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First Neighborhood Meetings Completed in Isthmus Assessment

The first round of Coffee Klatch meetings in the Isthmus and Coalbank Sloughs sub-basin assessment area was successfully completed in June of 2009 with a total of 74 individuals attending the three meetings.

Thank you to all of the landowners and land managers who came out to these meetings. Valuable information regarding the residents' land management objectives, visions for the future, and interest in restoration projects was gathered. This anonymous information will be used to help prioritize possible restoration activities in the sub-basin and we hope to help landowners address individual concerns as funding and time is available.



Bessie Joyce, Assessment and Outreach Coordinator for the Coos Watershed Association, greets landowners at the Millington Fire Hall on June 11th. This meeting was part of a Coffee Klatch series in the Isthmus and Coalbank Sloughs sub-basin to learn more about landowners' objectives and visions for the future.

One meeting participant commented that they were “surprised at all it took in” while other participants would have been happy to have had a longer meeting to discuss individual concerns further. A landowner who attended the Lower Isthmus area meeting added “I like the interest from the Watershed Association to assist this area in coordinated efforts.”

“We are glad to have such a wide range of interested landowners and turnout, especially in the more-developed sub-basins where we don't yet have many pre-established relationships,” said Bessie Joyce, Assessment and Outreach Coordinator for the Coos Watershed Association.

If you missed this first round of meetings for the Isthmus and Coalbank Sloughs and would like to share your land management objectives and concerns, or would just like more information, contact the Coos Watershed Association at cooswa@cooswatershed.org or 541-888-5922.

The next Coffee Klatch activity for Isthmus and Coalbank Slough area landowners should take place in September of 2009, and will involve a site tour illustrating types of restoration projects that have already been successfully implemented in other sub-basins of the Coos watershed.

About the Coos Watershed Association – The Coos Watershed Association is a local 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed in 1994 as a way for people with a wide range of interests to get together and discuss the “big picture” of the conditions of the Coos watershed. The Association implements restoration, monitoring, and outreach projects throughout the Coos watershed with the goal of restoring and maintaining healthy, functioning stream systems. The Association also helps individual landowners decide how to manage and restore the watershed's natural systems.

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