned that she would like to do weekly stream corridor tours for students and parents during the curriculum piece on watersheds.

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:33 am.**

**Next Meeting: July 11, 2014 at 8:00 am.**