

Central Oregon Biomass Team

Meeting #2

April 15, 2016 -- 8:30-9:00am
Redmond Public Works Training Room
243 E. Antler Ave., Redmond OR

Notes

Introductions & Agenda Review

Introductions were made and Kiley Rucker Clamons reviewed the agenda.

Biomass Supply Analysis Update

Kiley Rucker Clamons informed the group that COIC issued an RFQ for the Woody Biomass Supply Analysis in January. Members of the Central Oregon Biomass Team formed a sub-committee and selected TSS Consultants to do the work. An overview of the project is outlined in the handout titled "Central Oregon Biomass Supply Availability Analysis, Project Overview". TSS Consultants will present their findings at the June 2015 Team meeting.

Kiley Rucker Clamons also stated that COIC hired an intern, Camara Bedell-Stiles, to conduct a side study on non-woody biomass supply. Matt Delaney, Delaney Forestry Services, noted in A Review of Biofuel & Specialty Biochemical Business Development Potential in Central Oregon that spent brewery grains have a desired chemical make-up for biochemical production. Therefore, COIC wanted to also look at non-woody biomass business potential in the region as a component of the overall biomass industry. Camara Bedell-Stiles will also present her findings at the June 2016 Team meeting.

Collaborative Groups Economic Objectives

Vernita Ediger discussed the connection between forest restoration work and biomass markets, suggesting that the Central Oregon Biomass Team's objectives align with both the Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project (DCFP) and the Ochoco Forest Restoration Collaborative (OFRC) economic objectives. For instance, the OFRC is coordinating with the University of Oregon's Ecosystem Workforce Program to examine how many restoration contracts are being granted to local businesses vs. outside companies. This work will help identify the local economic benefits to restoration work and will likely reveal opportunities for improving local benefit.

Key Updates

The group was asked to share any relevant updates. Janet Burton, EDCO-La Pine, announced that the City of La Pine and Deschutes County had signed-off on a purchase option agreement for approximately 20 acres in the La Pine Industrial Park for a biomass power plant. Janet Burton explained that this was a necessary and first step for the project to move forward.

Biomass Market Development Project Schedule

Kiley Rucker Clamons addressed the handout, "Draft Biomass Market Development Project Schedule." She proposed that the next steps are to identify opportunities and barriers to biomass market development in Central Oregon. Once the opportunities and barriers are identified, the team will begin to build a strategic plan to take advantage of the opportunities and overcome the barriers. A draft strategic plan will hopefully be formed by the end of 2016. Kiley Rucker Clamons said she would send out a Doodle poll to set the next meeting time and date. She asked if there were any dates that should be avoided for the next meeting in June and no comments were made.

Wrap-Up

The meeting adjourned.