

## LRBP Progress Report 3/7/2021

## **Progress:**

- Staff (DM Cathcart and Logalbo) have incorporated board feedback on the Guiding Values and Guiding Principles received on the most recent draft presented at the February 16, 2021 Board Meeting.
- Staff is currently working on adding language acknowledging that the farmers and landowners that the District has historically worked with will continue to be served alongside new communities the District is also aiming to serve in the introduction.
- Former LRBP advisory committee member Gabe Sheoships and staff Logalbo met and discussed the most recent draft of the Long Range Business Plan. The following were identified areas to improve the working draft:
  - Rewording of Goal 4.3: Seek and support opportunities to recognize Traditional Ecological Knowledge as being an important understanding of the landscape to learn and apply these teachings.
  - Addition of Tactic c (under Goal 4.3, shown above): Explore/pursue opportunities for staff or board tribal liaisons positions.
  - In addition to items identified for improvement, the following was discussed:
    - Opportunities to partner with Center for Diversity & the Environment (CDE) and Friends of Tryon Creek.
    - Enthusiasm for our important role in connecting Indigenous community members with access to the land – we discussed how limited and sought after these opportunities are and the important role private lands can play in this respect.
- Staff have made significant progress in developing the following newer LRBP draft components:
  - Geographic Focus Areas: Staff DeMarco, Logalbo and DM Cathcart have worked together to identify the key maps needed to display focus areas that align with priority goals with DeMarco developing the maps and Logalbo and Cathcart providing guidance and feedback. Currently, the following are captured:
    - Priority Landscapes: Forested habitat connectivity collaboration areas
      (West Willamette River Partnership & Greater Forest Practices

- Conservation Initiative), Multnomah Channel & Columbia River floodplain and wetland habitats (lower Columbia River estuarine), Oregon White Oak and native pollinator habitats.
- Priority Watersheds: Abby Creek, Balch Creek, Crabapple Creek,
  McCarthy Creek, Rock Creek, Tryon Creek, and Sauvie Island
- Working Lands Focus Areas: Oregon Department of Agriculture water quality focus area and forestry Conservation Implementation Strategy focus area.
- Schools: Emphasize schools serving the most historically underserved community members.
- Performance Measures: Logalbo has drafted performance measures for each strategic direction and has asked relevant staff program/project leads to vet those measures.

## **Next Steps:**

- April:
  - External review: Share a draft LRBP for comment with key partners and other interested community members.
- May:
  - Staff review and respond to external review feedback in the final review LRBP draft.

## **Upcoming Board Meeting Discussion/Decisions:**

- May:
  - Presentation: Updated draft presented to the Board including staff response to and incorporation of external review feedback from key partners and other interested community members.
  - Possible Decision: Adopt final LRBP.