

UPPER WILLAMETTE

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Outreach and education are core components of the Upper Willamette SWCD's mission. During 2018-2019, the UWSWCD provided several events and educational activities to promote responsible stewardship.

Annual Tour

The District's Annual Tour was held on October 8th and included an informational overview of the Pure Water Partners program and project tour on a participating landowner property along the McKenzie River.

Also included was a tour on Camp Creek, and featured a property with dual NRCS and District programs to conduct wildlife enhancement projects and agricultural conservation practices.

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District directors and staff visit a project site on their 2019 Annual Tour

The mission of the Upper Willamette Soil and Water Conservation District is to encourage and promote the responsible stewardship of our natural resources through conservation, restoration, and protection in order to enhance the health, economic benefits, and quality of life for citizens within the District.

Outreach & Education

Fire Speaker Event

The District hosted a speaker event in April with the goal of educating landowners on the local resources available to assist with fire preparedness and proper evacuation protocols. Alex Rahmlow, Fire Planning Coordinator at Oregon Department of Forestry and Merrill Harrison, Deputy Fire Marshal of Eugene/Springfield Fire Department presented attendees with tips on how to set defensible space around homes and other structures, as well as how to build community resiliency in regards to emergency preparedness. There were nearly 30 attendees with a majority representing south Eugene area neighborhoods.



Get Outdoors Day



The District hosted a booth at “Get Outdoors” day on Green Island, sponsored by McKenzie River Trust. The booth was visited by nearly 100 visitors throughout the day. Curious visitors received information on the District and could “spin the wheel” to answer conservation and environmentally – geared questions for a prize. Visitors also received information on water quality projects in the Southern & Upper Willamette land management areas. Additionally, information on the SWCD’s soil testing services was available.

Cooperator of the Year Award: Tom & Julie Bruck

Congratulations to Tom & Julie Bruck for their admirable conservation achievements this past year! Tom and Julie have completed two small grant projects with the District, with the latest project being completed in 2019. The Bruck’s are small acreage livestock producers who wanted to protect the water quality on their property. Tom and Julie installed a manure composting facility, a large heavy use protection area, and addressed roof-runoff in their headquarters area to eliminate potential contaminants from mixing with clean water and traveling off-site into the Middle Fork Willamette River. See the before and after project pictures on the next page. Great work Tom and Julie!

Current Conservation Projects



Before Project (Left) – View of heavy use area, and barn to be renovated for livestock. Dangers to water quality from runoff contaminants (Bruck)

Completion (Right) – Heavy use area in headquarters area with gutters/downspout on facility. Water quality protected from runoff contaminants (Bruck)



Local Management Area (LMA)

The Upper Willamette SWCD continues to serve as the Local Management Agency for the implementation of the Southern Willamette and Upper Willamette/Upper Siuslaw local management areas that are within the District's boundary as part of the Oregon Department of Agricultural Water Quality program addressing the Agricultural Water Quality Act of 1993. During the 2018-19 fiscal year staff provided Local Advisory Committee coordination, administration, and technical assistance to individual landowners in both local management areas. Staff completed work in the targeted focus area in the Upper Willamette/Upper Siuslaw South Fork Siuslaw Area, and transitioned its focus to the Bear Creek 6th field watershed located in the Long Tom watershed. \$25,000 of the District's technical assistance grant through the ODA and OWEB help to fund focused work in this area. Staff also assists the ODA with joint site visits to landowners who potentially are out of compliance with the Agricultural Water Quality Management Plan/Rules for both areas. During the 2018-19-year staff conducted 3 individual landowner site visits with ODA compliance team members and provided technical assistance to the landowners to ensure compliance. In early 2018 ODA established a Strategic Implementation Area (SIA) in the Southern Willamette LMA. Staff continues to provide outreach, technical assistance, and project implementation to landowners in the Camp Creek 6th field watershed as part of a ODA/OWEB \$125,000.00 4 year grant.

Camp Creek Strategic Implementation Area



In 2018, the District was the recipient of the SIA Capacity Funding Project in the Camp Creek Area, a main tributary of the McKenzie River near Springfield, OR. The first year of the project was designed to increase the District's capacity by extending its Watershed Technician from .5 FTE to 1.0 FTE status, thus increasing its reach in the community via outreach events and technical assistance. It was identified that the biggest environmental concerns in the Camp Creek area are elevated nutrient, temperature, and bacteria levels in the river due to a lack of riparian vegetation along stretches of the creek. Work done over the year by the District's technician included identifying key landowners, conducting workshops and informal meetings, and following up to open houses with landowner site visits. To carry out this work, the District has partnered with the Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB), the McKenzie Watershed Council (MWC), and the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission (MWMC). Programs supported by this grant also include the Pure Water Partners (PWP) and the NRCS Conservation Implementation Strategy water quality project for the Camp Creek region.

Over the year, the District coordinated two landowner workshops in the Camp Creek area and had participation from 76 total landowners. The purpose of these workshops was to provide landowners with conservation program information regarding incentives for the enhancement of riparian vegetation and elimination of streambank erosion. In the fall, the District partnered with NRCS to conduct a soil health workshop with live demonstrations and interactive modeling of how vegetative cover crops enhance soil health and function. Nick Sirovatka, Agronomist with NRCS, facilitated the demonstrations using his soil health trailer, several types of vegetative cover (or none at all), and several soil mediums (field, forest, and riparian). Participants were also provided with information on technical assistance and cost share programs. The workshop was well attended and provided farmers and gardeners with valuable soil management tools to improve on and retain the productivity of their soil.



SIA Landowner Outreach and Restoration Results

2018– 2019

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| Number of outreach events, workshops, and trainings | 4 |
| Number of workshop and training participants | 106 |
| Habitat restoration proposals developed | 8 |
| Acres of habitat to be restored | 305 |
| Miles of stream to be restored/protected | 2.6 |
| Estimated cost of habitat restoration as a result of the SIA project | \$350,000 |

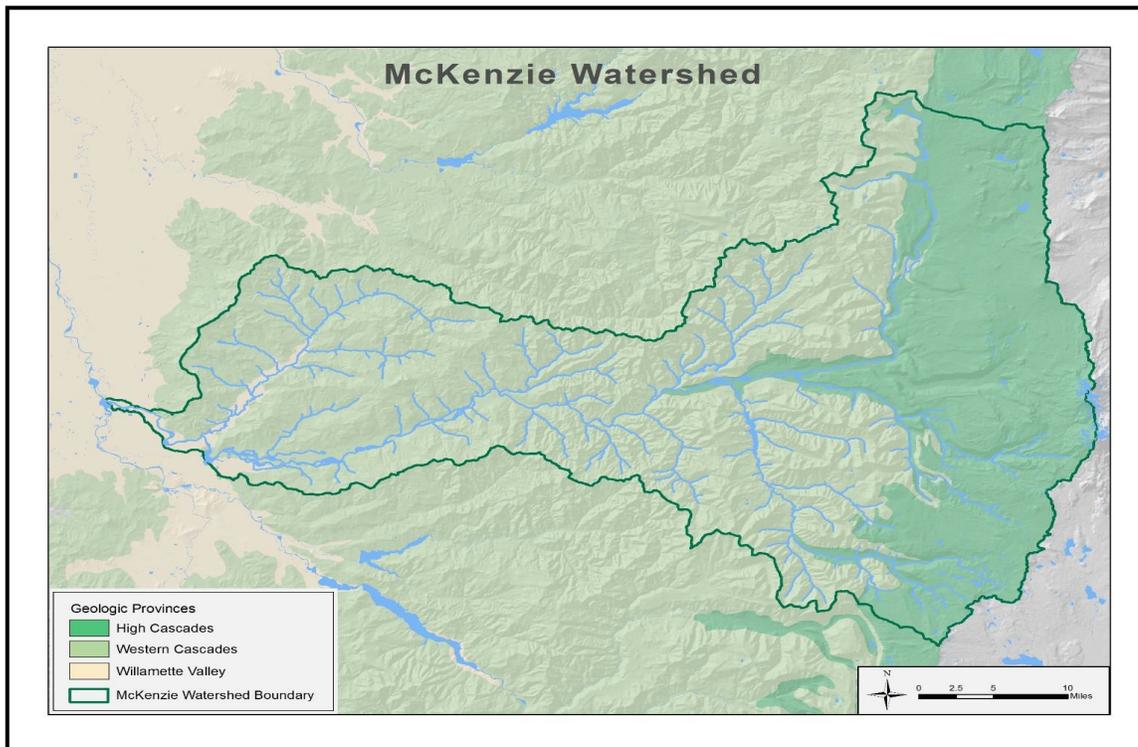
Pure Water Partners



The District successfully continued its collaborative conservation work with the Pure Water Partners Program. The PWP program is a drinking water source protection strategy that rewards rural landowners who maintain high quality riparian vegetation, helping to protect water quality and wildlife habitat in the McKenzie Watershed and avoid future water treatment costs. During this year, an OWEB grant and EWEB provided funding for the District and its partners to continue PWP landowner outreach, conduct riparian assessments, write management plans, and sign up landowners for long-term protection/restoration agreements. The District also participated in the PWP informational meeting and the Naturescaping workshop providing expert information to landowners about drinking water protection, sustainable landscape concepts, technical assistance resources and invasive vegetation removal. These effective outreach strategies helped recruit 35 landowners into

the PWP program process during the 2018/2019 fiscal year. A popular PWP program incentive provides landowners free invasive vegetation removal conducted by the North West Youth Corps. The District supervised the Northwest youth corps crew's removal of invasive vegetation, mainly English Ivy and Himalayan Blackberry, from seven riparian properties within the PWP boundary. In addition, the District completed 15 riparian assessments, 8 management plans, and assisted in the recruitment of three landowners to sign protection/restoration agreements with EWEB. In the next year the program will continue outreach to landowners with priority riparian properties, seeking to increase protection of riparian lands within the PWP boundary of the McKenzie Watershed. At this time, the PWP has successfully protected approximately 27 acres and is planning to restore approximately 44 acres through restoration project funding as it becomes available.

NRCS National Water Quality Initiative



The NWQI provides a way to accelerate voluntary, on-farm conservation investments and focused water quality monitoring. The National Water Quality Initiative is a partnership among NRCS, state water quality agencies and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to identify and address impaired water bodies through voluntary conservation. In 2019, NRCS expanded the scope of NWQI to include source water protection, including both surface and ground water public water systems. The McKenzie River watershed was selected for a Source Water Protection pilot project. This pilot project will

assist partners in adapting and expanding source water protection plans to identify critical source areas needing further treatment related to agricultural land uses. This grant was awarded to the District in March, and this four year project is designed to address agricultural and forestry related impacts to Eugene's municipal water supply, the McKenzie River. This assessment will determine influences of hydrology, water quality, resource concerns, and will provide a summary with recommendations of conservation practices and an outreach strategy to target producers in critical areas of the watershed.

Stream Monitoring on Gettings Creek



Starting in 2017, the District partnered with Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council to collect data on stream temperature, air temperature, stream flows, and riparian vegetation on agricultural land adjacent to Gettings Creek. We are now 2 years in to the 20 year monitoring program and have deployed four data

loggers across the watershed. This project is supported by landowners in the area and technical support has been provided to these landowners to address water quality concerns. The data collected in this study will be used by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to assess whether streams selected by the participating organizations are meeting water quality criteria to protect beneficial uses of these waterways. The Upper Willamette SWCD has worked with 5 landowners throughout the watershed providing technical assistance and project implementation to address agricultural water quality concerns. With further long term temperature monitoring,

data collected illustrating effects of current implemented projects can be compared with pre-project data to show impacts of change as well as a positive trend to assist in future project implementation.

Gettings Creek is an independent watershed with productive agricultural lands that lend to uniform land use of cattle grazing and hay production.



Partnerships: NRCS

District staff continues to partner with the NRCS to implement the District authored Conservation Implementation Strategy (CIS) for the McKenzie Watershed. During the year district staff developed a conservation plan on a 130-acre farm. Staff utilized a grant of \$28,350 through a NRCS/NACD partnership program to assist NRCS in providing technical assistance to existing landowner program participants. Through this grant staff provided 14 landowners with technical assistance, planning, practice design and practice certification as part of the Environmental Quality Incentive Program. Staff continues to develop the 4-phase National Water Quality Strategic plan completing 3 of the 4 phases designed as a guide for NRCS funding in the McKenzie watershed. Funding for this strategic plan comes from a service contract with NRCS in the amount of \$76,250.00.

The Upper Willamette SWCD also works in close partnership with the NRCS to provide outreach and implement conservation actions with the constituents of the District. Our staff provides both technical and administrative support to further the federal agency's conservation efforts. A summary of conservation activities applied by both the Upper Willamette SWCD and NRCS technical staff on cooperating landowner's properties include:

- High tunnels/hoop houses for extended production purposes.
- Irrigation systems (4)
- Oak Habitat Forest Management (3)
- Oak Habitat Restoration (4)
- Manure Management – Composting facilities (5)
- Riparian Management Plans for Pure Water Partners (13)
- Heavy use Protection (4 ac.)
- Fence -Exclusion, cross fence. (17,000 linear feet)

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| Total NRCS Program Contracts 2018-2019 | 19 |
| Total District Projects 2018-2019 | 9 |
| Total number of Acres treated in East Lane County | 2,902.7 |
| NRCS Program Dollars Spent in East Lane County | \$511,212 |
| Total Conservation Dollars brought into Lane County By both NRCS and the Upper Willamette SWCD | \$920,862 |

Partnerships

Upper Willamette Groundwater Management Area (GWMA)

The UWSWCD continues its participation in the Upper Willamette GWMA as a committee member on the agricultural advisory sub-committee. During the 2018-19-year, staff assisted in development of a agricultural landowner survey of participants in GWMA projects. Information from this survey will assist the GWMA committee in determine strategic ways to work with the agricultural producers throughout the GWMA area.

Lane County Land Management

The District provides technical consultation and project review in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to ensure that the Lane County Riparian Ordinance goals are being met by conservation projects implemented in Eastern Lane County. During the 2018-19 fiscal year District staff reviewed 14 riparian focused landowner projects to ensure compliance was met. Staff also reviewed and provided technical input to Lane County Land Management on 42 Land Use Applications for development, addressing natural resource concerns associated with these permit applications.

Oregon Department of Agriculture

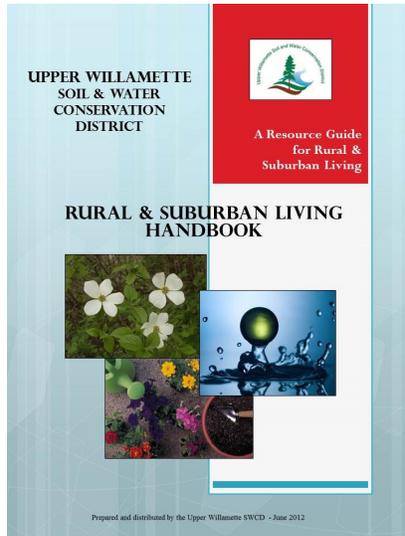
During the 2018-19 fiscal year District staff continued its partnering efforts with the Oregon Department of Agricultural. With funding provided by the ODA on a biennial basis, District staff developed a stream temperature monitoring project on Gettings Creek a tributary to the Coast Fork Willamette River near Saginaw OR. The District is in it's third year of monitoring, placing 4 temperature logger units in different sites of the creek. Temperature, stream flow, and ambient temperature data is collected and provided to ODA and Oregon DEQ.



Oregon
Department
of Agriculture



Information Services



The District has multiple publications available to assist landowners in conservation practices. The following publications are available for free on our website:

- The Rural and Suburban Living Handbook
- The Backyard Conservation Handbook

The District also provides basic guidance to members of the public who may have questions regarding local rules and regulations regarding land usage. Additionally, we provide soil testing services and nutrient recommendations to help you manage your garden, pasture, or lawn.

Soil Testing Program

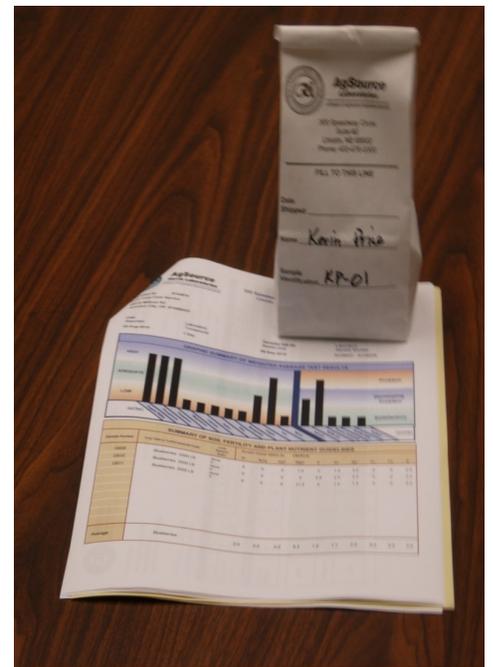
UWSWCD staff continue to partner with Sure Crop Farm Services of Junction City, a local, private, ag service business, to provide landowners soil nutrient testing. The service includes development of a soil nutrient analysis with recommendations to elevate their soils to an optimum condition for their specific crops. A cost of \$65.00 per sample assists in handling, shipping, and a summary of each sample.

Reports include translation of technical terms and crop specific amendment recommendations, as well as a report of the following nutrients:

Organic Matter (%), Potassium (ppm), Calcium (pmm), SMP Buffer pH, Base Saturation, Magnesium (ppm), Sodium (% and ppm), Cation Exchange Capacity (CEC), Phosphorus (pmm), Magnesium (ppm), Salts,

Potassium (%), Hydrogen (%).

During the year, 104 samples were received by the District for testing.



Office Updates

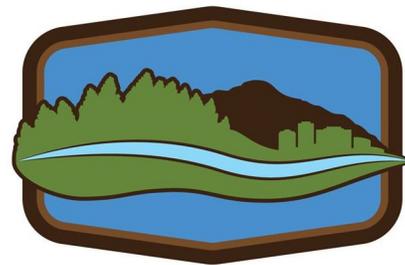
Clarissa Berndt, Administrative Specialist, left the District during the year for maternity duties in caring for her new baby. Rebecca Ley, a previous District employee filled her position in 2019. Clarissa will resume her duties with the District after the new year.

The USDA Service Center also welcomed Bruce Moffatt, NRCS Soil Conservationist. Bruce earned his Masters Degree in Soil Sciences with a Rural Studies Certificate from OSU. Over the years, Bruce has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, Central Oregon Avalanche Center, and Chemetekans Outdoor Club. In the past, Bruce was a whitewater raft guide and ski instructor. Welcome aboard, Bruce!

New District Logo Rollout



1954 – 2019



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2019 ONWARD

The Upper Willamette Soil and Water Conservation District is governed by an active and supportive seven member board, plus two additional associate directors. These board members serve four year terms and represent legally-defined zones within the

District's geographical boundaries. Board members represent the Upper Willamette SWCD at local events and partner conservation organization meetings. Some of directors serve on multiple boards; such as the Long Tom and McKenzie River Watershed Council and the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts. Our Board of Directors stay abreast of local conservation issues and actively participate in monthly meetings to guide staff activities and program areas.

| Board Activity | Value of Contribution |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Approx. 2,108 hours @ \$45/hr | \$94,860.00 |
| Approx. 2800 miles @ .58/mi | \$1,624.00 |
| TOTAL | \$96, 484.00 |

Office Updates



After being a founding member of the Long Tom Watershed Council, Paul Reed joined the District in 1998 as an associate Director. Soon after, he was appointed as a full Director for the District and took on the responsibility of the Secretary/Treasurer position on the Board. Throughout his 20+ years of service to the District, Paul took on many challenging issues that effected the District. At the state level, he served on the board of the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts, receiving the State Conservation Board Member Award in 2015. While Paul was a meticulous fact finder and strict to the details, he was also a fair, dedicated man with all who knew him. Paul fearlessly dealt with legislative concerns that effected Conservation Districts and worked to champion issues that positively effected all Districts in the State. Paul passed away in May of 2019 and will be deeply missed by the Upper Willamette SWCD and many others across the State.

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Financial Review

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Upper Willamette SWCD
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2019

| | Jun 30, 19 |
|--|------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Checking/Savings | |
| 1010 · General Checking 8956 | 36,619.48 |
| 1020 · General Savings 5126 | 16,446.73 |
| Total Checking/Savings | 53,066.21 |
| Accounts Receivable | |
| 1200 · Accounts Receivable AR | -70.00 |
| Total Accounts Receivable | -70.00 |
| Total Current Assets | 52,996.21 |
| Fixed Assets | |
| 1500 · Capital Equipment | 6,607.00 |
| 1600 · Depreciation | |
| 1620 · Office Equipment | |
| 1630 · Computer | 830.00 |
| 1620 · Office Equipment - Other | -4,785.00 |
| Total 1620 · Office Equipment | -3,955.00 |
| Total 1600 · Depreciation | -3,955.00 |
| 1650 · Accumulated Depreciation | -331.00 |
| Total Fixed Assets | 2,321.00 |
| Other Assets | |
| 1700 · Petty Cash | 50.00 |
| Total Other Assets | 50.00 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 55,367.21 |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | |
| Liabilities | |
| Current Liabilities | |
| Accounts Payable | |
| 2000 · Accounts Payable | 279.33 |
| Total Accounts Payable | 279.33 |
| Credit Cards | |
| 2010 · Staples Business Acct 0237 | 9.34 |
| 2020 · Umpqua Visa 6244 - 2836 | 30.16 |
| Total Credit Cards | 39.50 |
| Other Current Liabilities | |
| Deferred Revenue | 30,586.64 |
| 2050 · Assigned Future Election Co... | 13,750.00 |
| 2100 · Payroll Liabilities | 1,270.68 |
| Total Other Current Liabilities | 45,607.32 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 45,926.15 |
| Total Liabilities | 45,926.15 |
| Equity | |
| 3010 · Net investment in Capital Asset | 2,321.00 |
| 3020 · Unassigned | -15,001.00 |
| 3030 · Retained Earnings | 34,194.12 |
| Net Income | -12,073.06 |
| Total Equity | 9,441.06 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | 55,367.21 |

**UWSWCD Fiscal Year 2018-2019 (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019)
OPERATING BUDGET - APPROVED**

| PROJECTED INCOME | | Notations | Proj Last year | Actual 17-18 |
|-------------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 54,942.00 | ODA LMA Tech Grant | | 50,900.00 | 41206.50 |
| 23,546.00 | ODA District Operations/Admin Fee | | 21,744.00 | 37281.50 |
| 40,000.00 | OWEB Small Grants | | 4,000.00 | 22989.40 |
| 1,950.00 | District Service Fees - Soil Tests | based on 30 | 1,950.00 | 5330.00 |
| 14,480.00 | Cascade Pacific / Pure Waters Partners | | 39,200.00 | 27290.68 |
| 5,000.00 | BLM Grant | yearly thru 8/2021 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| 2,500.00 | SVA Grant (Stream temp monitoring - 20 yr) | | - | 2499.00 |
| 22,275.00 | SIA Grant (Camp Creek) | 29700 - 7425 | - | 7425.00 |
| - | Conservation Collaborations | | 1,500.00 | 0.00 |
| 4,500.00 | EWEB | Taylor \$4k, \$500 workshops | 2,020.00 | 1000.00 |
| 2,500.00 | WVCWA Project Reimbursements | | 3,250.00 | 2878.16 |
| 100.00 | Misc Income - Incentives | | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| 1.00 | Savings Interest | | 5.00 | 1.63 |
| 171,794.00 | TOTAL | | \$ 129,669.00 | \$ 148,001.87 |

| PROJECTED EXPENSES | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------|
| 150.00 | Advertising | | 297.50 | 75.00 |
| | 105.00 | Legal Notice | | |
| | 45.00 | Legal Notice | Director Elections - 2018 For Annual Meeting | |
| 36.00 | Awards | | 80.00 | 36.00 |
| | 36.00 | Cooperator of the Year | | |
| 350.00 | Computer Repairs | | 350.00 | 0.00 |
| | 350.00 | Computer Repairs | | |
| 1,075.00 | Dues & Subscriptions | | 1,775.00 | 1006.57 |
| | 350.00 | Memberships | | |
| | 325.00 | Computer Subscriptions | Wix \$117/email \$119 in 2018 | |
| | 400.00 | QB Payroll Subscription | 4/17 paid \$434 | |
| 10,530.00 | Employee Benefits | | 9,360.00 | 9652.50 |
| | 4,680.00 | Medical Stipend | Manager | |
| | 3,510.00 | Medical Stipend | WS Tech | |
| | 2,340.00 | Medical Stipend | Admin Specialist | |
| 700.00 | Facilities | | 3,350.00 | 692.40 |
| | 700.00 | Internet | | |
| | - | Rent w/utilities | | |
| 148.00 | Fees & Filings | | 148.00 | 131.02 |
| | 148.00 | SOS/PERS/Nationwide/Govt Ethics | | |
| 36,000.00 | Grant Expenses | | - | 25250.00 |
| | 30,900.00 | OWEB Small Grant Program | | |
| | 100.00 | SVA Stream Temp Monitoring | | |
| | 5,000.00 | BLM Grant | | |
| 2,265.00 | Insurance | | 1,875.00 | 2047.75 |
| | 1,025.00 | General Liability | | |
| | 775.00 | Worker's Comp/Disability | | |
| | 465.00 | Surety Bond - Directors | | |
| 350.00 | Meetings | | 675.00 | 342.17 |
| | 100.00 | Annual Meeting | | |
| | 250.00 | Tour Meetings | | |

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|------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 3,000.00 | Mileage | | | 2,750.00 | 4000.00 |
| | 3,000.00 | All Staff | | | |
| 200.00 | Minor Tech/Admin Equipment | | | 450.00 | 100.00 |
| | 150.00 | Field Equipment | | | |
| | 50.00 | Office Equipment | | | |
| 133.00 | Miscellaneous Exp | | | 6,693.50 | 1.42 |
| | 133.00 | Misc | | 50.00 | |
| 250.00 | Office Supplies | | | 600.00 | 250.00 |
| | 150.00 | Misc Office Supplies | | | |
| | 100.00 | Postage | | | |
| 1,000.00 | Outreach | | | - | 561.10 |
| | 1,000.00 | Poster Contest | | | |
| 109,357.00 | Payroll Expenses | | | 85,440.00 | 104650.00 |
| | 50,040.00 | District Manager | \$4170 /mo | | |
| | 29,406.00 | F/T Watershed Tech | @ 18.85 / hr (FT thru Dec, PT after) | | |
| | 16,952.00 | P/T Administrative Specialist | @ 16.30 / hr | | |
| | 2,959.00 | Temp Emp EWEB FM | | | |
| | 10,000.00 | Taxes | 10% | 8,000.00 | |
| 3,000.00 | Professional Services | | | 4,350.00 | 3470.00 |
| | 3,000.00 | Accounting | Review/Contracted | | |
| 800.00 | Soil Testing Expense | | based on 30 | 975.00 | 930.00 |
| | 750.00 | Lab fees | | | |
| | 50.00 | Shipping fees | | | |
| 2,450.00 | Travel | | | 2,450.00 | 1500.00 |
| | 1,450.00 | Planner Cert - W/S Tech | | | |
| | 1,000.00 | Conferences/Training | | | |
| 71,794.00 | TOTAL | | | \$ 129,669.00 | \$ 154,695.93 |

Adopted by Board action on June 12, 2018

Ralph Perkins

 Ralph Perkins, Vice Chair

* Expenses based on actuals for 16/17 and for active contracts



Financial Review: Funding Sources

OWEB SMALL GRANT PROGRAM:

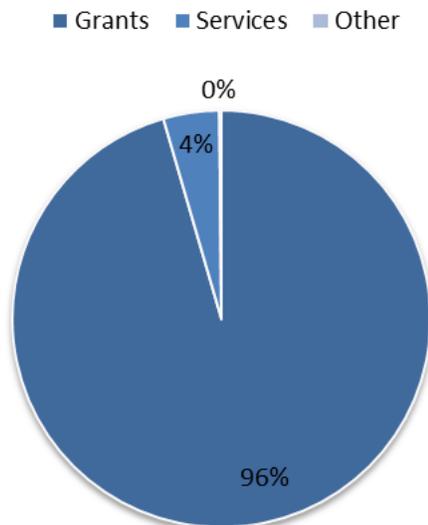
The Upper Willamette SWCD utilizes both the Upper Willamette East and the Upper Willamette West small grant programs to assist landowners in smaller conservation projects throughout the District. During the 2018-19 fiscal year staff developed 3 small grant projects totaling \$45,000.00 and completed 4 projects that in progress from the previous year. Assistance included project site assessment, development and project design, project implementation of conservation practices, and grant administration and reporting. Practices installed included manure management for small livestock operations, heavy use protection for erosion control, exclusion fencing and cross-fencing for rotational grazing systems, invasive species removal, and wetland enhancement. Staff continues to represent the District on both the Upper Willamette East and West grant approval review teams.

OWEB REGULAR GRANT PROGRAM:

The District continues to work with landowners in the Camp Creek (SIA) area in the McKenzie Watershed through an OWEB regular grant. Staff has developed projects with 3 landowners totaling 77 acres. Funding proposals have been developed utilizing both OWEB and NRCS funding totaling \$ 280,000.

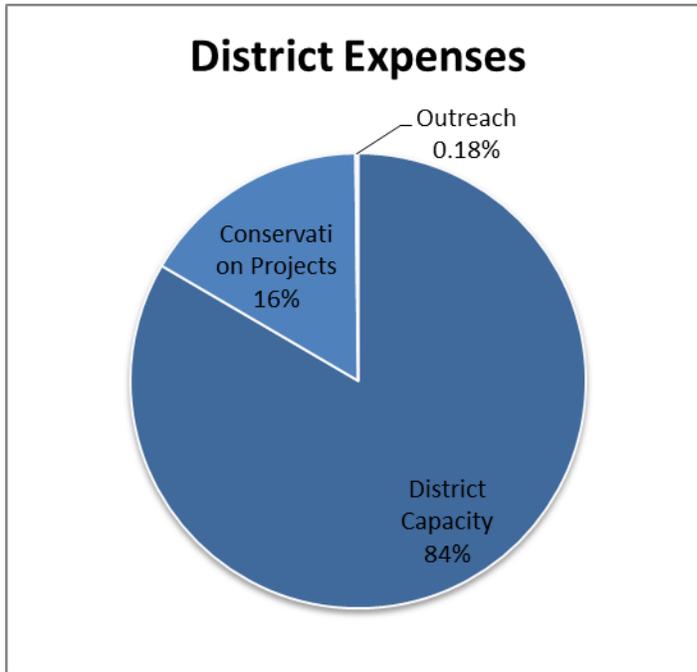
FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

District Funding Sources



District staff has submitted a second proposal to the Natural Resource Conservation Service to develop a National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) drinking water strategic plan for the Long Tom River as the sole source of drinking water for the City of Monroe Oregon. This \$80,000 proposal will be utilized to help determine where NRCS funding will best be spent in implementing conservation practices to address water quality concerns.

Financial Review



During the 2018-19 fiscal year, staff continued to implement the NRCS/NACD technical assistance grant working with 13 landowners to install Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) conservation practices. Staff provided planning, design, implementation and certification of contracted practices as part of the \$28,350.00 grant. Also, staff developed two large grants through the NRCS National Water Quality Initiative to develop strategic plans for source water protection in the McKenzie watershed for drinking water provided for the Cities of Eugene, and Veneta. As well as in the Long Tom watershed to protect source water for the City of Monroe drinking water. These combined grants brought \$160,000.00 of outside funding into the district. Staff developed 5 OWEB small grant projects with individual landowners addressing water quality concerns. These projects encompassed 102 acres with total funding of \$65,000.00.



The vision of the District is to provide high quality, professional conservation services through leadership, education, and science-based information and to lead local conservation efforts to enhance natural resources within the District.

The Upper Willamette SWCD is a special district that is required to follow many of the same laws that govern state agencies. The District is served by seven publicly elected directors, two associate directors, three staff members, and works together with the Natural Resource Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency to provide conservation services to its community.

UWSWCD Board of Directors



Al Hrynyshyn, Chair



Don Mogstad, Zone 2



**Gary Jensen, Secretary/
Treasurer, Zone 3**



Abel Kloster, Zone 4



**Ralph Perkins, Vice
Chair, Zone 5**



Chuck Arrera, At Large 1



**Malcolm Wilson,
At Large 2**



**Mary Durfee, Associate
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**Eric Nusbaum, Associate
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