



The Long Tom Watershed Council

May 2003
Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 2003 6:30 p.m. — 9:15 p.m.
Upper Long Tom Sub-watershed, Veneta Community Center, Veneta

Please bring snacks to share - we'll do the drinks!

Upper Long Tom folks, please bring snacks

AGENDA

- 6:30 Sign-in, meet people, and view displays.
- 7:00 **Welcome and Introductions**
Dave DeCou, Steering Committee Vice Chair
Review agenda; make any additions or changes
John Moriarty, Facilitator
- 7:10 **Stakeholder Project**
Veneta's newly upgraded wastewater treatment plant and sewer system, how is it working?
Kyle Schauer, Public Works Foreman
- 7:30 **Council Work Plan**
Background and Introduction - *Ryan Collay*
Overview of the five areas of work - *Mike Kesling*
Intro for small groups (5 min)
- 7:55 **BREAK with refreshments!**
- 8:05 **Council Work Plan**
Small group discussions one on each work plan area 25 min (8:05 8:30)
Reconvene, report in feedback. Discuss potential next steps. (8:30- 8:45)
- 8:45 **Slideshow and Report on monitoring and outreach work experience with the Council.**
Michele Stowe, AmeriCorps
- 9:00 **Announcements, Reports, & Closing** (15 min)
- Steering Committee Report – (3 min)
- Coordinator's Report – (3 min)
- Projects and Monitoring Report – (3 min)
- Open Announcements - (4 min)
- **How was tonight's meeting?** - *Facilitator* (2 min)

Did you know...

At the time of Early exploration and European settlement the Kalapuya were the main tribe that inhabited the middle to southern end of the Willamette Valley. The Kalapuya were once the largest Native American tribe in Western Oregon, but today only 300-400 members remain. For more information about the Kalapuya, contact the Komemma Cultural Protection Association, a group of people who engage in historical research, photo documentation and protection of sacred sites at: Kalapuya@rosenet.net

Come to our next meeting!

Tues, June 24, 5:30-7:30 pm

Amazon Outdoors

Tour and discussion of Acorn Park Restoration on Amazon

Metro Waterways Study

Update, map, and concepts

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Questions, info, comments?

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Long Tom Watershed Council
Proposed Work Plan 2003-05
For your review and help

What could you do for the Long Tom Watershed?

As part of our role as a local watershed council in the Oregon Plan for salmon and watersheds, we count on local voluntary citizen action to safeguard the Long Tom River Watershed's water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and natural quality of life.

The Steering Committee and Dana and Cindy developed this proposed work plan for the Council for the next two years, July 2003 through June 2005. We submitted it with our grant application to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB). We were ranked highly and will most likely receive funding, although only 70% of our request due to the state budget.

We're excited to move forward! Making some positive steps for water quality and our communities will count on contributions from each one of you, or certainly as many people as possible! Please think of your part. Your participation will be supported and honored by Steering Committee, Dana and Cindy, and key interns and volunteers for the Council.

A first step for you... We now want to review this work plan with you to make sure that we focus on the things that most interest you and those you want to help with.

Please answer these questions as you scan through the activities:

- **What do YOU want to work on?**
- **Who else might be part of the action? Can you name people you know, perhaps neighbors, who might be able to lead, be a major partner, or volunteer in any one of the actions?**

*Please tell us your thoughts in person at the May meeting
or by sending in feedback by letter, email <longtom@efn.org>, phone 683-6578, fax 683-6998*

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Work Plan Element #1: Identifies and addresses the priority protection, restoration and enhancement needs of the watershed(s) served.

Objective A. Produce Watershed Conservation Strategy

- Action:** Finalize restoration prioritization model with OSU researchers.
Outcome: Detailed sub-watershed maps and identified project opportunity areas that fit with our sub-watershed priorities. Participation in model development for OSU & EPA.
- Action:** Write Watershed Conservation Strategy (2003-05)
 - Draft the Strategy (2003)
 - Bring to Council meetings throughout year for presentation, discussion, modification (2003-04)
 - Gain approval on final draft from Council and technical team (2005)**Outcome:** Conservation Strategy document widely supported by stakeholders in watershed

Objective B. Implement Sub-Watershed Enhancement Program in additional sub-watersheds

- Action:** Continue Sub-Watershed Enhancement Program (solving known impairments through learning, collaboration, and project development)
 - Publish large-scale sub-watershed maps for the other 8 sub-watersheds (2003)
 - Continue Sub-Watershed Enhancement sessions in Ferguson, Elk-Poodle, Upper Amazon (2003-05)
 - Implement program in each of the following sub-watersheds: Bear Cr., Spencer Cr. (2003), Lower Amazon Cr., Lower Long Tom R. (2004), Elk-Noti Cr., Coyote Cr. (2005)

Note: In line for 2005-07: Fern Ridge Tribs-1, Upper Long Tom (06), Fern Ridge Tribs-2, Fern Ridge Tribs-3, Elk-mainstem (07)

Outcome: Development of projects in each sub-watershed that address priority conservation & restoration needs, in keeping with landowners' interests.

Objective C. Implement projects for watershed conservation, restoration, and enhancement

- Action:** Continue to implement restoration, enhancement, and conservation projects to protect, restore, or enhance priority habitat types and ecological functions.
Outcome: Implementation of priority projects.

Council Member Volunteer activities related to the Proposed Actions/Outcomes

Steering Committee volunteers: guide Sub-Watershed Enhancement Program; co-host in own sub-watershed

Landowner volunteers: co-host and/or attend Sub-Watershed Program sessions in their basin

Technical Team volunteers: Provide input on Conservation Strategy. Make presentations on subjects included in Conservation Strategy. Advise on restoration & enhancement project designs.

Council member volunteers: discuss, prioritize, and approve the elements and content of the Conservation Strategy

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Work Plan Element #2: Monitors and evaluates watershed conditions and functions and the efforts to improve watershed health, including the methods and data sources to be used.

Objective A. Implement a refined Watershed Monitoring Program

- Action:** Implement refined Water Quality Monitoring Program (continue using DEQ protocol & sharing data with DEQ and landowners)
 - Write grant for Projects and Monitoring (2003). Implement Program and Projects (2003-05)
 - Report results annually to Council and to specific stakeholder groups (Small Woodland Owners, Cities, farmers)
 - Provide OSU/UO list of research recommendations needed to understand pollution in Long Tom WS: (pesticides, sediment delivery from roads & farms, rural res. water quality & habitat impact, riparian shade analysis, Ag. BMP effectiveness in West)
- Outcome:** Probable or precise sources of pollution identified for each known impairment in each sub-watershed such that citizens have a clear target to aim for when discussing and deciding solutions. Continued documentation of water quality conditions and macroinvertebrate community such that the results of efforts can be shown over time.
- Action:** Conduct fish and macroinvertebrate sampling as volunteers are interested

Objective B. Map watershed projects to track watershed efforts, and provide reference for future project types and locations.

- Action:** Create expanded version of Watershed Projects Map documenting all conservation, restoration, and enhancement projects done by entities in Long Tom using GPS, GIS, and interviews. (2003-04)
- Outcome:** Watershed Projects Map shared with all entities doing work in Long Tom

Objective C. Implement Projects Stewardship and Monitoring Program to ensure project effectiveness & assist landowners

- Action:** Expand Projects Stewardship and Monitoring Program to link university students and landowners in evaluating and stewarding their projects. Pilot in 2 sub-watersheds. (2003-05)
- Outcome:** Knowledge of success and failures in watershed projects and follow-through after implementation.

Council Member Volunteer activities related to the Proposed Actions/Outcomes

Water Quality Monitoring Team Volunteers: gather Water Quality Monitoring Data

Intern Volunteers: Use interviews, GPS, and GIS to create Watershed Projects Map. One intern per term to conduct Project Maintenance & Monitoring with landowners, report on efforts to Council. Conduct culvert surveys.

Landowner Volunteers: steward own projects w/interns, report on efforts to Council; partner with council culvert surveys.

Technical Team: Advise Water Quality Monitoring, Project Stewardship & Monitoring Programs; Stream & Culvert Surveys.

AmeriCorps or RARE Program Assistant: Implement refined Water Quality Monitoring Program, enter data.

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Work Plan Element #3: Encourages and tracks citizen participation in watershed projects

Objective A. Citizens learn why and how projects are done and some do projects.

Objective B. Show strong citizen participation in watershed projects.

- Action:** Invite landowners who've done projects to present at monthly meetings and with tours. Do this every other month; support them in creating presentation.
- Action:** Create fact sheets as projects are completed, include pictures and plan-view maps (03-05).
- Action:** Implement Sub-Watershed Enhancement Program in more basins*.
Recruit landowner co-host in each sub-watershed; develop invite list of other key community members with them. Share data in friendly small-group atmosphere, provide answers to technical questions, engage in discussion about solutions through projects or different land management; ask what they want to do next. Deliver those next-steps.
Outcome: First-hand citizen knowledge of impairments in their creek basin; ownership of solution ideas and actions; strong citizen participation.
Outcome: Citizens with land and project potential learn why and how projects are done, and how to begin. Some of those people begin projects.

Objective C. Continue internship program and research collaboration with university professors and students.

Objective D. Create a Volunteer/Member database to match citizen interests and skills with project participation possibilities.

Objective E. Acknowledge and honor individual efforts in watershed work

- Action:** Review list of action items and create intern job descriptions – disseminate to universities before each term begins. Supervise up to 2 interns per term; minimum: 2 interns/year. (03-05).
- Action:** Use newsletter and meeting announcements to offer citizens a general invitation to join in watershed projects each time there is a specific activity. Announce opportunities for other entities doing watershed work besides Council (ongoing, 03-05).
- Action:** Create database that records specific citizen interests and skills (03). Pilot use of database on three projects by emailing and/or calling with a personal invite for involvement (04). Continue if this method gets more involvement than previous method (05).
- Action:** Track citizen participation & report to Council & OWEB via Final Report (biennially), "Brag Book" (update annually), newsletter (monthly).
- Action:** Acknowledge and honor individual efforts in watershed work with invitations to speak, gifts, and in newsletter.
Outcome of above actions: Involvement from new members of each sector of watershed stakeholder is encouraged, gained, and recognized. Reports of involvement shared with supporters, funders, and Council members.

Council Member Volunteer activities related to the Proposed Actions/Outcomes

Council Members: invite a neighbor or friend to activities. Participate in sub-watershed program. Monitor Water Quality.

Council Meeting Planning Team Volunteers: help recruit landowners to give tours or slideshows at meetings

AmeriCorps Monitoring/Education Intern: create Volunteer Database, write articles about volunteer participation.

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Work Plan Element #4: Promotes and evaluates citizen learning about watershed resource issues.

Objective A. Continue adult learning by repeated exposure to Long Tom Watershed topics

- Action:** Provide learning opportunities through monthly council meetings. (03-05, monthly)
-Identify subjects of interest from members and Assessment. Design programs. Schedule speakers.
- Action:** Find volunteer to update website (04).
- Action:** Continue presence at Lane County Fair, Eugene Celebration. Continue Annual Celebration (03-04).
Outcome of above actions: New people sign up to learn more (fairs, Celebration), and can find the information they are interested in (website, meetings).
- Action:** Continue monthly news column in West Lane News, Tri County News (03-05, monthly)
-Write series on land management practices that protect or improve water quality and habitat
Outcome: People hear or read about Long Tom watershed conditions regularly, and are connected with ways to make changes.

Objective B. Provide regular opportunities for more advanced adult education and discussion on watershed issues.

- Action:** Make list of available adult education workshops & subjects, rank for importance, implement two workshops
-Host Naturescaping Workshop in Veneta. (03). Host second workshop (04).
- Action:** Present watershed issues to the 7 neighborhood groups in Eugene that live in our watershed (03, 04)
- Action:** Recruit a developer and an urban neighborhood leader to be involved with Council (03).
Outcome: Advanced watershed learning, in scenarios with more direct personal contact, especially with groups that are currently less involved.

Objectives C. Evaluate how to involve youth more, and report findings.

Objective D. Document Council's Strategy for Education and Outreach, incl. evaluation criteria.

- Action:** Evaluate & report on opportunities to collaborate in bringing watershed education & experience to youth in schools (04).
Outcome: Determine youth education programs and partners.
- Action:** Write Education and Outreach Strategy; including evaluation criteria (draft by mid-05).
Outcome: Council has a clear picture of what our educational strategy is and how to evaluate its effectiveness. Strategy document.

Council Member Volunteer activities related to the Proposed Actions/Outcomes

Council Meeting Planning Team: Plan monthly council meetings.

Council Members: Staff fair booths. Fill job of Volunteer News Column Editor. Evaluate opportunities to work with schools.

Steering Committee: Identify subjects for news columns. Recruit specific stakeholders from neighborhoods, development community.

Monitoring/Education Assistant: Arrange Fair Booths. Plan and host Naturescaping Workshop. Plan second workshop.

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Work Plan Element #5: Builds partnerships, organizational capacity, and council effectiveness.

Objective A. Preserve organizational capacity and diversity of participation in Council.

Objective B. Continue to attract highly-skilled volunteers, graduate-level interns, and professional staff.

- Action:** Continue to recruit and reward volunteer professional facilitators for Council meetings
- Action:** Maintain list of potential Steering members by sub-basin; recruit and mentor new members
- Action:** Secure office space and services for 2005-07 with WREN/BLM
- Action:** Obtain funding for full-time-equivalent professional Coordination. Write grants, reports.
- Action:** Obtain funding for Projects and Monitoring work to be completed. Write grants, reports.
- Action:** Support Council committees with time on agenda, facilitation if necessary, guidance, integrating efforts and results with other Council work.

Outcome of above actions: Healthy organizational capacity with low turnover and continued success in meeting objectives.

Objective C. Continue partnerships with community members, organizations, regional efforts.

- Action:** Regularly meet with current and past grant partners to keep them apprised of watershed council activities and to stay abreast of their issues, concerns, and wishes for watershed work.
- Action:** Report to Lane and Benton County Commissioners
- Action:** Meet with Veneta, Monroe, Junction City and identify areas of collaboration.
- Action:** Work with Willamette Basin Councils on NWPPC sub-basin planning process.
- Action:** Partner with Future Farmers of America on a watershed project.

Outcome of above actions: Continued partnerships. Regional collaboration.

Objective D. Continue monitoring our effectiveness as the Council for the Long Tom Watershed.

- Action:** Conduct biennial self-evaluations. Continue comment cards and feedback at meetings.
- Action:** Update Charter to reflect what we've learned about how to operate efficiently.

Outcome: Continual increase in our effectiveness as the Council for the Long Tom Watershed shown by increased numbers of people and projects involved, the level of sophistication of our undertakings and work products.

Objective E. Keep Council's financial and administrative affairs in order and maintain good working relationship with fiscal agent.

- Action:** Continue to fundraise to secure match funding and services for Council activities.
- Action:** Submit grant invoices monthly. Balance petty cash quarterly. Audit grant accounting 4 mo. before grants close.
- Action:** Report on budget quarterly to Steering; semi-annually to Contract Review Committee.
- Action:** Maintain council mailing lists. Write thank you cards. Maintain daily correspondence.

Outcome of above actions: Council's affairs in order; good relationship with fiscal agent.

Council Member Volunteer activities related to the Proposed Actions/Outcomes

Steering Committee Volunteers: Fulfill officer and member roles in Charter and SC. Lead annual report to County Commissioners. Arrange for professional services to Council (contractors or staff); provide primary interface with them. Make business decisions. Arrange meetings with Council grant partners. Recruit new Steering Committee members; mentor them. Assist in fundraising.

Contract Review Committee Volunteers: Review contract work. Report to Steering Committee.

Facilitator: Conduct Annual Debrief; solicit feedback at Council meetings; help with Council reviews.

Watershed News Column

Each month, volunteer editor Lauri Mullen arranges a column for the West Lane and Tri County News on behalf of the Long Tom Watershed Council. Submissions of topics are always welcome, as well as an offer to write a column, or a name of someone you think could. Authors get their name in the byline of the article! Contact LMullenOR@aol.com

Avoiding West Nile Virus is Simple and Inexpensive

By Kelly Everfree



Spring is here, and it brings not only blue skies and blooming flowers, but also talk of West Nile virus.

Luckily, the virus is not as threatening as it appears, and it is not difficult to

avoid. In the last four years the virus has claimed the lives of 284 people in the U.S. By comparison, the flu causes approximately 36,000 deaths per year.

It's still a good idea to take these steps to mosquito-proof your property. First, get rid of all standing water in your yard. Studies show that even an inch of water in a coffee can produce 1,000 mosquitoes every week. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says that eliminating mosquito-breeding areas is "the most effective and economical method of providing long-term mosquito control" around the home.

So, remove, turn over, or drill holes in the bottom of any container that can hold water, such as tire swings, buckets, ceramic pots, plastic covers, and toys. Old tires should be recycled or stored inside a garage or shed. Change water often in birdbaths, fountains, wading pools, and potted plant trays. Cover large boats and keep drains open. Also, check the condition of the screens on your doors and windows.

You can further reduce your risk of mosquito bites when outside by wearing long sleeved shirts and long pants. Loose fitting or thick clothes can make

it more difficult for mosquitoes to bite. When using mosquito repellent, be sure to read the directions carefully.

Try to avoid using pesticides when dealing with mosquitoes. Pesticides won't eliminate mosquitoes, and they may pose a risk to your neighbors, especially the elderly, children, and pets. Pesticides can also harm wildlife including birds and dragonflies, which eat mosquitoes. Some animals are also susceptible to West Nile virus, especially horses. Talk to your vet about protecting your horse with a vaccination.

If you happen to contract the virus, you may experience some mild flu-like symptoms. Only in rare occasions do people develop encephalitis (swelling of the brain). Most importantly, relax and remember the statistics. Protecting yourself and your community from the health risks of West Nile virus is simple and **i n e x p e n s i v e .**

Learn more on dealing with mosquitoes without pesticides log on at: www.pesticide.org/westnilevirus.pdf. For general information: Call the toll-free public information line at (866) 703-4636, or log on at www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm for the CDC, and www.dhs.state.or.us/publichealth/acd/w Nile for the Oregon Public Health Center.

Kelly Everfree is a Program Assistant for NCAP (Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides).

Mosquito Photo: Iowa State University

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, May 27

Long Tom Watershed Council Meeting

6:30 pm - 9:15 pm at Veneta Community Center,
Veneta, 683-6578, Dana

Saturday, June 7th

The 12th Annual Amazon Appreciation Day

9 am - 12:30 pm, meet at Patterson School
682-4850, Lorna Baldwin

lorna.j.baldwin@ci.eugene.or.us.

_See "Announcements & Opportunities"

Thursday, June 12

Corvallis PMC Native Grass Field Day...2003

The NRCS Corvallis Plant Materials Center has
scheduled a 1/2 day "Field Day" entitled "Native
Grasses for the Masses", to be held June 12, 2003
from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Thursday, June 12

Steering Committee Meeting

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm at West Eugene Wetlands
Office, 683-6578, Dana

Thank you!!!

Anita Ragan, Randy Bailys,
and Bob Adams for
participating in the Council's
May 17th SOLV day event at
Perkin's Peninsula at Fern
Ridge. We removed about
700 ft² of blackberry brush
from the parks boat ramp and
water access paths.

Celebrating the West Eugene Wetlands Continues!

Wednesday, May 21st

Readings from the Wetlands

7:00-8:00pm, **BLM Yurt** (Danebo & West 11th)
Speaker: John Cooney, host of "Natural World"
on KLCC

Saturday, May 24th

Naming Ceremonies

On Saturday May 24th, a Kalapuya naming ceremony
(Sa-ga-na-wi) will officially commemorate three
wetland sites within the West Eugene Wetlands. The
public is invited to join Kalapuya elder Esther
Stuzman to serve as witnesses to these special events
that give these areas a place in this world with a
name.

10:00 AM – Gudu-kut Naming Ceremony

Meet at the Gudu-kut natural area on City View,
south of West 11th. Gudu-kut is a Kalapuya word
that means
"frog."

**11:00 AM – Tsanchiifin Walk & Luk-wah Prairie
Naming Ceremonies**

Meet at the BLM Wetlands Office (NE corner of W.
11th and Danebo) Tsanchiifin Walk were an
indigenous Kalapuyan group that resided in this area
of the Willamette Valley. Luk-wah means "grass."

Wednesday, May 28th

**Amphibians and Reptiles of the West Eugene
Wetlands**

7:00-8:00pm, **BLM Yurt** (Danebo & West 11th)
Speaker: Tom Titus, University of Oregon

Saturday, May 31st

Spring Butterflies of the West Eugene Wetlands

1:00pm-4:00pm, BLM Office (Danebo & West 11th)
Leader: Eric Wold
Meet at the BLM's West Eugene Wetlands Office at
751 S. Danebo at 1:00 pm. Space is limited to 20 people.
Pre-registration required. Leader: Eric Wold. **Call Eric
at 541-431-7388, or email him at canoe@epud.net, to
pre-register.**

Contact Holly McRae (unless otherwise noted),
683-6494

***If you have a watershed activity you would like to include in the monthly newsletter please contact
Michele Stowe, Monitoring and Outreach assistant, 521-5378, micstowe@yahoo.com***

Announcements & Opportunities

Valley Pine Update

By Duane Zentner, Steering Committee Member

There was considerable interest about Valley Pine at the February council meeting. I concurred with Paul that it has a niche for certain micro sites. In any case, I mentioned the Willamette Valley Pine Conservation Association that is doing work with this species. They have a good website www.westernforestry.org.wvppca that is quite fascinating. They have just developed a management guide for this species that I suspect is full of valuable info. It was not readily given how to get the guide, but contacting Rick Fletcher, OSU extension (541) 766-6750 or other names listed in the website should work.

My observation is that the Valley Pine is ideal for wet, heavy, and clay soils but is not a tree for moderate or heavy shade. It's obviously not a tree to put everywhere but a tree that could be used more than it is. I always look to see what species are currently growing in the area to see what nature has already given us to help determine what species to plant. I realize this is hard to do sometimes if we don't know all the history of past disturbances.

Internship Available Long Tom Watershed Council

Opportunity to research green building design possibilities for two Eugene locations, one in which watershed council will have its future office, the other a frequented public site. Ideally the intern will culminate findings in a grant proposal.

Contact Dana, 683-6578 or <longtom@efn.org> to express interest and discuss.

Stream Team Volunteer Opportunities

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Sunday, May 25th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Stream Team volunteers are invited to help dig blackberry roots around the ponds at the Science Factory (on Leo Harris Parkway behind Autzen Stadium). This ongoing project requires only that you wear work clothes, sturdy mud-worthy shoes and generally dress for the weather. We will provide the gloves and shovels and the Science Factory will provide the snack. The ponds are under going quite a transformation.

Wednesday, May 28th, Sheldon High School from 3:30 to 5:30

We will be clearing grass from around previously planted trees and shrubs and putting chips around them as a weed barrier. Directions are given below to the site. Again, we will provide shovels, wheel barrows and gloves. For both projects it helps a great deal if we know how many people are coming. **Please reply to this email or call Lorna at 682-4850.**

For anyone who has seen the hard copy of the newsletter, this version has been edited since printing. Amazon Appreciation day has been cancelled, and the Corvallis Plant Materials Field Day for native grasses is a district employee event and is not open to the public.

Michele

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Lower Long Tom Sub-watershed, Monroe High School Commons
Monroe

NOTES

At 7 p.m., Dave DeCou called the meeting to order and began with introductions. There were 19 people in attendance. John Moriarty facilitated the meeting. After a review of the meeting agenda, John introduced Janine Castro, a Geomorphologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Janine presented to the Council on methods of erosion control and river geomorphology. A brief synopsis of her presentation was included in the April newsletter.

Following the presentation on practical and alternative methods for erosion control, Dave DeCou gave the Steering Committee Report. The past meeting focused on funding and the impact of potential cuts, an upcoming meeting with the Lane County Board of Commissioners, and the direction of the steering committee. A work plan is being developed which will be presented to the Council at a future meeting.

In the Coordinator's Report, Dana Erickson gave an update of the watershed model being developed by OSU/UO researchers, and on other planning efforts with McKenzie River Trust and other community organizations.

During Open Announcements, Paul Reed shared information regarding a public process relative to protecting habitat for Pacific Salmon and Steelhead. Cathy Pearson (541-737-8048) is the ESA Critical Habitat Specialist that can provide more detailed information. Announcements also included a class that is coming up that might be of interested to watershed members (Native Grasses for the Masses), and the fact that Bring Recycling is now taking old TV and Computers—which will aid in keeping toxic materials out of the waste stream.

In the concluding evaluation of the meeting, there was consensus that Janine Castro had given an outstanding presentation.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15.

Notes taken by Larry Rhodes

Correction to April meeting minutes: It was reported that we are losing our office space with BLM. That has a seed of truth but the flower is a better story... As plans advance in the building of the exciting new Education Center, to be constructed on the site of our shared office with the BLM, there will be a period of time where the current building is torn down and we'll find other temporary office space, with the BLM's help. Then we'll enter into a new agreement for donated office space with the owners of the Education Center. Our unique role in adult education makes the Long Tom Watershed Council a great partner for the many adults and students that will be part of the new building's busy daily life.

Directions

To meetings in Upper Long Tom at Veneta Community Center

March 26, 2002:

From Eugene, travel west on W.11th/Hwy 126, passing Fern Ridge Reservoir, to the signal light at Territorial Road. (There is a small shopping center on the NW corner (with a great sub shop for before-the-meeting sandwiches). Turn left/south at the signal toward Veneta, cross the railroad tracks, take the next left turn onto East Broadway. Drive almost to the end of the street and take a right into the last driveway before you'd otherwise enter the park. The Veneta Community Center is tucked back from the street – we'll have the lights on for ya! Gathering time 6:30 pm.

To meetings in Lower Long Tom at Monroe High School Commons:

On any Oregon or area map, you'll see Monroe is on Highway 99W, in between Corvallis and Junction City. The High School is at the north end of town, right on that main highway. It sits on the east side of the road. The Commons is the building on the north side of the main school – it has orange doors and you can't miss it. The parking lot is in between the two buildings.

To meetings in Amazon at Four Oaks Grange in Eugene:

Four Oaks Grange is on Bailey Hill Road in West Eugene, ¼ mile east of where Bailey Hill Rd dead ends at Bertlesen. You can access either Bertlesen or Bailey Hill from W. 11th in West Eugene. The grange is a small white building surrounded by four large oak trees, set back from the road and at an angle. You may miss it the first time past as the road is generally a bit dark. Also, come early to get good parking, there's some around the back of the grange hall, or spots sometimes at the school next door.