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Meeting Summary

Sitka Sedge State Natural Area

OPRD Public Meeting III: Draft Master Plan Review

Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Wilsonville, OR

Snowy Plover Discussion

OPRD: A snowy plover site with eggs was surveyed on site. OPRD will need to follow certain restrictions with regard to the protection of this habitat in line with the Snowy Plover Habitat Conservation Plan. This area was identified in that plan, prior to OPRD ownership of the property.

OPRD: With the discovery there may need to be changes to the trails near the beach in the future. The master plan can accommodate these kinds of changes.

Question: How will OPRD handle enforcing the rules like staying on the trail?

OPRD: It will be a challenge. Our biologist is working on the restrictions and we rely on volunteers and have a ranger on staff. Signs are up above the tide line so you can read them from the beach.

Elevation & Tidal Elevation Discussion

OPRD has contracted a groundwater study to measure tidal effects of groundwater elevations in northern Tierra Del Mar. This is supplemental to information that the consultant has been collecting in regards to watershed modeling in the estuary. There is a brief summary of this information in the plan however the report because the report is not complete we cannot provide a finalized summary at this time. We plan on providing the completed report for public comment when data collection is completed in 2017.

Comment: The north end property owners flood insurance will most likely go up and there will be septic failures and obviously flooding.

OPRD: We are not proposing to make changes to create problems for the community.

Comment: Where do I find the fish passage information?

OPRD: The fish passage report summary information is on page 74.

Comment: There has been a lot made about having the fresh water next to the salt water. Is that being considered?

OPRD: Yes. There is salt water getting into the fresh water estuary right now. While this is something OPRD values as an interpretative feature, it is changing, even without modifications for fish passage due to missing boards in the tidegate.

Question: In the plan you refer to Scenario 2 – what is the tidal elevation?

OPRD: I do not know the answer to that off the top of my head.

Comment: There is a beaver dam in the fresh water side and on the east side by the unnamed creek area.

OPRD: We are not advocating going in to remove beaver dams. We are considering these factors as we look at all the issues contributing to flooding.

Question: Is sea level rise being considered?

OPRD: I cannot tell you how, the hydrologists would have to explain the methodology but it will be something we will be asking for information on in a revised study we are looking to initiate.

Comment: There are a lot of successful tide gates with lots of data. We just do not know how well it will work at TDM.

Comment: We're glad you are slowing down especially when it comes to water.

Comment: The King tides were two feet above NOAA's predictions. I would like to see more on that. There are also El Niño's to take into consideration. The neighborhood group is willing to come to an amicable solution. We are willing to work with Parks. TDM was a huge supporter of Parks coming in.

Question: Any education benefits rerouting Reneke to the north like with salmon runs?

OPRD: Yes definitely. We are looking to manage storm water too. This park and the dike are potential great locations for educational purposes.

Comment: We appreciate the work you are doing and slowing the hydrology process.

Question: What is planned for the east side?

OPRD: The cabin and the park host. We see the value in re-use and will upkeep the cabin but nothing is planned. Access is difficult off the road; it is a dangerous crossing and funding a project here has not been prioritized in tandem with recreation improvements.

Question: Have you named any of the trails?

OPRD: No we have not.

Comment: We would like you to name one after Lynda Steiner and the Beltz heritage.

Meeting adjourned.