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# Bowers Rock State Park Restoration Meeting Agenda

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9:00 am – 11:00 am      June 26, 2014

Albany City Hall, Santiam Room, 933 Broadalbin St SW, Albany, OR 97321

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## MEETING AGENDA

- 9:00 am      Welcome, introductions  
*Bud Baumgartner, Co-Chair Calapooia Watershed Council*
- 9:10 pm      Review meeting agenda and ground rules  
*Denise Hoffert, Calapooia Watershed Council Project Manager*
- 9:15 am      Facilitation activity  
*Denise Hoffert, Calapooia Watershed Council Project Manager*
- 9:40 am      Bowers Rock State Park Restoration Projects – Alternatives  
*Troy Brandt, Fisheries Biologist, River Design Group*
- 10:25 am      Discussion on next steps  
*Denise Hoffert, Calapooia Watershed Council Project Manager*
- 10:50 pm      Update on Little Willamette Crossing bridge project  
*Denise Hoffert, Calapooia Watershed Council Project Manager*
- 11:00 am      Meeting Evaluations. Adjourn.

## OVERVIEW

The Calapooia Watershed Council has been engaged with Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department and stakeholders to develop and implement a restoration strategy for the Bowers Rock State Park since 2011.

Project funders include: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) Special Investment Partnership (SIP), Meyer Memorial Trust (MMT) and Pacific General Electric (PGE).

The overarching goals for the funding available to Willamette River mainstem restoration projects include:

- Increase channel complexity and length
- Improve connectivity between the mainstem and its floodplain
- Expand the geographic extent and improve the health of floodplain forests

Additional background information on the Willamette Special Investment Partnership (SIP) can be found online at:

[http://www.oregon.gov/OWEB/pages/sip\\_willamette.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/OWEB/pages/sip_willamette.aspx)

### Restoration Planning and Project Development

Restoration planning and project development for Bowers Rock State Park was started in April 2014 with funding support from MMT and PGE. River Design Group (RDG) out of Corvallis is providing professional, technical services for the project.

Project concepts presented at past stakeholder meetings have been further explored and developed into restoration alternatives.

Concepts that were presented at the May stakeholder meeting include:

- Gravel pond reconnection,
- Culvert crossings on East Slough,
- Culvert crossings on West Slough
- Native vegetation establishment/enhancement invasives management

**For the June meeting, these concepts will be further developed with cost estimates and implementation timelines.**

*(Details on these potential restoration projects will be presented at the meeting.)*

### UPDATE Little Willamette Crossing

- CWC secured funding from OWEB SIP in Spring 2012 to address an undersized culvert (Little Willamette Crossing) and implement a bridge replacement project Summer 2014 (pending landowner approval, appropriate design and sufficient funding).
- In May, McGee developed a bridge alternative design that was approved by Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and the landowner with part ownership of the crossing. WEST Consultants developed a hydraulic model to demonstrate expected channel velocities, scour potential and water surface elevations for the existing and potential future conditions.
- The engineered plan set and hydraulic model results were used to secure the Linn County floodplain permit. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's local office

provided a letter of support for the project. Permit applications were submitted in June to the state and federal agencies that regulate activities within the floodplain and waters of the United States (Oregon Department of State Lands and US Army Corps of Engineers).

- Permits are expected to be obtained by late July.
- The project is on indefinite hold pending the local landowner's decision to decline further participation with the crossing project siting concerns over fish usage and unique characteristics of the Little Willamette Slough. The project will have all the components in place to be able to move forward with construction at a future time if there is a change in interest in the project or ownership.

Questions or suggested agenda topics can be sent to: Denise Hoffert email: [hofferthay@peak.org](mailto:hofferthay@peak.org), or phone 541-619-5896.

Thank you for your continued support of the Bowers Rock State Park Restoration Project!