

## District Board of Directors

Rudy Fenk—Chair, Director at Large  
Bill Hagerty—Vice Chair, Director Zone 5  
Bub Boquist—Secretary/Treasurer, Zone 3  
Walt Porter—Director Zone 1  
Bryan Measor—Director Zone 4  
Daren Filosi—Director Zone 2  
Larry Zweifel—Director at Large

## Associate Directors

John Gettman Barbara Bosch-Seaholm-Director Emeritus  
Gus Meyer Paul Hanneman—Director Emeritus

## District Staff

Ray Monroe—Watershed Technical Specialist  
Sherry Vick-Office Coordinator/Technician  
Gary Mickelson—Stream Enhancement Crew  
Bob Pedersen-District Conservation Volunteer

## PARTNERS

Bureau of Land Management - Coast 105 Radio  
Department of Environmental Quality  
Economic Development Council of Tillamook County  
Environmental Protection Agency - Division of State Lands  
Farm Bureau - Farm Credit Service - Farm Service Agency  
KTIL/KMBD Radio - Headlight Herald Newspaper  
Lower Nehalem Watershed Council  
National Association of Conservation Districts  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Nestucca/Neskowin Watershed Council  
NW Oregon Resource Conservation & Development  
Oregon Association of Conservation Districts  
Oregon Department of Agriculture  
Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife  
Oregon Department of Forestry - Port of Tillamook Bay  
Oregon State University Extension Service  
Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board  
Oregon Soil & Water Conservation Districts  
Tillamook Bay Watershed Council  
Tillamook County Creamery Association  
Tillamook County Board of Commissioners  
Tillamook County Community Development  
Tillamook County Flood Control Group  
Tillamook Estuary Partnership - National Estuary Program  
Tillamook County Planning Department  
US Army Corps of Engineers — US Forest Service

## Thank You for Donating This Year

Gypo Farms	Leo Kuntz
Bub Boquist	Dale Buck
John Gettman	Dennis & Hellen Schmitz
Coast Wide Ready Mix	Rudy & Ruth Fenk
Grazing West Dairy	CHS
Gus Meyer	Menefee Dairy
TCCA Farm Store	Fairview Acres
Fotunato Pacious-Rivera	Larry & Pam Zweifel
Marwyn & Marcella Naegeli	Olivia Rose Boutique
Paul & Sandy Hanneman	Rosenberg Building
David Yamamoto	Kent Perkins
Tillamook CO-OP	Sea Q Fish



Tillamook County  
Soil & Water  
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# 2013-2014 Annual Report



*Riparian Enhancement and  
Restoration continues to be a  
priority for the District  
as well as our partners.*

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## Tillamook County Soil & Water Conservation District MISSION STATEMENT

TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN COORDINATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
PLANNING IN ORDER TO INSURE AND PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION AND WISE  
USE OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES.

## HISTORY AND CURRENT OBJECTIVES

The Tillamook County Soil & Water Conservation District, established in 1940, is the oldest of the 45 Soil & Water Conservation Districts in Oregon. The district has operated under the premise that locally led conservation fosters land and resource stewardship for all users of the natural resources in Tillamook County. Actively involved as conservation leaders in the community for the past Seventy-Four years, the Tillamook County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors has sponsored activities that repair, restore, maintain, and enhance the natural environment within Tillamook County. The focus on resource management issues has evolved to provide information, education, technical and financial assistance to all stakeholders within the county. We continue that focus daily.

**The District's accomplishments are remarkable when you take into consideration the unique funding that supports its efforts.** Tillamook County voters approved a tax rate for the District in November of 2012 that supports operation and program expenses. Each program offered by the District is supported with grant dollars sponsored by a variety of sources. The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and the Department of Environment Quality (DEQ) provide the anchor stone that allows the **District to leverage additional funding sources. Without ODA's support, many of the programs offered to landowners would not be possible.** The District staff is constantly working to find grant programs and sources that address the conservation needs identified across the county. By understanding and recognizing the unique features of our natural resource landscape, the District has had an opportunity to provide essential elements in the delivery of the conservation message across Tillamook County.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Rudy Fenk  
A Special Thank You



When I think of volunteers I think of time and values. In our lives, one thing we cannot make, collect, gain, buy or even borrow is time. We have a limited amount of time for sleep, work, family and our own interests. Therefore, an individual's time is a very precious commodity.

When an individual commits themselves to volunteer on a consistent basis they have chosen to give up their own time to support an activity to benefit others. This brings me to values. Some of the strongest values, service and sacrifice are shown when one places the needs of another above their own. The true volunteer chooses to give up their personal time and energy and expend it to help others.

Today is a day to remind all of you just how much your efforts are appreciated. It has been my pleasure to work with the Board of Directors, the Associate Directors, and the staff of the Tillamook County Soil and Water Conservation District. I would like to formally express my gratitude to all Tillamook County volunteers and to give special recognition to individuals who inspire us.

Thank all of you for the time and talent you bring to our organization.

### Annual Plan of Work 2013-2014 Program Commitments

- Stream Restoration and Enhancement
- Technical Support/Assistance Program
- Implement North Coast Basin Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan
  - Noxious Weed Control
- SWCD/MEAD Agricultural Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund Program
- Educational outreach & implementation of on-the-ground projects with local schools, OYCC, REC and Camp Tillamook
- Native Plant Nursery Cooperative

## Diamond Pioneer Award

Rudy Fenk has been selected as a member of the Diamond Pioneer Agriculture Achievement Registry



The Registry was established in March of 1983 as part of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the OSU College of Agriculture Sciences.

The Registry recognizes and highlights the significant contributions of persons who have served agriculture and/or related areas throughout a portion of their career. On October 15, 2014 new members of the registry were honored during a luncheon at Oregon State University.

Our Stream Restoration and Enhancement Crew, whose main focus continues to be noxious weed control and riparian enhancement projects, is the key to the District's success. The Crew installed over 21,680 feet of Livestock Exclusion fencing this year.

The Crew continues to participate in educational and community outreach projects involving the Watershed Councils and local landowner groups to improve water quality and watershed health for all streams. The District partnered with the Veterans of Foreign Wars to provide informational materials at the Tillamook County Fair booth.

The Crew is funded through state and federal grants and receives materials from the Tillamook County Creamery Association. The District also receives money from a tax rate, passed by the voters of Tillamook County, that supports operations and programs.



In the spring of 2014, the District sponsored a booth at the Clean Water Festival. Over 300 students from around the county participated in the event. The students were informed of the importance of riparian zones in preventing soil erosion, protecting water quality, and providing habitat for wildlife.



## Japanese Knotweed Control Program

By Sherry Vick, SWCD staff



Knotweed is difficult to control through mowing, cutting, digging or covering. The most effective method to control is by herbicide application in the fall prior to a killing frost and complete leaf drop.

Through our participation in the Hebo Stewardship Group and the Tillamook County Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management, (TC-PRISM) and with assistance from the Nestucca-Neskowin Watershed Council, we were able to receive funding to respond to infestations of Knotweed in Nestucca, Sandlake, and Trask watersheds the year.

The Hebo Stewardship Group is part of the Siuslaw Collaborative Watershed Restoration Program, a forest stewardship cooperative collaboration between Cascade Pacific RC&D, the Siuslaw National Forest (SNF) and other partners that funds watershed restoration projects to promote forest restoration and support local communities. Retained receipts from stewardship timber sales are used to fund approved watershed restoration projects in and around the SNF, such as our knotweed control program.

This summer the District reached out to 42 different private landowners and offered assistance to control the knotweed on their property. 35 of those landowners signed up, and this fall we went to work. For those infestations that could be reached from a road, we contracted with the Tillamook County Public Works Department and their truck-mounted spray equipment. We contracted with Lincoln SWCD for less accessible infestations requiring the use of backpack sprayers.

On six days during September and October we were able to treat 229,037 square feet of knotweed over 5.24 highly dispersed acres. This winter, we will return to plant native vegetation at those sites where it is appropriate to do so. We will continue to monitor and treat these sites for the next two years, until knotweed eradication is achieved. 🌱

## Financial Summary - July 2013 thru June 2014

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<b>REVENUES</b>			
Tax Revenue	\$ 265,694	69.7	%
Grants	101,282	26.6	
Contributions	1,400	0.4	
Miscellaneous	8,922	2.3	
Loan Interest	4,160	1.1	
	<b>381,458</b>	<b>100.0</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Personel Services	161,545	42.3	
Contracted Services	9,655	2.5	
Utilities	1,817	0.5	
Fuel, mileage, repairs	4,719	1.2	
Insurance	3,427	0.9	
Office Expense	4,567	1.2	
Program Supplies	3,775	1.0	
Advertising and Marketing	1,019	0.3	
Meeting Expense	1,477	0.4	
Rent	7,600	2.0	
Storage	2,270	0.6	
County weed program	5,000	1.3	
Election Costs	6,389	1.7	
Capital Outlay	2,493	0.7	
	<b>215,753</b>	<b>56.6</b>	
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$ 165,705</b>	<b>43.4</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>BEGINNING CASH</b>		\$ 89,746	
MEAD principal received	30,018		
MEAD funds loaned	(50,150)		
Revenues	381,458		
Expenses	(215,753)		
<b>ENDING CASH</b>	<b>\$ 235,319</b>		