



Meeting Minutes  
*August 10, 2017 // 10:00 a.m.*

Kendal Martel-Sustainable Northwest, Court Boice-Curry County Commissioner, Mike Miller-CCCPLA, Gary Grotrian-Agness Citizen, Rich Nawa-KS Wild, Cathy Bounds-BLM, Norma Kline-ODF, Lexi Fisher-OSU Student.  
Phone: Jim Seeley-Wild Rivers Coast Alliance, Alex Campbell-Regional Solutions, Sarah Navarro-ODF

### **Sudden Oak Death Task Force**

- The funding requested from the legislature has been delayed until September.
- They increased ODF's budget.
- Some money would go towards helping the nursery industry.

### **Sudden Oak Death Workshop**

- Kendal spoke with Greg Wolf, Evyn Mitchell, and Mark Labhart about ways that the WRCFC can propose projects and begin working on them as a part of the Community Engagement Subcommittee of the Sudden Oak Death Task Force.
- The OAC said that any amount of help and initiative would be greatly supported and appreciated, and the possibility of the WRCFC hosting a community workshop/educational event on Sudden Oak Death was proposed.
- The following points were made about a potential workshop/educational event on SOD:
  - Objectives/Focus
    - Brief synthesis of the science of SOD.
    - Overview of management systems and how those change by agency.
    - Discuss the economic/regional impact of SOD.
    - Look into best practices on how to provide outreach to landowners.
    - Important to focus on landowners that are not yet affected by SOD. What are innovative ways to get NEW people at the table and not the same people as usual?
    - Discuss fire risk after tanoaks die from SOD. Note: there is a Forest Protection Association-establishment of FireWise community in Cape Ferrelo.
  - Scope
    - According to ODF, there has been a fair amount of outreach in the Brookings area.
    - A current critical area to focus on is the Pistol River Area.
  - Partnerships
    - Jim Seeley mentioned that the Gorse Action Group and the Samara Group is also working on community outreach and civic engagement around invasive species and would be interested in having a conversation about how these two organizations can work together.

- Funding
  - Jim Seeley of the Wild Rivers Coast Alliance extended an invitation for the forest collaborative to submit a letter of interest for their grant cycle, as their focus is on the Pistol River. Kendal and Jim will follow up.
  - Cathy Bounds from the BLM said that a workshop on SOD would also be an appropriate use for the RAC funds, in addition to further public outreach events and materials in the future. There needs to be a written statement from the county stating what the money will be used for. Kendal, Commissioner Boice, and Cathy will follow up.
- Next Steps
  - Kendal will send an email to the group asking for interest regarding a SOD workshop as well as a doodle poll for either October 3,4, or 6.
  - Cathy suggested finding out if there is a white paper on the history of outreach around SOD with a focus on public hearings around quarantine expansion.
  - Once there is a clear idea about who is interested in steering the workshop, Kendal will schedule a phone call to discuss a planning strategy and brainstorm.
- Group Vote: The meeting participants unanimously gave thumbs up

### **Shasta Agness Project Next Steps**

#### *Shasta Agness Project Statement of Input and Analysis Tool*

- Kendal created an analysis tool and drafted a Statement of Input that could be used as a way to simplify and rapidly respond to the Draft EIS. This tool will make it easier to cross reference the collaborative's original recommendations with the draft EIS, and document the project components that has collaborative consensus or does not.
- Note: Kendal will ask the FS if folks can have a few paper copies of the Draft EIS once it comes out.
- It was suggested that the collaborative ask Tina or another Forest Service partner for a brief Q and A to clarify what is in the impact statement and come prepared with a list of questions that will be given to the Forest Service ahead of time.
- It was also suggested to reach out to folks that submitted public comment and invite them to the Q and A session.

#### **Timeline for Draft EIS Work:**

- Draft EIS is released. **(Day 1)**
- Have volunteers read through EIS and plug into the analysis tool. Ideally, ask the Forest Service ID Team for any help or clarification creating bullet points of prescriptions by alternative and category. **(Day 10)**
- Have a collaborative meeting and develop a list of Questions to give to the Forest Service about the impact statement. Discuss what there is consensus on in order to document that in the Statement of Input. **(Day 20)**
- Have a public Q and A session with the Forest Service answering questions about the impact statement in the Draft EIS. **(Day 30)**
- Draft Statement of Input. Send out for edits. Vote and sign. **(Day 40)**
- Turn in Statement of Input to the Forest Service at least one week before the close of the public comment period.

*Note: the public comment period is 45 days from the date the Draft EIS is released.*

### **Website**

- Kendal will be working with Eryn Mitchell from Oregon Association of Counties to put up a page on the WRCFC website about Sudden Oak Death.
- If anyone has relevant research to put on the Research and Literature Page, please email Kendal.
- If anyone has any good photos of the collaborative in action or of forest landscapes where the collaborative works, please email them to Kendal, as she is trying to get more photos for the website.

### **Meeting Time**

- There was a discussion about moving the time of the monthly collaborative meeting to create opportunity to participate in the Sudden Oak Death Task Force Meetings that are also held Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. The group suggested 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., still on the second Thursday of the month. Kendal will include in the email and solicit feedback.