

FWP R2 CAC Meeting

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, September 30, 2014
LOCATION: 3201 Spurgin Road, Missoula
TIME: 6-9 p.m.

In Attendance:

Members: Tim Aldrich, Jane Bennett, Louie Bouma, Steve Clevidence, Todd Frank, Charlie Johnson, Ross Keogh, Denley Loge, Tracy Manley, Theresa Mondale, Jim Olson, Kylie Paul, Carey Schmidt, Denny Schutz, Stephanie Strickland, Gregory Price, Thomas Puchlerz, Jack Reneau, Carey Schmidt, Toby Walrath, Barbara Joanne Weimer

Staff: Randy Arnold, Aaron Berg, Chet Crowser, Vivaca Crowser, Christine Oschell, Pat Saffel, Dori Schiele, Mike Thompson

CAC Retiring & New Members:

Three CAC members are retiring and this was their last meeting: Connie Buresh (not in attendance), Denny Schutz & Stephanie Strickland. Each member was presented with a plaque for their 4-10 years of service. FWP also welcomed four new and one returning member from the recent CAC member selection process: Steve Clevidence, Dan Conn, Ross Keogh, Kylie Paul & Carey Schmidt (returning member).

Introductions:

Commissioner Gary Wolfe gave a brief introduction, and the group spent time with “round-robin” introductions of FWP staff and new and returning CAC members.

Subcommittee reports:

Vivaca shared how subcommittees work and that they meet quarterly. New subcommittees may be added as topics present themselves.

Access subcommittee- Tim Aldrich (CAC member)

The committee met two times over the summer months and is in need of additional members (Tim mentioned that another landowner or two would be a great addition). The group is focused on local/regional solutions to access issues.

Membership: Tim Aldrich, Brian Bidlake, Todd Frank, Charlie Johnson, Denley Loge, Greg Price, Tom Puchlerz. **Next meeting date:** TBD

Trapping subcommittee- Toby Walrath (CAC member)

The committee met one time over the summer and determined that Toby will offer a demonstration on trapping to give the group a common starting point for discussion on trapping I&E efforts that are needed. **Membership:** (FWP) Mike Thomspson & Vivaca Crowser; (CAC) Brian Bidlake, Theresa Mondale, Greg Price, Stephanie Strickland (retiring), Toby Walrath. **Next meeting date:** TBD

Education subcommittee-Jane Bennett (CAC member)

Jane is interested in forming a new subcommittee to develop ways to involve Missoula youth in FWP work. Jane has received some ideas from local teachers on areas they would like to get their students involved with FWP. Surveys, water-related work, parks, marketing and data collection/analysis were some of the initial ideas. Some areas for job shadowing were office

management, media, and law enforcement. Membership: (FWP) Vivaca Crowser; (CAC) Louie Bouma and Tim Aldrich Next meeting date: TBD

River recreation surveys: Christine “Chrissy” Oschell (FWP FAS Manager)

Chrissy gave a presentation on preliminary results from river recreation surveys conducted on the Blackfoot River and West Fork of the Bitterroot. More analysis and survey work will be done over the next year, and Chrissy can keep those in the group that are interested in this issue updated. There was a lot of CAC discussion and questions on the topic, and a potential need to develop a related CAC subcommittee to follow this topic. Chrissy can be reached at 542-5562 or 370-0898 for more information or follow-up.

Update on FWP license fee increase proposal: Randy Arnold (FWP R2 Supervisor)

The FWP License and Funding Advisory Council met multiple times from August 2013 to April 2014 to create a set of recommendations that would increase FWP revenue while simplifying license structure. R2 CAC members, Tim Aldrich & Jim Olson, served on the advisory council. Randy gave a brief update on FWP funding needs, the fee increase proposal, the public comment period, EQC review, and the next steps in the timeline between now and the legislative session. It will be important for the CAC to stay engaged on this topic. [View additional information](#) on this as well as the [draft bill](#) on the FWP website: fwp.mt.gov.

Next meeting

Thursday, Dec. 4, 6 pm, at the Missoula FWP office (3201 Spurgin Rd)