

### 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

Barbara Bosch-Seaholm-Director Emeritus  
Gus Meyer— Associate Director

### District Staff

Ray Monroe—Watershed Technical Specialist  
Sherry Vick-Office Coordinator/Technician  
Troy Abercrombie Weed Coordinator/Technician  
Michael Blankenship—Noxious Weed Technician  
Bob Pedersen-Retired

### 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 & Sandlake Watersheds 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

Beach Wok	Sportsman Pub & Grub
Brownlee Bush	Jack Thayer
Bub & Dolly Boquist	Dale & Jackie Buck
Andersons Florist	Rudy & Ruth Fenk
Coast Wide Ready Mix	Tillamook YMCA
Abbott Farm	Traskview Farms Inc.
Ron Steiger	Fairview Acres Dairy
TCCA Farm Store	Bill Hagerty
Larry & Pam Zweifel	Portland Trailblazers
Marwyn Naegeli	Gus Meyer
Dee Robinson	CHS
David Yamamoto	Twist Wine Company
Aguiar Dairy	



Tillamook County  
Soil & Water  
Conservation District

# 2017-2018 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-Eight 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



Ever since the Tillamook County Soil and Water Conservation District began in 1940, we have worked to meet the needs of local governments, farmers, landowners, and other land users.

The District identifies and assesses problems **dealing with the conservation of our County's** resources and then develops, and carries out, programs to solve them. The outstanding technical expertise of the District in the areas of soil erosion, water management, manure management, water quality preservation, and noxious weed control, enable us to provide specialized assistance for a variety of issues facing Tillamook County today.

The District has many beneficial programs for county residents. The Animal exclusion fencing, off-channel watering and riparian planting programs have served over three hundred landowners since 1996. The District also works to emphasize the importance of Arbor Day and provides trees for every 4th grade student in Tillamook County to take home a tree and plant in honor of Arbor Day. The Noxious Weed Program offers assistance to landowners with information and plans of how to treat the weeds of concern on their properties. The District participates in the Clean Water Festival every year and sets up a display to educate our 5th grade students on riparian health and noxious weed control. The Tillamook County Soil and Water Conservation District works with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to help landowners install best management **practices (BMP's) and maintains a loan program** that helps with financial assistance.

The Board of Directors will continue to strive to serve the residents of Tillamook County by identifying natural resource needs and seeking both public and private partners to address those needs.

## Cooperator of the Year Award

Karen Kuntz 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 her farm Karen has improved the soil and water resources on her property and set an example for others in the agricultural community. Karen Kuntz 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 4000 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 150 landowners provided with financial & technical assistance that implemented **several (BMP's) best management practices including** over 1,885 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 Weeds Program and Knotweed Control Project Update

By Troy Abercrombie, SWCD staff

In 2014 Tillamook County SWCD started a knotweed control project in South County. The final survey of that project was completed in July 2018 and treatment efforts now span over 53 miles of riparian habitat. We are achieving excellent results and numerous properties have been identified for post-treatment replanting.

Thanks to an Oregon State Weed Board Grant, 2018-31-**962 entitled "Project 78"** our knotweed control efforts have expanded dramatically in 2018. This funding has allowed nearly 40 more miles of riparian areas in the Tillamook River and Sand Lake watersheds to be surveyed and treatment efforts have already begun. We are very optimistic about our potential for success in these areas.

Additionally, SWCD has addressed numerous invasive weed reports from Neskowin to Manzanita. Most notably, a large infestation of Purple Loosestrife was put under management and SWCD implemented mechanical treatments as well as biological control measures. With only two known sites in the county, and as a priority species for the Tillamook County Weed Control District, management of Purple Loosestrife is a high priority for the SWCD Weeds Program moving forward.

The Invasive Weeds Program would like to acknowledge our 2018 Seasonal Technician, Michael Blankenship, for his hard work and dedication to District priorities.

## Financial Summary - July 2017 thru June 2018

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<b>REVENUES</b>		
Tax Revenue	\$349,764	73.8 %
Grants	88,737	18.7
Contributions	1,869	0.4
Miscellaneous	29,891	6.3
Interest	3,366	0.8
	<u>473,627</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Personnel Services	262,793	55.5
Contracted Services	23,723	5.0
Utilities	530	0.1
Fuel, mileage, repairs	3,334	0.7
Insurance	3,891	0.8
Office Expense	6,531	1.4
Program Supplies	46,770	9.9
Advertising & Marketing	1,389	0.3
Meeting Expense	2,072	0.4
Rent	800	0.2
Storage	2,200	0.5
County weed program	10,000	2.1
Scholarships	1,000	0.2
Field Equipment	1,809	0.4
Computer Equipment	1,067	0.2
	<u>367,909</u>	<u>77.7</u>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<u>\$105,718</u>	<u>22.3 %</u>
<b>BEGINNING CASH</b>	<u>\$515,651</u>	
MEAD principal received	4,801	
Revenues	<u>473,627</u>	
Expenses	<u>(367,909)</u>	
<b>ENDING CASH</b>	<u>\$626,170</u>	