

PFA March MAC Meeting

July 12, 2023

12:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Virtual

Meeting called by: Andy Spyrka (Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife) **Type of meeting:** General PFA Mitigation Advisory Committee Meeting

Facilitator: Bob Van Dyk (Chair) **Note taker:** Sarah Reif & Andy Spyrka

Attendees: Chad Washington, Bob Van Dyk, Mark Stern, Chrysten Rivard, Heath Curtiss, Andrew Purkey, Jennifer Weikel, Chris Allen, Kate Wells, Fran Cafferata, Sara Gregory, Mark Grenbemer.

Minutes

Agenda item: 1. Call to Order, Roll Call, & Approval of Agenda **Presenter:** Bob Van Dyk

Discussion:

General call to order, roll call, and approval of agenda. Bob requested a motion to approve the amended agenda, which modified agenda item 5 "Endorsement of OARs" to a longer discussion.

Conclusions:

Chad Washington motioned to approve the agenda, and Mark Stern seconded the motion. No objections and the agenda was approved.

Agenda item: 2. Consent Agenda **Presenter:** Bob Van Dyk

Discussion:

Bob requested objections to the consent agenda.

Conclusions:

No objections, consent agenda approved.

Agenda item: 3. Public Comment **Presenter:** Bob Van Dyk

Discussion:

- Kelly Beamer
 - Executive Director for the Oregon Coalition of Land Trust
 - Two comments
 - Allow for reimbursement of acquisitions for up to 2 years prior
 - Allow for reimbursement of due diligence incurred before submission
 - Discussion amongst MAC members with Kelly
 - Mark Stern asked for clarification on what reimbursements may look like
 - Heath Curtiss asked for clarification as to what if funding isn't awarded for a reimbursement request

Agenda item: 4. Staff Report **Presenter:** Sarah Reif & Andy Spyrka

Discussion:

- Andy gave an update on the Grant Management System and current grant monitoring requirements.
 - Grant Management System
 - A long-term and interim system is being procured
 - The long-term solution will take place in 2025, and the interim will take place until then

- Looking to partner with Travel Oregon on an interim solution to reduce costs and timelines
 - The cost for the interim is assumed to be \$20K for two years, including training and onboarding. The cost will reduce after that slightly.
 - All grant management system costs will come from the PFA Subaccount for its use.
 - Monitoring Requirements
 - Andy spoke about future expectations of enhanced monitoring and that ODFW and the services are working together to identify what that may look like
 - Andy notes that it's crucial we monitor adequately with respect to the anticipated needs of the HCP.
 - In the meantime, the program will require quarterly to yearly monitoring at the least, and every reimbursement request will have a progress report with it.
 - MAC Discussion occurred
 - Cost questions from Mark Stern
 - Chrysten recommended we engage with prospective applicants when building the systems.
- Sarah Reif provided an update on the budget post-session for the MAC
 - Sarah recommends we discuss funding allotments at future meetings
 - Agreed by Bob
 - Heath recommended we move forward as planned and assume that the State will fund the \$10 million/year as planned.

Conclusions:

None.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
• None		

Agenda item: 5. PFA Oregon Administrative Rules **Presenter:** Bob Van Dyk

Discussion:

- Bob introduced the updated OARs and provided an outline of proposed changes to discuss with the MAC
- Sarah Reif gave next step updates
 - Noted the Commission mailing is the 20th
 - Sarah and Andy will create a draft final on the 18th to make the 20th mailing.
 - Discussed the Commission packet, materials, and attachments
 - Notes that public comments will still roll in. After the 18th, comments will not be incorporated into the packet to the Commission, but the Commission can consider comments on their own and ask for incorporation
 - Bob requested that any discrepancy between staff and MAC OAR recommendation is noted clearly
- MAC reviewed the OARs line by line and discussed various edits that ODFW is to make to the most current draft
 - Primary discussion occurred regarding reimbursable costs, specifically for upfront administrative and land acquisitions that occurred prior to the grant submission/MAC approval.
 - The MAC decided to strike language regarding reimbursement of land acquisition.
 - **Motion is made to formally amend OAR 635-097-0070**
 - Chad Washington motions to remove language in -0070(f) but keep -0070(k) language
 - Heath Curtiss seconds this motion
 - Roll call vote
 - Chad - yay
 - Bob - yay
 - Chrysten - yay
 - Heath - yay
 - Andrew - yay
 - Mark - yay
 - Fran - yay
 - Motion passes, no objections.
 - Additional MAC discussion occurred involving eligible applicants
 - MAC discussed the exclusion of individuals from the grant program
 - Individuals remained excluded and encouraged to apply with an organization

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
• Schedule working group meetings	Andy Spyrka	ASAP

Agenda item: 7. HCP Presentation by Oregon Department of Forestry **Presenter:** Jennifer Weikel

Discussion:

- Jennifer with ODF provided a detailed presentaon about the development of the HCP
- MAC discussion occurred post-presentation for clarity.

Conclusions:

None.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
None.		

Other Information

This meeting was recorded, transcribed, and posted on the ODFW webpage
<https://www.dfw.state.or.us/habitat/PFA/meetings/index.html>.