

**HMSC Sustainability Committee
Meeting Minutes: Dec. 2, 2008**

Members Present: Anjanette Baker, Devin Brakob, Todd Cross, Ken Hall, Jennifer Menkel, Judy Mullen, Jay Peterson, Randy Walker, Tom Wainwright

Next Brownbag: December 16th at noon

Next Committee Meeting on: January 13th, 2009 at 10:30am

For Next Meeting: Short report on Yachats Sustainability Fair and worm bin (S. Niekirk)

Topics Covered:

Regular meeting time changed

No waste HMSC Xmas Party

Brownbag Speakers

Baselines for Greenhouse Gas Inventory/Transportation Survey

Climate Master Handbook from OSU Extension

1. Meeting Time Change

The regular meetings of the HMSC Sustainability Committee will be held at 10:30 (not 10am) on the first Tuesday of each month.

2. No Waste HMSC Christmas Party

We hope to contribute to a “no waste” Christmas party at HMSC by asking attendees to bring their own utensils and by setting up clearly marked bins for recycling. We can deposit any compostable material in the Earth tub on campus. We may need to locate someone going to campus Dec. 11th or 12th to haul compostables.

Action: Todd and Ken will set up well-labeled receptacles for recycling both the food waste and regular recyclables.

Action: Ken will get the guidelines for what can be deposited in the Earth tub.

Action: Ken and Jennifer M. will look at the viability of purchasing and sharing an earth tub with the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

3. Brownbag Speakers:

November: Dann Cutter gave a talk on “E-Waste” on Nov. 18th.

December 16th: Ken Hall on OSU Greenhouse Gas Inventory and context of Oregon joining the Western Climate Initiative

January 27th: Mark Sleight ? (Efficiency Services Group, Salem) on tax and energy rebates

February ___: Paul Rich ? (Efficiency Services Group, Salem) home energy conservation & walk-throughs for homeowners

Action: Devin will contact Mark Sleight and Paul Rich to set dates for them as speakers (997-3434) or (1-888-883-9879)

Action: Sharon will find out when Chris Dimond can speak.

Potential Speaker ideas: Viviane Simon-Brown, who teaches the Climate Master class for OSU Extension in Linn-Benton Counties; Michael Davis (off the grid); Brandon Trelstad (OSU Sustainability Coordinator)

4. Greenhouse Gas Inventory (and other baseline measurements)

The committee discussed the value of having baseline information on HMSC emissions from usage of electricity, water, gas, fuel used for fleet vehicles and boats, and staff transportation to and from work. Having baseline usage on hand will help us to measure our improvements. We are making headway on this, slowly but surely. Ken Hall now has a good handle on the electric bills for OSU at HMSC over the last five years. Rick Brown has this information for NOAA. It would be good to have data from other agencies onsite

For water usage (not a GHG emissions issue, but still important), Randy Walker says that we can now identify most of the water usage on site, but Jay Peterson will check with the City (“Kay” at the billing Dept.) to see if they can give us past billing amounts for water at the various buildings/agencies at HMSC.

Randy mentioned that HMSC received a grant for \$8000.00 from Bonneville Power Authority; the money will pay for an assessment by Oregon State University’s Industrial Engineering Department students of energy efficiency of HMSC’s seawater system. This will be a trans-agency assessment. Perhaps they can also identify ways that water can be recirculated and recycled at HMSC.

HMSC Transportation Survey We decided to survey HMSC staff to create a staff transformation baseline. We may ask these questions: How many miles do you drive from home to work, and how many times per week? What is the approximate miles per gallon of your vehicle? Do you ever use alternative transportation, such as a bike, a bus or a carpool? Anjanette will create a survey form and individual committee members will help conduct the survey with co-workers in their buildings:

Todd: HMSC Facilities Crew; Devin: Barry Fisher Bldg.; Tom and Jay: NAL bldg.
Jennifer: RSF bldg (and also ask for ODFW and ODFW vehicle fleet); Judy: Library and Education Wing Offices; Dawn Grafe for USFW?; Walt Nelson for EPA?

Action: Jay Peterson will ask City of Newport if we can access water bills.

Action: Anjanette will make a survey form to gather data for baseline measurement of emissions from employee commute

Action: Ken to ask Dawn Grafe if she can survey USFW, and Walt Nelson for EPA

5. Climate Master Handbook from OSU Extension

Ken Hall showed us a copy of the *Climate Master Handbook: a guide to shrinking your climate footprint and motivating others to do the same*. “The goal of the Climate Master program is to increase understanding among individuals and households about the causes of and solutions to climate change and to encourage and achieve reductions of personal and household greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.” The book will be used as text for an upcoming OSU Extension class which will be starting soon in Corvallis; the class will take place once per week for several weeks. Committee members are invited to view the handbook online at: <http://climlead.uoregon.edu/pdfs/CMhandbookeugene.pdf>