

### **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—Water Quality and Weed  
Coordinator Assistant

### **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**

The Rusty Cow	Sportsman Pub & Grub
Tillamook Pharmacy	Jack Thayer
Bub & Dolly Boquist	Dale & Jackie Buck
Andersons Florist	Rudy & Ruth Fenk
Coast Wide Ready Mix	Tillamook YMCA
Agjar Dairy	Traskview Farms Inc.
Ron Steiger	Fairview Acres Dairy
TCCA Farm Store	Bill Hagerty
Larry & Pam Zweifel	Daren & Terri Filosi
Marwyn Naegeli	Gus Meyer
Dee Robinson	CHS
David Yamamoto	Twist Wine Company
Aguiar Dairy	Nehalem Marine
Menefee Dairy	Kent Perkins
Tilla Bay Farms	Denis Schmitz
Butch & Sue Katen	PUD Board
Dave & Debbie Hale	Tam Zelller Hulburt
Gary Albright	Sea Q Fish
Senator Betsy Johnson	Dave Wells
Susan Chambers	Richard Chambers
Rosenberg's	



**Tillamook County  
Soil & Water  
Conservation District**

# **2018-2019 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-Nine** 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 origin of soil and water conservation districts began with the Dust Bowl in the early 1930s. Following a severe and sustained drought in the Great Plains, the region's soil began to erode and blow away, creating huge black dust storms that blotted out the sun and swallowed the countryside. The dust storms reached south to Texas and east to New York. Dust even sifted into the White House and onto the desk of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

On Capitol Hill, while testifying about the erosion problem, soil scientist Hugh Hammond Bennett threw back the curtains to reveal a sky blackened by dust. Congress unanimously passed legislation declaring soil and water conservation a national policy and priority. Because nearly three-fourths of the continental United States is privately owned, Congress realized that only active, voluntary support from landowners would guarantee the success of conservation work on private land. In 1937, President Roosevelt wrote the governors of all the states recommending legislation that would allow local landowners to form soil conservation districts.

The first district formed in Oregon was the South Tillamook Soil Conservation District, organized officially on February 10, 1940. Since then, many other districts have formed, consolidated with other districts, redefined their boundaries, and now are represented in every county of the state. February 24, 1948 North Tillamook SCD District was formed.

January 12, 1965 Tillamook County SWCD Formed by consolidation of South Tillamook SCD and North Tillamook SCD.

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

**Sam Mulder** 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 Sam has improved the soil and water resources on his property and set an example for others in the agricultural community. Sam Mulder's 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 **13,000** 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 **60** landowners provided with financial & technical assistance that implemented several (BMP's) best management practices including over **600** 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 500 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

Over the past 5 years, Tillamook SWCD has been building up our invasive weeds program to better serve our community. We remain the longstanding agent for the County Weed Control District and continue to manage for those species identified by our County Commissioners as potential threats to agricultural production, ecological integrity, urban infrastructure and the unique aesthetics of Tillamook County's wild and working lands.

Once a complaint-driven program with limited scope and infrastructure, we have grown into the premier invasive weeds program on the North Coast. We currently have over 500 active landowner assistance agreements that address nearly 100 miles of critical riparian habitats and numerous urban/rural interfaces. The program has also been instrumental in the creation of municipal invasive species management plans in Tillamook County and has assisted our neighbors in Clatsop & Columbia counties in the planning and implementation of high priority weeds projects in the Upper Nehalem and Young's River watersheds.

With the help of another successful grant application in 2019, we continue to focus on our watershed scale knotweed projects in South County and are having great success while leveraging county tax dollars to achieve maximum impact. Rivers and streams that were once being choked out by invasive knotweeds are now receiving restorative plantings and management is being turned back over to landowners as we continue to push North.

With recent additions to our inventory of field equipment and technology, as well as the robust outreach and education resources added to our website, the Tillamook SWCD weeds program is well positioned to address invasive weeds, and the challenges they present, for years to come.

## Financial Summary - July 2018 thru June 2019

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<b>REVENUES</b>		
Tax Revenue	\$387,388	75.0 %
Grants	110,003	21.3
Contributions	1,459	0.3
Miscellaneous	13,354	2.6
Interest	4,609	0.8
	<u>516,813</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Personnel Services	309,909	60.0
Contracted Services	25,231	4.9
Utilities	565	0.1
Fuel, mileage, repairs	7,441	1.4
Insurance	3,927	0.8
Office Expense	7,962	1.5
Program Supplies	43,079	8.3
Advertising & Marketing	1,776	0.3
Meeting Expense	4,001	0.8
Rent	900	0.2
Storage	2,376	0.5
County weed program	10,000	1.9
Scholarships	667	0.1
Field Equipment	0	0.0
Computer Equipment	1,400	0.3
	<u>419,234</u>	<u>81.1</u>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<u>\$97,579</u>	<u>18.9 %</u>
<b>BEGINNING CASH</b>		
MEAD principal received (Loaned)	\$626,170	
	(39,078)	
Revenues	<u>516,813</u>	
Expenses	<u>(419,234)</u>	
<b>ENDING CASH</b>	<u>\$684,671</u>	