

Coast Fork Willamette Education/Outreach Committee Meeting Notes  
November 2, 2006

Attendees: Melissa Kirkland, Tami Schroeder, Donna Long, Beverly Wilson, Ron Petitti, Eric Cullander, Gail Hemsoth, Pam Reber, Chuck Willer director of the Coast Range Alliance, Kate Alexander UO planning grad student and CRA intern.

Melissa Kirkland – Forest Service Botanist - shared pilot curriculum for K-12 students Understanding and Restoring Native Plants handout. Erik Cullander offered to follow up on contacts, to see how we can participate in this program locally or get further information.

Ron Petitti, Creswell Mayor – Garden Lake – checking out volunteer sources through schools and Kiwanas and so far no programs are in place. They are in need of a coordinator for monitoring and funding sources for this leadership role.

Eric Cullander– Cottage Grove High School. Taking small steps – Started a course in Oceanography two years ago and is evolving to expand to rivers. Utilized fish watch program last year. This year they have been doing some monitoring on the Coast Fork Willamette. They are looking for a restoration project that is close to the school that they can accomplish in short period of time. Would serve as a contact for future opportunities for part-time work for summer for the school students– YCC type work.

Gail Hemsoth, LCC – Trained as an adult educator. Started teaching oceanography two years ago same as Erik. Have evolved to utilizing the Coast Fork Willamette River because it's closer – teaching science in preparation for the GED. Looking for restoration project work or monitoring project. Challenges are transportation to East Regional Park from LCC satellite Campus up by the high school.

Beverly Wilson–Lincoln Middle School. Participated in Globe training previously. Presently teaching 7<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum ecology, landforms, etc. Wrapping curriculum around Coast Fork Willamette. Looking at potential to do restoration or monitoring work.

Grant Needs that were identified include: - Transportation to projects, Gear for students, Water quality monitoring kits and training for the teachers, and Training for restoration.

Other Follow up items:

- Erik has an aquatic restoration manual he'll e-mail the info on this to Pam and Beverly.
- Melissa will forward website references for grant opportunities.
- Open House November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Pam will contact folks in a month or so to schedule a follow up meeting. Next ed/outreach meeting on November 30, 2006 at 5 pm.
- Gail mentioned that Ron Davis with Oregon Wells has water testing/monitoring equipment and he is an available resource.