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Date: 12 July 1993
To: File
From: Pete Hillmann
Subject: Vegetation Meeting, 12 July 1993

1. A meeting was held at the request of Mark Wilson at the job site on 7/12/93 at 1300 hours. The following were in attendance:

Mark Wilson	Horticulturist
Deedie Bassham	Metro
Janell Davis	Metro
Dennis O'Neil	Metro
Maurice Neyman	Metro
Jim Morgan	Metro
Pete Hillmann	Metro
Sean Fitzgerald	Parametrix

2. Mark passed out copies of the agenda (attached).
3. The failure of native vegetation to flourish in Sub Area 1 test plots was discussed. In addition to the problems described in Section I of the agenda, the extremely wet winter and spring and poor soil trafficability prevented mowing. General recommendations and a proposed work schedule were discussed. Specific courses of action were not decided upon at this meeting.
4. Sub Area 2 vegetation plans were also discussed.
 - a. Although official results of testing on compost submitted by the contractor have not been returned, it is probable that unacceptably high levels of nitrogen and other nutrients would result in overgrowth of exotic weeds, as occurred in Sub Area 1. Mark recommends that for future imported topsoil, we leave out the 50% compost and use only naturally occurring soils, which will permit growth.
 - b. Recovery of existing topsoil is better than expected. It appears that no imported topsoil will be necessary for Sub Area 2.
 - c. Existing topsoil contains a tremendous amount of weed seed (see OSU Seed Lab Test Report #111997.)

5. Courses of action decided upon for Sub Area 2 include the following:
 - a. Request that Construction Contractor delete cover crop 1 and 2 for both Sub Areas 2 and 3. Seed vendors may require payment for native seed. If so, pay for seed and obtain letter of credit. Do not take possession of seed.
 - b. Increase Bid Item 25 and plant regreen over Subarea 2 this year and Subarea 3 next year.
 - c. Arrange for Construction Contractor to disk the topsoil stockpiles once a month until September.
 - d. Set up test plots separately from the Construction Contracts to evaluate fallowing/seed bank exhaustion techniques and native grasses and lupines. Further planning and coordination with Mark Wilson is required.
6. Janell is in the process of purchasing a tractor and implements and an ATV, which can be used by Metro for mowing, disking, harrowing, etc.
7. Metro will review general recommendations, agree upon courses of action to be taken, and task organize to accomplish them.