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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
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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	Rudy & Ruth Fenk
Coast Wide Ready Mix	YMCA
Grazing West Dairy	Traskview Farms Inc.
Ron Steiger	Fairview Acres
TCCA Farm Store	Nehalem Marine
Larry & Pam Zweifel	Portland Trailblazers
Marwyn & Marcella Naegeli	Gus Meyer
Dee Robinson	CHS
David Yamamoto	Twist Wine Company
Gienger Farms	Rosenberg's Lumber
Aguiar Dairy	Fairmont Hotel
Sportsman Pub-Grub	



Tillamook County Soil & Water Conservation District

2016-2017 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-Seven** 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 Annual Report of the Tillamook County Soil and Water Conservation District is published for the benefit of those interested in the ongoing program of soil and water conservation in Tillamook County. This is an active program of conservation and development concerning the health and future of soil, water, and related resources upon which our existence and prosperity are dependent. The Board of Directors of the Tillamook SWCD takes this opportunity to express its appreciation to the landowners, county agricultural groups, other organizations and individuals who have given time and energy in carrying out the activities contained in this report.

As I write this a thick haze has obscured the normal clear day view of the mountains east of Tillamook. It reminds me of the devastating Tillamook Burn of 1933. Many Oregon Counties, along with much of the Pacific Northwest is suffering from dry conditions that have allowed many wildfires to breakout. This brings to bear how meaningful our work to protect and conserve soil and water resources is. Working with landowners and promoting conservation practices in concert with federal, state, and local partners is what we do. Thank you all so very much.

Annual Plan of Work 2016-2017

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

Ted and Joe Price representing the Price Family are this years' 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 their farm the Prices have improved the soil and water resources on their property and set an example for others in the agricultural community. Their 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 **8000** 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 54 landowners provided with financial and technical assistance that implemented several (BMP's) best management practices including over 2400 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 600 visitors to the booth that received information about water quality, invasive weeds and the updated North Coast Water Quality Management Area plan.



Invasive Weed Survey & Knotweed Program in South Tillamook County

By Sherry Vick, SWCD staff



Three years ago, in 2014, Tillamook County SWCD started a knotweed control project in South County. In three short years, thanks to so many cooperating landowners, the district has been able to survey many of the major streams in the Nestucca and Neskowin watersheds for 24 invasive weeds, and was able to obtain funding to start control measures on those properties infested with knotweed. Knotweed is an invasive plant, also sometimes known as fleece flower or bamboo. There are three varieties we have discovered in our local surveys, they are, Japanese Knotweed, Giant Knotweed, and Himalayan Knotweed. Knotweed is a tenacious weed, often taking three to four years of treatment before it finally dies. We usually obtain about 60% control after the first year.

Tillamook County SWCD, as a member of the Tillamook County Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (TC-PRISM), is taking the survey lead with BLM funding.

The knotweed control funding has been provided by the US Forest Service Stewardship Program and Title II Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (also known as Payments to Counties).

After the knotweed is under control we work with the landowners and the Nestucca-Neskowin Sandlake Watersheds Council to replant native vegetation which helps to stop a return of knotweed and restores the riparian area to a more natural condition.

Financial Summary - July 2016 thru June 2017

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REVENUES		
Tax Revenue	\$ 338,627	76.7%
Grants	83,022	18.8
Contributions	1,860	0.4
Miscellaneous	15,192	3.4
Loan Interest	3,082	0.7
	441,783	100.0
EXPENSES		
Personnel Services	313,425	70.9
Contracted Services	21,652	4.9
Utilities	705	0.2
Fuel, mileage, repairs	4,498	1.0
Insurance	3,835	0.9
Office Expense	5,647	1.3
Program Supplies	17,379	3.9
Advertising & Marketing	1,752	0.4
Meeting Expense	2,751	0.6
Rent	800	0.2
Storage	2,400	0.5
County weed program	10,000	2.3
Scholarships	1,000	0.2
	385,844	87.3
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 55,939	12.7%
BEGINNING CASH	\$448,644	
MEAD principal received	11,068	
Revenues	441,783	
Expenses	(385,844)	
ENDING CASH	\$ 515,651	