



Arch Cape Forest Management Committee Meeting

December 15, 2022

Meeting Recording Link:

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Committee Members Present: Clark Binkley, Chris Mastrandrea, Patricia Noonan

Contractors Present: Ben Hayes (Springboard Forestry), Daniel Wear (Sustainable Northwest)

Public Present: Bill Campbell, Dan Seifer, Paul Atwood, Eeva Lantela, Rick Gardner, Anne Dove, Eric Shoemaker, John Mersereau

Meeting Agenda

3:00 PM: Introduction of Forest Management Committee Members to Forester, Project Manager, and ACWD Staff. (5 min)

- Daniel to work with Ben as Secretary.

Pat was recommended to take the role of Chair of the Committee by Clark and Chris, no objections taken.

- Pat noted that any communication between two members of the committee regarding subject matter of the Forest Management Committee.

Any communication between two members of the committee require a public meeting notice.

3:05 PM: General Agenda (55 min)

Defining Objectives and Goals of the Forest Management Committee

Ben: Goal of committee to be recommender of operational plans to the board of the water district to the Arch Cape Forest.

- Priority 1: Will include an annual budget (2023)
 - First year has significant maintenance and restoration costs.

- Priority 2: 5-year operational plan (road work, forest inventory, commercial harvesting)
- Priority 3: Long Term financial and operational plan (50 yr planning horizon)

Ben will be implementing operating plan for 2023, resources available of 5-year plan. 50 year/ long term financial plan will require more support.

Clark: Year one plan could include long term planning, is putting together a 5 yr operating plan something we plan on completing in year 1.

Ben: Year 1 costs will be higher than year 2-6 costs. By the end of year one, there should be a 5-year plan in place. All management in year one would be proposed to the board by Q1 in 2023.

Clark: will we be able to complete rehab work (restoration and road management) in year one?

Ben: Ecological Road assessment will be completed in May 2023 – more details on roads then. We will be able to contract rehab projects within year one, some timelines might not work to get completed in year one (this would reduce contractor costs).

- Minor contract work (property stewardship) will be doable in year one
- Major contract projects could be contracted in year 1 and implemented in year 2-6.

Motion to approve 3 priorities: Clark, Seconded by Chris. (unanimously approved)

Chris: Request for proposed 2023 budget to also include the committed ARPA funds, and the ability to spend ARPA funds for all the required activities. (Thinning, Planting, ect).

Roles and Responsibilities:

Goal to ensure ongoing management activities and harvest decisions are made and align with the Multi-Resource Management Plan (to be approved in coming months by Arch Cape Water District Board (ACWD)).

Goal to ensure 1 year, 5 year, and long-term management plan balance ecological benefit to the Arch Cape Forest and financial sustainability of the site.

Frequency of meetings:

Clark: To align with time points we should meet monthly to start the process. Recommend we meet quarterly in the long term, and as often as needed prior to the implementation of the Multi-Resource Management Plan and Initial management contracts.

Pat: Next meeting will take place on Tuesday, Jan 10 at 4:00 PM. To decide on a recommendation to 1 year management budget to the Arch Cape Water District Board.

- **Ben Hayes to provide the 1-year management budget to Committee by 1/4/2022.**

Chris: All recommendations to the board approved by Consensus with ability to abstain.

- **Unanimously approved.**

Fire Protection and Fire Access - Update

Ben: Arch Cape – Pays ODF for fire protection and fire fighting services. First response: Cannon Beach Fire, Second response ODF.

- **Access Points:** Hug Point Gate and Shingle Mill Gate.
- Hug Point: Fire response through Hug Point Gate. Only a Lewis and Clark and Arch Cape Lock on the Gate.
- Shingle Mill: Access for fires (and rescues) in the south portion of the forest. More road maintenance will be recommended in the Ecological road assessment with NCLC.
- Cannon Beach Fire has updated map, app, and keys to access areas within the forest. This covers Arch Cape Forest and Rainforest Reserve.
- Communication: Fire Map contains emergency contacts. ACWD, NCLC, ODF, Cannon Beach Fire.
- ODF: Less concerned about access plan.
- Risk of fire in the forest: No pile burning in ACF, will limit holdover fire. Camp fires more difficult to eliminate with
- Fire Detection: Lighting strike detection technology, visual detection for the non-lightning strikes.

Ben: Future planning with the Forest Management Committee will be proposed in the 5-year management plan, as decided by the Management Committee, however current fire response plan is in place.

Financial Management Approach

Chris: Covered in roles and responsibilities, 5-year and long-term plan, we'll need to know what our decision is on harvest to put together any future.

- If the advisory committee included a no harvesting recommendation, should we provide multiple approaches of management budgets.

Pat: The advisory committee recommended solely hand thinning for forest health. The board can propose harvest to ensure a balanced budget.

Ben: Different harvest scenarios have been budgeted in the ACF planning. This will be part of the proposal of the long-term financial plans which will be proposed to the Arch Cape Forest Management Committee in future meetings.

Introduction to Draft Forest Management Plan (revised copy from Advisory Committee shared prior to meeting) – Discussed throughout the meeting and not covered directly.

Public Comment:

Rick Gardner: Long-term financial plan previously, relied on logging as funding, and the use of the ARPA funding for management. This project will become cash negative more quickly without those approaches. Community has concerns around long-term financial viability of the forest.

Paul Atwood: I was led to believe that this meeting is rolling out the multi-resource management plan. What does this committee do differently to the Arch Cape Seven (Arch Cape Forest Advisory Committee). Additionally ODFW support available for site analysis as needed.

- **Pat:** Multi-Resource Management Plan was created by the Arch Cape Forest Advisory Committee -> recommended for approval to the ACWD Board, which will go live for public comment shortly. This committee will manage the Forest Management Plan and implementation of the forest management plan as recommended by the ACWD Board.

Eeva Lantela: When are the public access planning meetings?

- **Daniel Wear:** Public access committee meetings take place on the Second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM. Meeting details can be found on the Arch Cape Water District site: <https://www.archcapewater.org/notices> or on the Arch Cape Facebook Site: <https://www.facebook.com/ArchCapeForest>

4:05 PM: Adjourned

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 10 at 4:00 PM.