

# Audited Financial Report

Accrual Basis	General Fund	Conservation Fund	Building Reserve Fund
Beginning balance July 1, 2013	\$1,541,923	\$ 46,699	\$ 418,314
Income	\$1,958,053	\$ 180,764	\$ 460
Expenses	\$(1,458,610)	\$ (657,405)	\$ (750,938)
Transfers from the general fund	\$ (690,000)	\$ 590,000	\$ 100,000
Proceeds from long-term debt			\$ 327,500
<b>Ending Balance June 30, 2014</b>	<b>\$1,351,366</b>	<b>\$ 160,058</b>	<b>\$ 95,336</b>



# Clackamas County SWCD 2013-2014 Annual Report

## Hitting our Stride and Moving Forward

We are pleased to report another great year of conserving natural resources in Clackamas County. Our partnerships became stronger and our numerous projects were successful. We assisted more customers with conservation implementation loans than ever before.

In 2014, after several years of investing time and energy in improving irrigation systems, we saw a surge in irrigation system improvement projects. Several irrigators used loans from the District to change to systems that use less water and energy. The first five projects reduced water usage on 150 acres, and growers report healthier plants on those converted acres, even though they are using less water.

As I write this message, I'm excited by the possibilities ahead. We will continue the loan program for irrigation system improvements. Partnerships that provide support for those with failing septic systems near the Clackamas River may bear fruit in 2015. And we will strive to meet the growing interest in small food production systems.

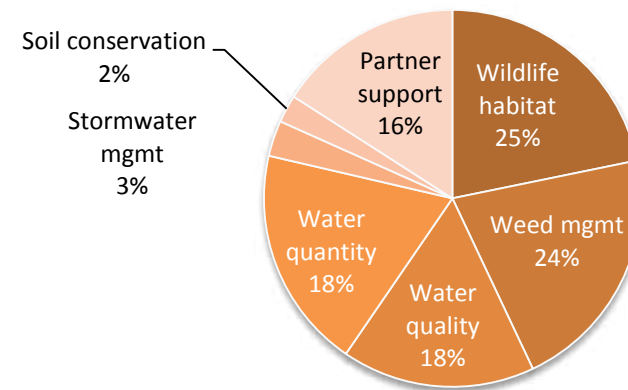
The District remains interested in having an office at a permanent location that includes learning space for workshops and community meetings. We will find a way to help conserve our working lands, so that future generations have places to farm and to grow trees, and so Clackamas County farms can continue to be significant food producers. We will continue to make progress on water quality and quantity issues, on enhancing wildlife habitat, and on managing invasive weeds.

On behalf of our entire team of board directors, employees, and partners, thank you for your support. We look forward to helping you with your conservation needs.

*Tom Salzer, General Manager*

**Property Purchases and Capital Improvements**  
Pleasant Avenue, 1 acre parcel Oregon City, \$153,796  
Beavercreek Farm, 15 acres - July 2, 2013 \$656,596

## Conservation Fund Money for Conservation Projects and Partner Support



**We Did It!**  
We met our goal by investing \$657,405 from the Conservation Fund for conservation projects and for supporting partners in Clackamas County!

View our budget documents online at <http://conservationdistrict.org/tag/budget>

## Financing Projects that Make a Difference

This year our internal process for planning, designing, seeking approval, and implementing projects has become much more efficient. Staff and customers have reaped the benefit of our improved system to complete more conservation projects than in years past. Our loan program has grown legs and is carrying the weight of irrigation projects that have a hefty price tag. All of our loans to date have been repaid on time and many ahead of schedule!



Inefficient use of irrigation water has been on the radar screen of local producers. We have helped them reduce water use, energy use, and curb irrigation induced erosion.

Included in each project is an irrigation water management component that helps farmers more accurately track when irrigation is needed.



## Who's Who at the District

### Board of Directors

**Jesse Nelson** Zone 1 Member  
**Ron Oberg** Zone 2 Chair  
**Jeff Becker** Zone 3 Member  
**Joan Zuber** Zone 4 Vice Chair  
**Don Guttridge** Zone 5 Secretary  
**Jan Lee** At Large Treasurer  
**Roger Fantz** At Large Member

### Associate Directors

Lowell Hanna, Robin Harrower, PK Melethil, Janiece Miller, Jim Toops

### Staff

Jeremy Baker Rural Conservation Specialist  
Erik Carr Urban Conservation Specialist  
Katey DellaMaggiore Conservation Assistant  
Jason Faucera Rural Conservation Specialist  
Doug Fenwick Adjunct Engineering Technician  
Sarah Hamilton WeedWise Specialist  
Lisa Kilders Public Information & Outreach, Assistant Mgr.  
Clair Klock Senior Resource Conservationist  
Sam Leininger WeedWise Program Manager  
Jeff Lesh WeedWise Specialist  
Marlene Lloyd Financial Administrator  
Cathy McQueeney Administrative Assistant  
Eann Rains Conservation Investments Program Coordinator  
Jenne Reische Riparian Specialist  
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## Beavercreek Demonstration Farm Update

Repairs and improvements to benefit the land, wildlife habitat, and existing structures were the goals for our first year at the farm. The board is actively planning the future of this lovely property.



Liming, fertilizing, and giving the pastures a rest from hay production was the goal for 2014.



Wildlife habitat is a natural extension of the farm.



A rotten post on the century-old barn was replaced.

## Renting, Educating, and Restoring



Renovation of the Equipment Rental Program was lauded by local farmers who counted on the no-till drill to improve their pastures.



Corral Creek neighbors of all ages gathered to celebrate the removal of the fish-blocking weir and learn about other conservation services available.



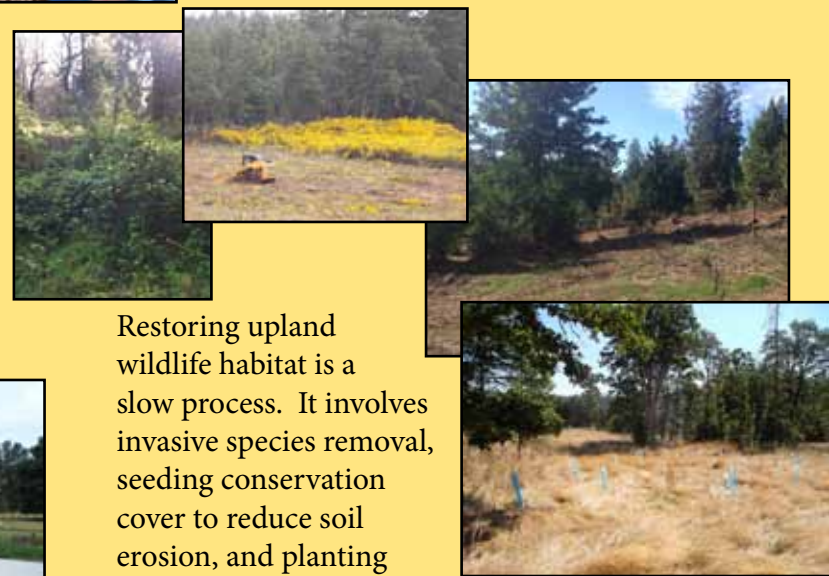
## Reaching Out and Partnering



Billboards, posters, advertisements, and calendars were some of the tools used to reach our customers.



Invasive species affect water quality, wildlife, and farm production. The District devotes significant effort to strategically controlling invasive weeds.



Restoring upland wildlife habitat is a slow process. It involves invasive species removal, seeding conservation cover to reduce soil erosion, and planting native trees and shrubs. We have many projects in progress to enhance and restore wildlife habitat, including oak savannah restoration.

A ten-horse facility that routinely transported manure piles to the landfill, partnered with the district to build a manure composting facility. This project turned a water quality problem into a usable product and reduced the operating cost for the facility.



High-flow and low-flow fish passage problems were solved with the removal of an old agricultural weir on Corral Creek.



The Boeckman School pollinator garden served as an educational opportunity and benefited native pollinators.

## Shining Stars in 2013-2014



Claudia Chinook travelled up the freeway from Polk County SWCD to delight children and adults at the Milk Creek Watershed Celebration. She made quite a splash!



The 2013 recipients of District scholarships were Jessica Lindsay who continues her education at Portland State University and Jairo Romero who will attend Oregon State University.

New director Jeff Becker filled the Zone 3 position covering Canby and surrounding areas. This completes the SWCD board of directors.



Congratulations to Jenne Reische who received the Outstanding Special District Service Award from Special Districts Association of Oregon!



We mourn the passing of Associate Director Janiece Miller in January 2014.