

District Board of Directors

Rudy Fenk—Chair, Director at Large
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Walt Porter—Director Zone 1
Bryan Measor—Director Zone 4
Daren Filosi—Director Zone 2
Larry Zweifel—Director at Large

Associate Directors

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

District Staff

Ray Monroe—Watershed Technical Specialist
Sherry Vick-Office Coordinator/Technician
Brad Mead-Weed 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
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Nestucca/Neskowin Watershed Council
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
Tillamook Bay Watershed Council
Tillamook County Creamery Association
Tillamook County Board of Commissioners
Tillamook County Community Development
Tillamook County Flood Control Group
Tillamook County Public Works
Tillamook Estuary Partnership - National Estuary Program
Tillamook County Planning Department
US Army Corps of Engineers — US Forest Service

Thank You for Donating This Year

Brownlee Bush	Jack Thayer
Bub & Dolly Boquist	Dale & Jackie Buck
Andersons Florist	Lo-Land Dairy
Coast Wide Ready Mix	Rudy & Ruth Fenk
Grazing West Dairy	YMCA
Ron Steiger	Tillamook Pharmacy
TCCA Farm Store	Fairview Acres
Denis & Helen Schmitz	Larry & Pam Zweifel
Marwyn & Marcella Naegeli	Aguiar Dairy
Gary & Shannon Abbott	Dee Robinson
David Yamamoto	Kent Perkins
Tillamook Farmer's Co-op	Gienger Farms
Rosenberg's Lumber	Tillamook Ford
Twist Wine Company	Portland Trailblazers
CHS	Roby's Furniture
Sportsman Pub-Grub	Surf & Sand Inn



Tillamook County Soil & Water Conservation District

2015-2016 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 ENSURE 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-Six** 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



The Tillamook County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Directors is a group of elected officials dedicated to the conservation of the natural resources in Tillamook County.

The District Board is committed to addressing the issues that challenge the integrity of our soil and water resources.

Each Board member brings a unique vision and expertise in support of the mission to conserve, improve and sustain the soil and water resources within the County.

The SWCD is devoted to the conservation of Tillamook County's soil and water resources and its Board Members are interested in hearing your comments and ideas.

Please feel free to contact us or drop by our office. Help us to continue to conserve Tillamook County's soil and water resources.

Annual Plan of Work 2015-2016

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

Cooperator of the Year Award

Chad Allen representing the Victor Dairy is this year's recipient of the Cooperator of the Year Award. This honor is in recognition for outstanding commitment to conservation in Tillamook County.



By making conservation a priority on his farm, Chad has improved the soil and water resources on his property and set an example for others in the agricultural community. His stewardship demonstrates that agricultural production and natural resource conservation are compatible land uses.

Our Stream Restoration and Enhancement Crew, whose main focus continues to be noxious weed control and riparian enhancement restoration projects, is the key to the District's success. The Crew installed over **18,000** 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. There were 50 landowners provided with financial and technical assistance that implemented several (BMP's) best management practices including over 5000 acres of nutrient management.

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.

The District once again partnered with the Veterans of Foreign Wars to provide informational material at the Tillamook County Fair Booth. There were over 800 visitors to the booth that received information about water quality, invasive weeds and the updated North Coast Water Quality Management Area plan.



Knotweed The Global Menace

By Brad Mead, SWCD staff



The Oregon coast is being invaded. Its rivers and streams are being choked by three invasive species of knotweed (Japanese, Giant and Himalayan). These plants are incredibly resilient to physical harm. Any piece of the plant more than 1/2 inch can sprout and become a new plant.

They evolved to grow along rocky rivers in volcanic flow zones where they could be covered in magma and survive to burst up through the hardened rock and continue to thrive.

Knotweed has no natural enemies or diseases in Oregon and as a result it is able to outcompete our native vegetation and create dense stands of nothing but knotweed.

These monocultures deprive wildlife of all the food and habitat a more diverse cast of native plants would provide. Alders are eventually pushed out as they are short lived and cannot germinate under dense knotweed tangles.

One of our Districts' primary goals is to improve the health of our waterways for the fish and for the people.

Controlling knotweed is a critical component of our program and we are aggressively combatting its spread.

This project will take many decades due to the high cost, limited treatment window and the persistence of knotweed populations. It takes 3 years of treatments to eradicate most populations with monitoring and spot removal required to prevent re-infestation after.

We are committed to meeting this threat head on, but we need everyone's cooperation to make the project a success. 🌱

Financial Summary - July 2015 thru June 2016

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REVENUES		
Tax Revenue	\$ 324,108	73.0 %
Grants	97,219	22.0
Contributions	2,305	0.5
Miscellaneous	15,786	3.6
Loan Interest	2,580	0.6
	<u>441,998</u>	<u>100.0</u>
EXPENSES		
Personnel Services	272,254	61.6
Contracted Services	26,094	5.9
Utilities	625	0.1
Fuel, mileage, repairs	6,126	1.4
Insurance	3,884	0.9
Office Expense	5,263	1.2
Program Supplies	9,063	2.1
Advertising & Marketing	2,597	0.6
Meeting Expense	4,074	0.9
Rent	7,600	1.7
Storage	2,340	0.5
County weed program	10,000	2.3
Capital Outlay	868	0.2
	<u>350,788</u>	<u>79.4</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS)	<u>\$ 91,210</u>	<u>20.6 %</u>
BEGINNING CASH	\$344,689	
MEAD principal received	12,745	
Revenues	441,998	
Expenses	<u>(350,788)</u>	
ENDING CASH	\$ 448,644	