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Trinidad Bay Watershed Council

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Monday, July 21, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Civic Club Room, Trinidad Town Hall

Present: Name & Affiliation

Danny O'Shea	Trinidad resident
Jonas Savage	Trinidad Rancheria
Roland Johnson	Westhaven Resident
Tyler Duncan	GHD
Elaine Weinreb	Westhaven Resident
Becky Price-Hall	City of Trinidad Watershed Coordinator

Stormwater Construction Project: Tyler gave an update about the construction project and showed photos of the construction on Ocean and Trinity Streets. The project is going well. The contractor has temporarily completed work on Ocean Street and has made substantial progress installing the stormwater infiltration chambers on Trinity Street. When work has been completed on Trinity Street in August, the contractor will move back to Ocean to complete installation of the vegetated swales and the final pavement.

Watershed & Partner Updates

Luffenholtz Creek Sediment Reduction Project: Tyler reported that the project is 80-90% complete, and ahead of schedule. Following the first site inspection, the funder and Green Diamond are happy. will recommence in May with decommissioning of the old main haul road and continuing replacement of culverts and treatments. The project will be completed at the end of the 2014 construction season.

Other comments: The gulley in the State Beach parking is getting much worse and is somewhat a hazard.

Drought Issues

Jonas reported the Rancheria is considering including drought in the hazard mitigation plan. The group requested drought briefings from WCSD and Trinidad Water Plant.

Discussion about the underlying issues:

- Are people developing up in the hills?
- Are there too many straws in the streams?
- Requirements to register water rights.
- Connection between climate change and drought
- How much water do people use?



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- What can TBWC do?
 - Sungnome was not able to attend the meeting however he emailed a suggestion that the TBWC and coordinator develop a drought and water conservation meeting for the City Council including rainfall data for 1976-77 and 2013-14 for comparisons to understand how serious this drought is, immediate conservation measures, long term solutions such as rainwater collection and greywater use; look at groundwater recharge projects in upper Luffenholtz to improve low flows in summer.
 - Try to get long term forecasts
 - Nudge city council and county about exploring drought water rates
 - Promote water conservation and water storage
 - Develop a creek flow model with rainfall.
 - Ask Bryan, Don and Sungnome about available baseline & historical information on rainfall and flow data for creeks Trinidad-Westhaven creeks.
 - Tyler will talk to the HSU engineering professors to see if there is a possibility for a class project.

Council Projects & Activities

The TBWC booth at the Fish Festival was a success. Becky is working on the next Trinidad Bay Watershed News focused on the drought. The Trinidad Bay Report is going slowly – there is a lot of material to winnow out and distill into 8 pages.

Next Meeting Date: October 20, 2014. Future Agenda Items: Climate change issues including coastal erosion, floods & drought impacts; Onsite Wastewater Treatment System program – get Trever to present; drought and el Nino predictions.

Proposed 2015 Meeting Dates:

- Monday, January 19, 2015
- Monday, April 20, 2015
- Monday, July 20, 2015
- Monday, October 19, 2015

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Submitted by Becky Price-Hall