

# ***Oregon Environmental Justice Taskforce***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

April 12, 2013

### **I. Call to order**

Ben Duncan, chair called to order the regular meeting of the Oregon Environmental Justice Taskforce at 10:00am on April 12, 2013 at Roth's West Salem, Santiam Room, 1130 Wallace Road NW Salem, OR.

### **II. Roll**

The following persons were in attendance: Ben Duncan (chair), Robin Morris Collin (task force member), Will Collin (task force member), Cynthia Gomez (task force member), Terry Witt, Louise Bos (ODOT), Tony Barber (EPA), Jae Douglas (OHA), Christine Svetkovich (DEQ), Rose Kachadoorian (ODA), Julie Curtis (DSL), and Sharon Watkins (DSL).

### **III. Welcome and Introductions**

Approval of minutes from last meeting: Due to a lack of quorum, no approval of minutes was possible.

Updates and Announcements

Reminder that Agency reports are now due.

Review of Agenda

### **IV. Agency Updates**

a) DSL: new director Mary Abrams; project updates:

Portland Harbor Pablo Martos and Gloria Kiryuta

Coyote Island: Public comment complete, Decision expected Nov. 1, 2013

b) DEQ: City of Cornelius, Dia de los Ninos SOLVE

Suggestion for adding EJ materials in Spanish to the DEQ presentation. Cynthia Gomez added that materials should be translated by culturally competent translator.

Dredging: SB 838 moratorium on suction dredge mining, vacuuming of sediments in the Environment and Natural Resources Committee

May 9 Tribal Government Day, Legislative Commission on Indian Services

Intern request to assist with guidance on limited English proficiency

DEQ role in Columbia River Crossing: Army Corps of Engineers application for 401 water quality permit; Heather Mills environmental manager

EPA Title VI training

c) Oregon Department of Agriculture

Rose K received a promotion

High failure rate of people taking the Spanish language pesticide applicator exam may be related to limited training materials in Spanish.

Tribes: invasive grasses to increase native forbes (broad leaf plants)

d) ODOT

New Chief Engineer, Environmental manager, Susan Houck; Hal Gard has moved on

e) Oregon Health Authority

Wind Energy Health Impact Assessment

“Cully Experience” Brownfield need to develop sites in community

Curtis Cude

Mapping portal (5.) environmental public heal tracking with EJ component language, and social isolation

**V. New business**

a) Set July 1 date for Annual Reports

b) Gabriela Goldfarb Governors’ Office update

c) Membership: need interest forms from Jack Johnson, Jon Ostar, and Julie Samples. Interested New members also need to file interest form: Joseph Lyons, Scott \_\_\_\_\_ (industry), tribal representative inactive (see Legislative Commission on Tribal Affairs), plus one additional at large seat.

d) Integrated Pest Management Bill: HB 3364 naming Dr. Paul Jepson

e) Legislative Session update:

Air quality Toxics bill (OEC)

Toxics Disclosure, Healthy Kids HB 3162

Ecosystems services: Robin Morris Collin pointed out that if credits are granted, polluters may use these credits to avoid cleaning up EJ communities

Oregon Health Competency

[HB] 2890 Inclusionary Zoning bill has hearing in Human Services and Housing committee

Green Chemistry Executive Order initiative issuing RFP for janitorial service

f) Review Best Practices Handbook

Need citations pages 16 and 17

Cancer risk by race

Measure impact by impact not by political power

“Speaking for Ourselves” -- quotes from communities, agencies

Dynamic not static

g) Leadership Academy idea

h) Content of Annual Report: Ben Robin and Will to provide guiding questions or template.

Capacity building efforts

Projects that engage environmental justice

How EJ relates to core mission

Title VI compliance

Presentations desirable

Terry Witt: set a date, include legislation concepts and budget

Q for Gabriela Goldfarb: the place for EJ in the Governors 10 year plan

Distribution of report: send report to the legislature, and the Ways and Means Committee Chairs

**VI. Portland Harbor Update EPA:**

Anticipate a six party settlement by Monday

Baseline human health risk assessment accepted

Primary drivers are fish consumption, including shellfish, direct contact with sediment, infant consumption of breast milk from women exposed to \_\_\_\_\_.

Elaina Connelly – CD rom, website access, and fact sheet

Feasibility study for whole harbor, cleanup alternatives 12 – 18 months away

Ecological risk assessment (May of 2013) (?)

**VII. West Salem Community participation and preparation for community tour**

**VIII. West Salem Tour (post adjournment)**

**IX. Adjournment**

Ben Duncan, chair adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm.