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Trinidad Bay Watershed Council

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Monday, January 26, 2015, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Civic Club Room, Trinidad Town Hall

Present: Name & Affiliation

Steen Trump	ADH Environmental
Sarah Sanders	Trinidad Resident
Tyler Duncan	GHD
Don Allan	Westhaven Resident
Jonas Savage	Trinidad Rancheria
Leisyka Parrott	BLM
Mike Black	ADH
Eddy Dadkis	Trinidad Resident
Becky Price-Hall	Watershed Coordinator, City of Trinidad

ASBS Water Quality Monitoring Results: Becky and Steen reported that in the next month, the North Coast Regional ASBS monitoring group will be releasing reports about the 2011-14 monitoring, including summaries of the Trinidad ASBS ocean receiving water monitoring for a variety of constituents, toxicity testing, mussel tissue bioaccumulation analyses, and rocky intertidal surveys. There will also be information about the Natural Water Quality Guidelines for the ASBS. As reported in October, there were a number of water quality exceedences, however on a positive note, testing was negative for toxicity to marine 3 organisms. The City of Trinidad, Trinidad Rancheria and HSU Marine Lab are all members of the regional ASBS monitoring group.

ASBS Stormwater Management Improvement Project: Tyler reported that the Phase I construction has been completed on the Project. The TBWC website features lots of ASBS & project information. The Stormwater survey for the public will be disseminated soon. Remaining tasks include additional education and outreach and pre and post project effectiveness monitoring. The City will be developing a proposal for Phase II of the Stormwater Project. Becky solicited input on potential components of the proposal. Meeting participants made the following comments:

Litter & Trash: There are lots of cigarette butts found on the beaches, so stormwater education and outreach should target smokers; organize litter clean-up events such as the Responsible Runner litter clean ups; partner with the BLM to hold National Public Lands Day Clean-up on a Trinidad ASBS beach or watershed; provide anti-litter signage and waste receptacles and cigarette butt receptacles.

Monitoring: ASBS and watershed projects should include monitoring component to help distinguish where project-relevant pollutants originate. Can we explain the high levels of TSS and where it originates (e.g. blue goo clay, quarry, eroding bluffs). Parker Creek has had the highest turbidity readings of any creek in the ASBS/Bay watersheds. This has been traced to fractured rock in the quarry above town. Mill Creek turbidity has the potential to spike higher than other creeks in certain conditions.

Leisyka Parrott, Mike Black, Rebecca Crow/Tyler Duncan, Sarah Sanders and Becky Price-Hall volunteered to be on a committee to assist with proposal development and review.

Watershed & Partner Updates

California Coastal National Monument: Leisyka presented copies of the CCNM Junior Explorer Activity Booklet, which has activities and pages about the “Trinidad Rocks”, stormwater pollution prevention, maps, history, culture and wildlife. The Trinidad Head Lighthouse will be open the day after the Clam Beach Run. The City is disseminating these booklets at various locations.

Trinidad Rancheria: Jonas reported that the Rancheria has finished the scenic drive erosion control project to improve the drain, armor the slope and channel the runoff into the culvert. The tribe will be attending a North Coast Resource Partnership workshop to discuss funding watershed related projects and proposals. The Rancheria is looking at updating their Watershed Plan (McConnahas Mill Creek) with priority projects, non-point source elimination and remediation. They will look at what they have accomplished. Jonas has turbidity data.

Trinidad Coastal Land Trust: Don provided a report on TCLT activities: They are close to completing the purchase of the Green Diamond property between Little River and the freeway that will eventually provide the Coastal Trail right-of-way segment connecting to Scenic Drive. There has been no movement on the trail construction. TCLT is soliciting partners to write letters suggesting the HCAOG prioritizes the trail for the non-motorized funding. There are no landowners or entities standing in the way of this trail. The TCLT is continuing its fundraising campaign for completion of the TCLT office and Ned Simmons Gallery. TCLT participated in the Pacific Outfitters’ Pack Out event to clean up the large amount of trash at Baker Beach. A second Pack Out event was held at Bruno Grove behind the shopping center. They also worked on the ball of net on Moonstone beach.

City of Trinidad: In addition to the Stormwater Project mentioned earlier, the city has recently completed the Luffenholtz Creek Project construction, which constructed new road segments for the main haul road, decommissioned the segments adjacent to the Luffenholtz Creek and treated many additional sites to prevent sediment discharge into Luffenholtz Creek. Becky said that the TBWC members would again be invited on a tour of the project later this year.

Trinidad Bay Watershed Council projects & activities:

Becky presented the new TBWC website for feedback. There are pages for **TBWC, Bay and Watersheds, Trinidad Westhaven Watershed Plan, Projects** (such as the ASBS Stormwater Project), and **Activities, ASBS** and **Stormwater** pages are also being developed. The website will facilitate sharing information about the Trinidad Bay and status as an Area of Special Biological Significance, water quality monitoring data, and watershed protection and improvement information. Comments were positive, however the group wanted to peruse the website on their own to be able to provide more specific comments. Becky will send the website address to the meeting participants. Comments should be sent to Becky by the end of January so the web designer can address the comments before she completes the contract.

Next Meeting Date: Monday April 20, 2015

Future Agenda Items: Trinidad Bay Report; ASBS Stormwater Project update and post-project water quality monitoring results; TBWC booth at the Trinidad Fish Festival; Climate change issues including coastal erosion, floods & drought impacts; Onsite Wastewater Treatment System project; drought and el Nino predictions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30. Submitted by Becky Price-Hall