



Matt Beard

Trinidad Bay Watershed Council Meeting

Monday January 29, 2014, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Meeting Notes

Present: Name & Affiliation

Don Allan	Westhaven resident, RCAA
Leisyka Parrott	Bureau of Land Management
Danny O'Shea	Trinidad resident
Richard Swisher	Westhaven CSD, Westhaven resident
Rebecca Crow	GHD
Roland Johnson	Westhaven Resident
Sarah Sanders	Trinidad resident
Jonas Savage	Trinidad Rancheria
Sungnome Madrone	Westhaven Resident
Becky Price-Hall	City of Trinidad Watershed Coordinator

Watershed & Partner Updates

OWTS Grant Application – The city is putting together an OWTS proposal for the Clean Beaches Initiative. This project will be similar to the previous grant project which provided funding to repair or replace priority septic systems in the Trinidad-Westhaven area.

Stormwater Management Project Update – Rebecca Crow from GHD provided an update about the project progress. CEQA was circulated and QA/QC is being done on the plans. The project will go out to bid this spring. The construction will be scheduled to work around the school schedule and the Fish Festival. There will be alternate access through town for all road closures. The meeting participants suggested putting flyers in PO Boxes. Project documents are being posted on the city's website: <http://www.trinidad.ca.gov/documents-library/category/61-project-documents.html>

Rancheria Activities: Jonas gave an update about the Pier Parking Lot redesign – there will be permeable paving, rain gardens and bioswales. The Rancheria is working on erosion control treatments on Scenic Drive. They received Non-point source grant funding to create a marine plan guidance document for improving environmental stewardship to promote economic development. How to be a better business owner and steward of the environment. It will also identify who has jurisdiction over what.

Bureau of Land Management: Leisyka described the many current BLM projects: A Junior Explorer Booklet, the Redwood Edventure Quest nature treasure hunts; the citizen science Phenology Project at the Museum Native Plant Garden; Discover the Coast effort will have a ceremony when the Coast Guard relinquished the lighthouse & barracks on the Head to the BLM for the public; MARE Education Day May 20 – 22.

Luffenholtz Creek Sediment Reduction Project Update : Jeremy reported that all is quiet on the GD Luffenholtz Project site. All roads are rocked/strawed. They are hoping for a nice winter. Two capstone students looked at feasibility of returning connectivity into the Luffenholtz oxbows.

Trinidad Coastal Land Trust (TCLT): Don reported that RCAA is doing a feasibility study for the Little River Trail. The appraisal for the Green Diamond parcel came out high. The Coastal Conservancy has been seeking



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funding for the parcel. The project is seeking funding for acquisition and trail plans and CEQA, then in 1-1/2 – 2 years will seek funding to construct the trail. TCLT may be willing to take ownership of the trail and easements. TCLT is organizing invasive species removal work days.

Westhaven Community Service District: The spring production is holding steady. Well is down about 50% of peak. Sungnome suggests more water conservation measures.

State of Trinidad Bay Report – Meeting participants discussed the State of the Bay report. The committee agreed to review Trever's draft and take it from there.

- Include water supply
- Who is the audience?
 - Community members & the lay public. Bring them into the larger (watershed) project.
 - Gear to the newspaper demographic
 - For visitors to look at when on a 5 hour plane flight
 - Under 35 yrs – online report; over 35 – print/old style media
- Content:
 - We have this special area – illustrate what makes Trinidad and the coastal area special
 - Page describing the things we can do
 - Include “Why we are digging up the street. Again.”
- Format: Use a magazine article format
 - 8-10 pages – Front, back and 4 - 2 page layouts

Storm Drain Chalk Art Update – This project is moving forward. Sarah submitted a proposal to Humboldt Area Foundation. She proposed a positive message that “we can create cleaner runoff”. Sarah, Danny, Don, Jonas and Becky volunteered to be on the Storm Drain Art committee. They will work on planning one or more storm drain chalk art events during the Trinidad Art Night(s).

Sediment Monitoring: Sungnome reported that he is working with Watershed Capstone students to prepare for sediment monitoring on GD property – Joland Creek and So. Fork Luffenholtz have been highest (in sediment); since there was no rain they had to abandon the project. Wants to take set-up information and get some new students to do this monitoring. There are lots of county and private roads that affect the creeks with sediment below the city's water supply. Have sediment/road assessments that are 5 years old. We need to look for new grant sources this spring and summer.

Future Agenda Items: TBWC involvement at Fish Festival & Arts Nights (first Fridays); Drought issues and water conservation.

Next Meeting Dates: April 21, 2014, July 21, 2014, October 20, 2014

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Submitted by Becky Price-Hall