



Tillamook County

SWCD NEWSLETTER

Tillamook County Soil and Water Conservation District Newsletter

August 2016

New Employee Spotlight

Tillamook County SWCD is pleased to announce that we hired Brad Mead as our Weed Program Coordinator/Technician in March 2015.



The purpose of Brad's position is to identify weed infested areas and develop and implement an integrated weed management program on Public and Private land in Tillamook County.

Brad also has to provide a certain amount of education, and possess great organizational skills that help him to prepare contracts, negotiate with contractors, and work with public and private agencies for the treatment of noxious weeds in Tillamook County. Brad also surveys and provides GIS mapping of weed populations, grant writing and preparation of budget proposals for all our weed related funds.

Brad became interested in studying plants during a brief stint volunteering with the Bureau of Land Management in Medford, OR. He went on to earn his bachelor's degree in Botany at OSU and started working seasonally for federal land management organizations. He attacks each weed problem like a puzzle where the biology of the plant, site conditions, land-owner objectives and treatment options all have to fit together. In his off time, Brad likes to Botanize during hikes, identifying plants, lichens, mosses and mushrooms along the way. 🌿



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The Board meets at 1pm on the third Thursday of each month.

Your Conservation District

For the first 73 years all of the conservation work of Tillamook County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) was accomplished through grants and our partnership with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Tillamook County to promote best management practices and to bring federal dollars for conservation practices that benefit our community.

Then, in 2012, thanks to Tillamook County voters, ballot measure 29-129 created a permanent tax rate of \$.06 per \$1000 assessed property value beginning in 2013-14 to support the work of Tillamook County SWCD.

This local support will ensure the District's continued ability to serve the people of Tillamook County, and will provide local control to offer the full complement of available conservation practices. These local dollars will enable the District to obtain matching funds by applying for project and grant monies.

Tillamook County SWCD provides technical, financial and education assistance to the local community to solve natural resource problems and address conservation priorities including erosion control, flood hazards, water conservation and quality, farm land productivity, integrated pest management, invasive species control, watershed protection and fish and wildlife habitat enhancement and management.

If you have a natural resource or conservation concern you would like to address, give us a call at (503) 842-2240, we will do our best to help.

Serving Tillamook County since 1940

Tillamook County SWCD was established in 1940 as a political subdivision of the State of Oregon, organized in south Tillamook County. The District operates under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 568, with assistance and direction provided by the Oregon Department of Agriculture through the Oregon Soil and Water Conservation Commission and is governed by seven unpaid, locally elected directors. 🏡

Board of Directors

Zone 1
Walter Porter
Term Ends 2018
 Zone 2

Daren Filosi
Term Ends 2018

Zone 3
Clarence (Bub) Boquist
Term Ends 2016

Zone 4
Bryan Measor
Term Ends 2016

Zone 5
Bill Hagerty
Term Ends 2016

At Large 1
Larry Zweifel
Term Ends 2016

At Large 2
Rudy Fenk
Term Ends 2018



Chair Rudy Fenk

Interested in joining our board?

August 30, Deadline to file as a candidate for the 2016 election.

November 8, General Election

Election packets available on our website, or for pickup at front desk.

Activity Summary 2013-2015

Ever wonder what keeps us so busy at Tillamook County SWCD? Here's a summary!

Planning and Implementation Activities

Provided assistance to NRCS to develop **7** Conservation Nutrient Management Plans (CNMP's) covering 1,507.7 acres.

Created **21** CNMP's covering 5,680.5 acres.

95 Water Quality improvement projects including these practices:

- 9.5 miles of fish passage,
- 34,482 feet of livestock exclusion fence,
- 21.12 acres of tree shrub establishment,
- 15.81 acres of livestock use exclusion,
- 10,269.3 acres of nutrient management,
- 1,422.4 acres of waste utilization,
- 160 feet of Access Road



District Manager Ray Monroe

Outreach and Education Activities:

276 landowners contacted with **95** that were provided with technical/ financial assistance.

5 workshops & presentations with 44 attendees-topics included: Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan and Rules, riparian function and plantings, pasture and manure management, rain gardens and storm water management, general water quality/quantity issues and conservation planning.

4 displays with over 1,750 visitors.

1,058 fact sheets handed out pertaining to: Water Quality area plan, Nutrient management and systems, weed management and riparian plants, conservation planning, technical and financial assistance.

50 Newsletters distributed.

95 on-site evaluations addressing water quality due to run-off, erosion & manure application.

Funding Secured to Accomplish the Above:

Funds to complete the above water quality related projects was secured from the County tax rate, Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, and the Tillamook County Creamery Association's Environmental Stewardship program.

The District also construct water quality projects on a "fee for services" basis.



SAVE THE DATE

Join Us as We Celebrate 76 Years

of Continuous Service
to the People of Tillamook County

The Board of Directors & Staff of the Tillamook County Soil & Water Conservation District Invite you to Join them at their Annual Meeting, Dinner & Silent Auction

Saturday,
September 17, 2016
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to: Soil & Water Office
at (503) 842-2240 ext. 110

We look forward to seeing you there!



2016 District Activities

This year is shaping up to be another busy one for the Tillamook County SWCD.

- Participate in the Children's Clean Water Festival & 4th Grade Foresters
- Create and update Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans as required
- Inventory invasive weeds in the Nestucca Basin
- Attack invasive Knotweed infestations in the Nestucca and Trask basins.
- Install livestock exclusion fences & off-stream water along riparian areas
- Respond to noxious weed complaints in a confidential manner.
- Prepare and staff a display for County Fair booth.
- Plant trees and shrubs along the riparian areas fenced above.
- Provide conservation technical assistance as requested

Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our services.

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