

Following is a list of some, not all, questions and concerns raised by SNA members who have worked to understand the gorse removal mandate since the July 1 Bandon City Council Meeting. We all recognize the fire risk of gorse and the need to remove or control it, but landowners have additional concerns.

- Enforcement legality. Bandon did not clearly include private landowners in the discussion of the Ordinance Amendments. We need to see the City and County documents that will allow Bandon to enforce compliance within the Urban Growth Boundary, which is located in Coos County.
- Enforcement practicality. The amended City Ordinance does not appear to say the same things that we are hearing from GAG and related planners. If the City holds the authority to enforce based on its Ordinance, how will the process proceed? Will there be written plans? What written assurance will we receive that the City will comply with plans after work begins?
- Coordination with the city, county, state and other governmental entities. Gorse on many private properties abuts gorse on governmental land. How will work by governmental and private landowners be scheduled to ensure private landowners do not need to re-do work?
- Cost burden. The requirement to remove gorse places a cost burden on private landowners. In what ways are the City, County, State and/or GAG addressing the need for financial assistance in some form?
- Timeline. We need written timelines for gorse removal. Some landowners may need flexibility to spread the removal over a period of years because of the cost, risk of erosion or landslides, unavailability of contractors or other reasons.
- Methods of removal. We need written methods of removal on flat land and on slopes. If permits are required for heavy equipment or other issues, how will the process be coordinated?
- Contractors. We need a list of contractors who are trained to remove gorse on different sites and who also carry appropriate insurance.
- Replacement plants. We need lists of acceptable replacement plants (native and other) for different sites and purposes. The GAG site is helpful, but covers too large a geographic area; e.g. what plants will stop erosion and landslides on bluff properties in Bandon and Sunset City and what is the backup data to ensure they will do so?
- Herbicides. Information is available about gorse and other plant herbicides on the GAG website. What are the issues with herbicide use for the animals that live in the gorse (what are the protections for those animals in general?), pets, other plants and humans of all ages and health who may be full time residents, part time residents or renters?
- Bluff issues. Bluff owners face risk to property and homes by erosion and greater cost for removal and replanting. Critical issues include protecting the bluff, dunes, other

existing plants and animals. What will the timeframe be for gorse removal and replanting? We have heard that GAG will offer individual plans. We also need to know that bluff owners will be treated equally. An additional issue for bluff owners (and perhaps others) is home security. Whether part or full time residents, many bluff owners experienced people coming onto their property and looking into their homes for various reasons. Gorse has served as a barrier that limits easy access from the beach. What security measures will be allowed to protect homes and residents after gorse is removed, e.g. fences?

- Providing Information. We have heard that GAG will provide information in various ways in the remainder of 2019. How, for example, will information be provided to part-time residents who are unable to attend meetings?