

LOOMIS LAKE RESTORATION PROJECT

NOTES FROM MEETING WITH MIKE NORDIN With Pacific County Conservation District

March 12, 2015
Ocean Park Fire Station Meeting Hall

Attendees:

Mike Nordin, Pacific County Conservation District
Jeni Maakad, Pacific County Conservation District
Megan Martin, Pacific County Conservation District
Brian Sheldon, District Supervisor, Pacific County Conservation District
Dick Sheldon
Vickie Waldock
L Dave Armbrust
Janet Easley
Renell and Bill Welch
Nadine Long
Lynda Cangemi
Royal Waldock
Pam Reynolds

1. The meeting was started with handouts from the Pacific County Conservation District stating the finished Loomis Lake Restoration Groups **Mission Statement**, which is :

“To develop, implement and maintain Loomis Lake IAVMP (Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan).”

2. Included in the handout was the finished Loomis Lake Restoration Groups **Vision Statement**, which is:

“The concerned community on or near Loomis Lake organize to restore and sustain its healthy wildlife habitat and recreational activities.”

3. Also in the handout were **Goals** of the Restoration Group. These include:
 - a. Assessment of lake vegetation.
 - b. Eradicate or control weeds such as Eurasian Millfoil, Brazillian Elodea, Yellow Flag Iris and Parrot Feather.
 - c. Increase gravel for spawning and recreation.
 - d. Educate local residents and visiting public about invasive species and keeping the lake clean.
 - e. Deepen lake (raking and manage intake and outtake).
 - f. Restock lake after treatment (bass, yellow perch, bluegill, trout and crappie).
 - g. Create Lake Management District.

4. The Districts staff also handed out “Citizens Manual for Developing Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plans”. The handout is an outline of the steps that need to be completed to move ahead with the lake project and obtain permits and grants.

5. Mike stated that public involvement is key to the project.

6. Janet Easley reported that letters have been sent to all owners of lake front property and over fifty questionnaires were returned. All the letters were in favor of treating the invasive vegetation and bringing the lake back to useable condition.

7. Mike told us that Dr. Kim Patton, Aquatic Species specialist from WSU extension service and Todd Brownlee from Department of Natural Resources were going to survey the lake sometime in the next few days. We hope to have their report and advice at our next meeting.

Next meeting will be at the Ocean Park Fire Station Meeting Room at 10:30 am on Thursday, April 9, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Reynolds