



Columbia Gorge CWMA Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

January 21st 2026; 11:55 AM – 12:45 PM

11:00 Welcome

All

11:05 Introducing Courtney!

All

11:10 Transition Update

- What the Steering Committee is working on
 - Meeting software
 - Discussed using the room camera and microphone for future meetings. The Web camera worked okay but the audio quality for people online is poor. We will need to look into other solutions in the future.
 - Getting Courtney up to speed!
 - Discussed a rough draft workplan for Courtney. Comments/proposed changes:
 - 2026 annual report tentatively schedule to be started in the summer.
 - It's best to be done by October so an invoice can be prepared.
 - Add detailed tasks for September.
 - Develop the Weed List Committee in October with a first-meeting deadline in January.
 - Looking for funding/grants in the summer is optimal.
 - Send out a reminder for general meetings 3 weeks before and an agenda 1 week before.
 - ISEP Crediting Process
 - Discussed how best to word talk descriptions to achieve accreditation.

11:20 Committee Chair

- **Vote for steering chair will happen next steering committee meeting.**

11:35 Funding Opportunities



- Has anyone seen any?
 - Rose Foundation and Pacific Power may have eligible grants.
 - NFF grant may be available in late spring/summer. Emily suggested: work with the Prescription Burn Association out of Klickitat to fund a project doing surveys post-burn in yellow star thistle treatment areas.
- Discussion of need for funding for Facilitator position.
 - 17k transfer from Clackamas for this position
 - Have fundraising to do but some partners may donate.

11:45 Transition

- Do we need another before ISEP?
 - Online SC Meeting scheduled Feb. 17th at 10am-11am.

11:50 Adjourn

Next CWMA Steering Committee Meeting

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March 25th 2026, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM