



Approved April 19, 2022

**Clackamas SWCD Board Meeting Minutes for March 15, 2022**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>Directors:</b>	Jeff Becker (Chair), Roger Fantz (Treasurer), Don Guttridge (Secretary) Jim Johnson, Jesse Nelson (Vice-Chair), Jan Lee, Joan Zuber
	<b>Associate Directors:</b>	PK Melethil, Anna Rankin
	<b>Directors Emeritus:</b>	Mike Weinberg
	<b>Staff:</b>	Justin Cooley, Courtney Gattuso, Tami Guttridge, Lindsey Karr, Lisa Kilders, Clair Klock, Chris Lapp, Sam Leininger, Suzi Cloutier, Cathy McQueeney, Jenne Reische, Nathan Tucker
	<b>Partners:</b>	Kim Galland (Natural Resources Conservation Service)
	<b>Guest:</b>	Cheryl Hummon (Oregon Department of Agriculture), Roxy Nayar (Department of Environmental Quality)
<b>NOT PRESENT:</b>		

**1 – CALL TO ORDER and ACCEPT AGENDA / PUBLIC COMMENT / DIRECTOR REPORTS / MANAGER’S REPORT ON COMMITTEES**

**A. Call to order** – Chair Becker called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 4:02 p.m., March 15, 2022, via “Zoom” originating from the Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District office at 22055 S Beaver Creek Rd, Beaver Creek, Oregon.

Chair Becker asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. District Manager (DM) Lapp asked to add an update regarding work on the financial policies as item 4c.

**B. Public Comment** – No public comments were received.

**C. Director reports** –

- Director Lee reported upcoming webinars regarding climate requirements for Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board grants. Dates and times will be sent to the District and board members for those interested in attending.

- Associate Director Melethil made a request to attend online training. He also asked to ride along with Staff Cooley to see the Eagle Creek Community Forest in the spring.
- Director Zuber reported that a former District cooperater with a fencing and livestock control project has again been reported to the Department of Agriculture because their cows were not excluded from the riparian area.
- Director Becker welcomed DM Lapp back to the office after a vacation break and commented that he had reviewed the article in the newspapers regarding the District's Watershed Grants. Becker felt the article was well balanced and fair.

**D. Partner reports** – Partner Galland with Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS) reported that she will be providing civil rights training next month to the board.

*Director Nelson arrived at 4:08 p.m.*

**E. Manager's report on committees** – DM Lapp reported that the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Team had met on March 3, 2022, and would have a report later in the meeting.

## 2 – MINUTES

**A. February 15, 2022, Regular Board Meeting minutes** – Minutes of the February 15, 2022, Board meeting were presented to the Board. The Board Secretary has reviewed the minutes.

Directors Guttridge/Fantz moved/seconded to approve the February 15, 2022; Board meeting minutes as submitted. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Lee, Nelson, and Zuber. The motion carried unanimously.

## 3 – FINANCIAL REPORTS

**A. Review and accept financial reports** – Staff Tucker presented the financial reports. The February 2022 revenue was \$26,946., and expenses for the month were \$135,040. Tucker reviewed the District assets as of February 28, 2022. Total assets were 12.1 million, total liabilities were 6.8 million, and the net assets for the month were 5.3 million.

Directors Fantz/Guttridge moved/seconded to approve the February 28, 2022, Financial Reports as submitted. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Lee, Nelson, and Zuber. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Disbursements** – Staff Tucker reviewed the Automatic Clearing House payment report, and the disbursement list. Checks from the disbursement list were numbered 100925 to 100946, with no breaks or voids in the sequence. Disbursements totaled \$43, 336.21 with \$9,916.53 from the conservation fund. Tucker noted that the District had received a check from Special Districts Insurance Association to offset check # 100942 for the replacement gate at the Eagle Creek Community Forest.

Directors Fantz/Guttridge moved/seconded to approve the March 2022 disbursements as presented. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Lee, Nelson, and Zuber. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 4 – OTHER FINANCIALS

- A. **Board Member Attendance at the CONNECT conference** – DM Lapp reported that the CONNECT Conference will take place September 6 through 8, 2022. There will be limited in-person attendance capacity, in addition to a virtual platform. Lapp asked if any Board members were interested in attending. Directors Fantz, Guttridge, and Zuber, along with Associate Director Melethil asked to attend the in-person conference. Director Lee will be attending also, OACD will pay her expenses.

Directors Guttridge/Zuber moved/seconded to authorize Directors Fantz, Guttridge, Zuber, and Associate Director Melethil to attend the 2022 CONNECT conference in September. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Lee, Nelson, and Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. **Appointment of Budget Committee Member** – DM Lapp reported that the Budget Committee was still short one member. Staff Kilders had reached out to Associate Director Melethil to see if he would be willing to serve on the Budget Committee. Melethil agreed to serve, and DM Lapp asked the Board for the appointment to complete the budget committee membership.

Directors Guttridge/Zuber moved/seconded to appoint PK Melethil to the Budget Committee to serve a three-year term. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Lee, Nelson, and Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. **Financial Management policy update** – DM Lapp reported that he had been working internally with staff on the modification of the financial policy. Lapp will present the draft to the Financial committee and Director Guttridge. He will also send out a doodle-poll to set up a meeting date to review the policy.

*Director Johnson arrived at 4:40 p.m.*

#### **Presentation: Roxy Nayar (Dept. of Environmental Quality) and Cheryl Hummon (Oregon Dept. of Agriculture)**

Staff Kilders introduced Roxy Nayar and Cheryl Hummon who, on the recommendation from the Local Advisory Committee for the Clackamas River Basin Agricultural Water Quality Management Plan Biennial Review, came to provide information on the mercury TMDL.

Ms. Nayar spoke with the Board regarding mercury in the watershed and the difference between water quality standards (the amount of pollution a water body can hold and still provide a beneficial use) and total maximum daily loads (the targets for pollution reduction to achieve beneficial use). Ms. Nayar stated the primary source of mercury in Oregon was atmospheric deposition from foreign energy activities. Nayar also spoke about the areas to be targeted to help reduce mercury in the watershed caused by soil erosion into the streams

Ms. Hummon spoke to the Board about the Oregon Department of Agriculture's (ODA) responsibility as the Designated Management Agency working on mercury reduction regarding agriculture in the Clackamas Watershed. ODA will be working on a 5-year implementation plan to help reduce mercury pollution. This is the first-time mercury has been addressed in the Agricultural Water Quality Management Plans for the state.

## **5 – MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

### **A. Management Reports –**

- WeedWise – Staff Karr and Staff Cooley made a presentation on the data collection app that contractors and staff use to track invasive weed locations and treatments. WeedWise is wrapping up its reporting season and planning for the spring treatment season. There are currently 66 people signed up for contractor training on weed identification and how to use the app to keep maps updated. (Please see the WeedWise report that is attached as a part of these minutes).
- Education and Outreach – Staff McQueeney made a presentation to the Board regarding how the District uses social media for outreach in the community. The District has a website that holds a great deal of information but can be difficult to use. The District has a “Vimeo” site that holds about 50 videos on conservation practices. Facebook is the main network the District uses and McQueeney has a schedule and list of content she uses daily. (Please see the Education and Outreach report that is attached as a part of these minutes).

## **6 – PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS**

- A. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) workshop review and Corkboard Discussion** – Staff McQueeney reported that the DEI Action Team met on March 3, 2022, to review the Staff and Board members' training the previous day. McQueeney reviewed the iceberg graphics and the need to look below the surface. This encourages us to review who people are as individuals and who the District is as a group. McQueeney also reviewed the cork-board app that the consultant provided for individuals to make comments. She encouraged everyone to post their thoughts and to review what was already there.
- B. Strategic Planning Request for Proposal (RFP) review** – DM Lapp reported the RFQ for strategic planning had been sent to six interested parties. The closing date for the submittal is Friday, March 18, 2022. Lapp has heard from three interested parties and two additional contacts have said they will be sending proposals.

## **7 – PERSONNEL AND SAFETY**

- A. Mask guidelines for the District** – DM Lapp reported that the District will be continuing to wear masks in the office until a review in mid-April. This is a cautious approach to protect staff in the rapidly changing status of COVID-19.

## **8 – OTHER REPORTS**

Associate Director Rankin reported that she had spoken with the stormwater coordinator for the City of Wilsonville due to Boeckman Creek running brown in the last big rain event. Rankin asked if the city has a working relationship with the District and was told they did not work with us. Planners noted that they do work with the City and

others in the Wilsonville area. Several specific projects were mentioned as recent examples of that work. Rankin reported that Watershed councils were meeting to discuss their viability and future in the face of funding problems and employee turnover.

- PK Melethil reported that he had attended the Urban Ecosystem Research Consortium meeting on March 7 and 8, 2022. He saw Staff Klock there. Melethil said he was very impressed with one of the speakers who spoke on the native American experience.
- Director Fantz reported that he would not need a room for the CONNECT Conference.
- Staff Kilders reported that the District would be sponsoring a "Pesticide Round-up" this year. Funding for the event will come from the Clackamas River Water Providers and the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

### **ADJOURN AND NEXT MEETING**

- There will be a Budget Committee Meeting on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at 2:30 p.m.
- The next regular meeting will be on April 19, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.
- There being no further business, Chair Becker adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tami L. Guttridge  
Office Administrator





March 11, 2022

## WEEDWISE UPDATE FOR THE CLACKAMAS SWCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS (FEB-MAR)

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### **RE: WeedWise Program Update**



#### **Canada thistle: Weed-of-the-Month**

The WeedWise program is highlighting Canada thistle as our March weed-of-the-month (<https://weedwise.conservallondistrict.org/2022/march-weed-month-canada-thistle-2022.html>).

March is a great month to focus on the treatment of Canada thistle. At this time plants are either a small seedling or a developing rosette. Seedlings are much more susceptible to management, and by targeting plants before bud development, the threat of developing viable seeds is reduced.

Although we are encouraging people to target Canada thistle in March, this is not typically the time of year that people tend to think about Canada thistle. Most commonly people are [looking for information about Canada thistle in April to June](#). Unfortunately, by that time plants are fully developed, and treatments are less effective. By highlighting Canada thistle as early as we do, we will hopefully help to increase awareness and promote more effective control practices.

Are you dealing with Canada thistle on your property? If so, be sure to check our [Best Management Practices for controlling Canada thistle](#).



### **New WeedWise Brochures**

The District's building of the Conservation Resource Center, and the subsequent changes to the District's mailing address has had a ripple effect across the District's outreach materials. Things like brochures, websites, forms, and letterhead all need to be updated. The WeedWise program has been steadily winnowing down our supply of printed outreach materials. This year, we are finding existing stocks of many of our brochures nearly depleted. In preparation for our spring mailings, the WeedWise program has been busy updating our brochures and we have been working with our outreach team to coordinate printing.

In addition to updating our existing brochures, the WeedWise program also created a [new orange hawkweed brochure](#) to support outreach efforts. This brochure will help with landowner outreach coordination in several areas of the county where orange hawkweed is moving on to private lands.

*Many thanks to Education and Outreach for helping us with printing and editing of the new brochure!*



### **National Invasive Species Awareness Week**

Each year during the last week of February, we join our partners across the country in celebrating [National Invasive Species Awareness Week \(NISAW\)](#). This annual event allows us to highlight the impact and importance of managing invasive species. Although, NISAW is over, it is never too late to help *spread the word and not the weeds!* Be sure to check out our [NISAW post on the WeedWise website](#) to learn more about the impacts of invasive species and the actions you can take to help protect our region.





### **WeedWise Contractor Updates and Upcoming Trainings**

The WeedWise Program has been working to complete the contracting phase of our most recent Request for Proposals (RFP) for vegetation management services. This year, we are awarding contracts to twelve restoration companies. We are also excited to welcome three new contractors, Biohabitats, R&R Contracting, and Wild Habitat Contracting. These new contracts will serve the District through December of 2024.

As previously noted, we have seen a 36% increase in prices since 2019, so District project managers will be struggling to do more with less. These cost increases are not unexpected based on the pricing that other regional entities have reported in recent years. Undoubtedly, COVID-related impacts, strong inflation pressure, ongoing supply chain disruptions, and a narrowing work force have all likely contributed to increased prices.

In the coming weeks, the WeedWise program will be hosting two trainings for our contractors, as well as District staff and partners on priority noxious weed identification and on the proper use of our ESRI Field Maps data collection system. Lindsey Karr will be leading the training and has been working to prepare for the event by updating and upgrading aspect of our data collection platform.

This annual half day training is typically offered in person, but due to ongoing COVID concerns we are again hosting the training online. These trainings are scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> and March 30<sup>th</sup> from 8am-noon. Training attendees are eligible for four pesticide applicator recertification credits. If you are interested in attending, please [contact Lindsey Karr](#) for the link to the meeting information.

This training is important to ensure that our targeted plants are properly identified and treated by our contractors and that data is collected in a consistent manner. It also provides an orientation to new contractors and employees that will be working with system.





### **Sandy Basin Vegetation Restoration Coalition**

Recently, the WeedWise program participated and organized our Sandy Basin Vegetation Restoration Coalition (SBVRC) meeting to coordinate activities within the Sandy River Watershed. The event was well attended by partners from East Multnomah SWCD, Oregon Dept of Agriculture, Noxious Weed Program, Portland Water Bureau, Metro, Mt Hood National Forest, BLM, as well as former staff of the Sandy River Watershed Council.

The meeting provided us an opportunity to discuss current activities within the Sandy River Watershed. We discussed current management activities, new and emergent threats to the watershed, and gaps in current management for the coming season.

New threats identified during the discussion included, emergent populations of Bicolor balsam (*Impatiens bicolor*), false brome, garlic mustard, and rush skeleton weed, and a recent proliferation of butterfly bush being detected along the main stem of the Sandy River.

Identified gaps include the loss of coordination, outreach, and support of volunteerism resulting from the dissolution of the watershed council, and the inability to implement active knotweed control efforts on the mainstem Sandy in Clackamas County due to funding limitations.

The Portland Water Bureau noted that funding for this mainstem knotweed control could be made available through the Bull Run Habitat Fund established to mitigate the impacts from the dams on the Bull Run River. Sam and Courtney will be working with Portland Water Bureau to determine the feasibility of utilizing these resources to once again target mainstem knotweed and emergent butterfly bush in the Sandy River Watershed.



### **Mt Hood National Forest Working Group(s)**

The WeedWise program has been participating in annual planning meetings with partners working on the Mt Hood National Forest. This working group brings together partners from US Forest Service, Oregon Dept of Agriculture, Portland Water Bureau, Portland General Electric, Bonneville Power Administration, Bureau of Land Management, among others.

Last month, the WeedWise program met with staff from the Mt Hood National Forest, Oregon Department of Agriculture, and Portland General Electric to discuss newly planned weed surveys and control efforts associated with the [Bull Complex fire that burned nearly 25,000 acres](#) in the southern portion of Clackamas County and northern Marion County.

The Forest Service is investing \$104,318 in weed control work in the Bull Complex burn area, of ***which \$69,005 is being directed to the existing WeedWise program contract*** to support survey work across the burn area, and to support follow-up control work. The remaining resources are supporting ODA Noxious Weed Program staff that will be directing work in Marion County. A portion of the Clackamas SWCD allocated funds also includes year 1 survey work for Marion County, which the WeedWise program is coordinating with Marion SWCD.

Additional Riverside Fire Disaster Relief Funding are also anticipated in the coming months. The Mt. Hood National Forest reports receiving more than \$76 million in funding, and invasive weeds are a priority component to the planned activities. ***Allocated funds for this agreement modification with the WeedWise program are estimated at \$1,200,000 over the next 5 years***

The WeedWise program will also be participating in two upcoming planning meetings. On March 14<sup>th</sup>, the Mt Hood NF Partners will be discussing all upcoming activities occurring across the Mt Hood National Forest in the coming year. An additional meeting is also scheduled for later in March to plan upcoming activities associated with the ongoing Lolo Pass Hawkweed and Priority weed control project.

The WeedWise program is pleased to participate in this group, and to see the level of coordination occurring amongst regional partners to target priority noxious weeds across a significant portion of the Clackamas SWCD jurisdiction.



### **Oregon State Weed Board Grant and City of Lake Oswego Partnership.**

The WeedWise program recently submitted a \$55,000 grant request through the Oregon State Weed Board for the County Weed program funding pool to support priority weed control work. These funds were requested to support EDRR control work, particularly in the Molalla and Middle Willamette areas. The funds will be used primarily to target garlic mustard infestations, allowing us to expand activities back into areas where we have had to temporarily cease operations due to funding losses.

***We are pleased to announce that the Oregon State Weed Board has awarded the WeedWise program the full \$55,000 amount requested.*** Justin and Sam are currently working with the Oregon Department of Agriculture to get all of the necessary documentation submitted.

The Oregon State Weed Board funds were also submitted with an ***additional \$20,000 in commitments*** from the City of Lake Oswego through their Habitat Enhancement Program (HEP) grants, and well as in-kind commitments from the Oswego Lake and Tryon Creek watershed councils. Justin is currently working with the City of Lake Oswego to complete through their granting process.

***Between the two agreements, the WeedWise program have been able to secure \$75,000 to support our weed control efforts in the Molalla and Middle Willamette portions of the county!***

We are excited by this ongoing collaboration with the City of Lake Oswego, and the nearby watershed councils. Without their cooperation and support the OSWB grant would not have been possible.

These efforts not only positively influence conditions in Clackamas County, but they are also being coordinated with other region entities to target areas along our jurisdictional boundary, including West Multnomah SWCD and the City of Portland.





## BLM Agreement Modifications

This past month the WeedWise program has working with our BLM partners to negotiate and execute some agreement modifications to our existing agreements. These modifications provide additional funding to support implementation in the coming year.

In February, the WeedWise program completed a modification of our Stewardship Agreement to fund work in the Sandy and Clackamas Basins and to support our CWMA's. ***This modification adds \$20,000 for the coming year*** to support these activities.

In addition, to the modification to our Stewardship Agreement, we also received word that the additional resources were secured for implementation within the Beachie Creek burn area. These resources were unexpected and are further complicated by provisions within BLM's Environmental Assessment that limits activities within a given treatment year. As a result, Sam and Justin have been in consultation with BLM to determine feasibility of implementation of these funds given current constraints. As a result, we were able to negotiate an additional year for implementation that will allow us to get the implementation on the ground. ***This modification adds \$42,000 on top of the nearly \$85,000 previously awarded and extends implementation through 2024.***

The Beachie Creek funds also have the potential to be utilized within Marion County. Sam has been in consultation with Marion SWCD and their new Weed Program lead and former WeedWise Specialist Sarah Hamilton! We are excited to be partnering with Marion SWCD and working with Sarah again!





### Seasonal Planning and Technical Assistance

Spring is upon us, and the WeedWise program has been busy preparing for the upcoming treatment season. The WeedWise program staff are currently working on project planning and preparing for spring mailings to secure missing and expired landowner permissions.

In addition to landowner outreach, the WeedWise program is monitoring plant phenology and field conditions. The warming weather has also brought some of the first [Oregon Invasive Species Hotline](#) reports of the season, and our phones and emails are starting to fill up with requests for technical assistance. The rise in technical assistance request at this time of year is not unusual and is observed annually.

This coming season will continue to pose challenges to the WeedWise program. Ongoing uncertainty related to COVID, deteriorating conditions within the burn zone, and increased reliance on grants and external funds will all increase the complexity and logistics of our work. Despite the challenges, we are making the most of the situation and are adapting our program to meet the demands of our work.



### Conservation Resource Center Clean-up

The Beaver Creek Farm property has had a significant trash and debris that have needed disposal since first purchasing the property. Many of these items were left behind by the previous owners and have continued to collect dust during the subsequent development of the Conservation Resource Center.

In addition, many of the wooden fences and posts have deteriorated and fallen into disrepair. These materials, not only reduce the aesthetic and usability of our property but they also pose a safety threat to employees and visitors.

In an effort to reduce the hazards on the property, a large dumpster was brought out to the property. WeedWise Specialist, Justin Cooley, went to work clearing trash and debris. WeedWise Manager, Sam Leininger also came out to assist with some large fence post removal, and for disposal of heavy and awkward materials needing two people.

Within the span of just a couple of days the dumpster was filled and ready for disposal. Additional dumpsters will likely be required in the future, but this was a great first step to enhancing some of the resources at the farm.



During trash and debris removal. The new front forks on the tractor proved invaluable for this this effort.



The same area following debris removal





## **4 COUNTY Cooperative Weed Management Area**



### **4-County CWMA**

#### *Website development*

The 4-County Cooperative Weed Management Area has been continuing to plan the redevelopment of its website to better serve CWMA partner organizations. Efforts are underway across all of our committees to support his effort. We are nearing the end of the planning phase and will be working to secure a contractor to move us into the next phase of development.

#### *Clackamas County General Meeting*

Last week, the 4-County CWMA General Meeting was hosted in Clackamas County by the WeedWise Program. This is the first general meeting we have been able to host since 2019, in part because of COVID, but also because of the county meeting rotation that had us hosting our annual Field Day, which was canceled in 2020 and held virtually in 2021.

This meeting provided us with the opportunity to highlight a lot of the great work underway in Clackamas County. First, we heard from botanist Christina Mead from the Mt Hood National Forest about [her experience working through the Riverside BAER plan development](#) process. Christina wrote the Botany and Weeds portion that is now being used to direct funding and activities on the Mt Hood.

We also heard from WeedWise Specialist, Justin Cooley about his on-the-ground weed control efforts this last fall working within the Beachie Creek burn area of the Molalla River watershed. Justin was able to share photos and an overview of his work and has since been asked to share his presentation at an upcoming Molalla River Watch council meeting.

Conservation Planning Specialist, Nicole Ahr provided a great overview of the District's Oregon white oak work. Nicole shared the many challenges and successes involved in the work. It was really great to hear about all the great oak conservation work underway in our county! Thanks planning team!

Lastly, we heard about invasive knotweed remote sensing and flood plain modeling in the Molalla River. Asako Yamamuro from Molalla River Watch and Nick Legg from Wolf Water Resources discussed their work to identify knotweed using aerial photography. This effort was supported by the WeedWise program knotweed distribution data in the Molalla, and a pre-WeedWise mapping effort completed

back in 2007. There is hope that this approach and model development can help direct restoration efforts in the Molalla and across the region as it applied to other drainages.

*Many thanks to all of our presenters for sharing!*

## Columbia Gorge CWMA

### *Invasive Species and Exotic Pest Workshop*

This past month the Columbia Gorge CWMA hosted its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Invasive Species and Exotic Pest Workshop. We had our highest turnout in the history of the event. Much of the success of the event planning was the result of Courtney's thorough preparation and planning.

The event was also cross promoted by our event partners with the Washington Invasive Species Council, and Washington Cooperative Extension. The event was held during [National Invasive Species Awareness Week](#) (NISAW) and included international registrants as well.

The event included presentations on:

- Streambank Restoration
- First Food Vision and Invasive Species Management Approach
- Zebra mussel contaminated marimo moss balls
- Pathways of Ornamental Weeds from the [Plantright.org Partnership](#).
- Spotted Lanternfly & Tree of Heaven
- Pacific Northwest Regional Horizon Scan Results
- And of course, the fan favorite: Invasive Weed Quiz with Marty Hudson!



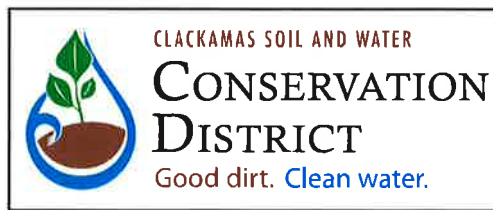
A full recording of the day will be available soon on the Columbia Gorge CWMA ISEP webpage (<https://columbiagorgecwma.org/2022-isep-workshop/>).

### *Columbia Gorge CWMA Small Grant Program*

The Columbia Gorge CWMA recently announced a limited duration small grant program to support weed projects within the Columbia Gorge. This effort has been undertaken by the Steering Committee to reinvest a surplus of Columbia Gorge CWMA resources. The Steering Committee has allocated \$20,000 in funding for this effort and will be reviewing proposals at our upcoming CWMA meeting schedule for late March.

This is a new activity for the Columbia Gorge CWMA, which we hope will enhance current CWMA-led efforts currently underway.





## The Latest from the Education and Outreach Program March 2022

### Web Posts

Since last we met, we have posted nine articles on our website:

- [Council of Councils Deepens Watershed Partnerships](#)
- [Meet Jan Lee, Clackamas SWCD At-Large Representative](#)
- [Gardening for Wildlife Workshop](#)
- [March Invasive Weed of the Month: Canada Thistle](#)
- [It's National Invasive Species Awareness Week!](#)
- [Manage Weeds with our Weed Tool Library!](#)
- [2022 Watershed Council Support Grants Awarded](#)
- [February Invasive Weed of the Month: Scotch Broom](#)
- [2022 Scholarship Application Available](#)



March Invasive Weed of the  
Month: Canada Thistle

### Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Brochure

To assist our Multi-County Riparian Technician, Drew Donahue, we have replaced a VERY old CREP brochure with a new version. The outreach piece will come in handy with the promotion of riparian plantings in the Clear Creek SIA and in the Molalla Watershed NWQI project area. We will present the finished brochure next month.

Drew has done a great job of engaging Clackamas County landowners and securing participation in the program. This brochure will be a great companion piece to her video to help explain the CREP program and hopefully encourage wider participation.

### Council of Councils

Directors and coordinators representing all nine watershed councils in Clackamas County attended an online Council of Councils meeting on March 1, 2022.

District Manager Chris Lapp and staff member Cathy McQueeney represented the Clackamas SWCD. The event was organized and facilitated by Alexis Barton of Tryon Creek Watershed Council and Neil Shulman of North Clackamas Watersheds Council.

Discussion topics included:

- developing strong written financial policies and procedures – a topic for continuing discussion
- exploring more ways to collaborate and not compete for limited funding
- deciphering new infrastructure funding and finding ways to collaborate on shared projects
- addressing inequity, both historically and in current program implementation
- planning (strategic planning) and how the District's planning process will impact future partner funding

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## Update on Workshops

### Horse Keeping and Land Management Masterclass Series

With Tualatin SWCD we are sharing the cost of offering a six-week workshop series with well-known speaker Alayne Blicke, founder of Horses for Clean Water. The workshop is free to participants, but the funding is coming from the ODA Strategic Implementation Area grant.

Two hundred-fifty people signed up for the workshop, 95 from Clackamas County. We have one more session to finish the series, but so far it has been very well received!

### Make a Plan for Your Land

*You are invited to attend!*  
**Make a Plan for Your Land**



**Wednesdays In February, 2022**  
6-7 p.m.

Watch pre-recorded presentations at your convenience.  
Join experts each week for discussions and to answer questions.

**Producers, land managers, and rural homesteaders:** Learn to make your operation more resilient and productive, prevent and reverse natural resource concerns, improve wildlife habitat, and cope with changing weather and drought conditions. Join us on Wednesday evenings in February!

**Topics include:** Conservation Planning • Soil • Water • Wildlife Habitat • Wildfire • Project Permitting, implementation, and funding options

The District partnered with Marion SWCD on this workshop series. The focus of this event was to help folks develop conservation plans for their property.

Twenty-four property owners, totaling 585 acres, registered for the event. Six property owners were from Clackamas County totaling 95 acres. The areas of concern for these folks were (some had several):

16- woodlands	8- orchards
15 - streams	8 - wetlands
13 - pastures	4 - row crops
13 - yards and gardens	

### On the Horizon

**Landscape for Wildlife Workshop** - Plans are in the works to hold this popular workshop series. It will be the 4th annual (well we skipped 2020) workshop offering. This is a great companion event to provide additional information to the Backyard Habitat Certification Program that we support. This year's event is scheduled for April 27 and May 11.



**CONNECT+** - The Oregon Conservation Education and Assistance Network (OCEAN) will be holding the CONNECT+ Conference this year with the Oregon Conservation Partnership which includes the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts, the Network of Oregon Watershed Councils, and the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts. The conference will be a hybrid (both in-person and virtual) in Seaside, OR on September 6-8, 2022.

**Native Plant Trailer** - The native plant trailer, one of our traveling outreach displays, did not survive the ice storm and the heat dome last year. The District is partnering with Clackamas River Water Providers to replant the trailer, complete with new soil.

**Pesticide Collection Event** - May 14 will be the day of our upcoming pesticide collection event. We are partnering with Clackamas River Water Providers and the Oregon Department of Agriculture to hold this important event. We will begin promotion in April!



### Horse Keeping and Land Management Masterclass Series

Join Tualatin and Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Alayne Blicke of Horses for Clean Water for this Masterclass Series!

Whether you're new to horse keeping or have years of experience, this course will help you learn ways to simplify your chores while managing your property in a way that benefits the entire ecosystem.

**FREE WORKSHOPS** will be held virtually on Wednesday nights from February 9th - March 16th, 2022, 6:30-7:30 pm (PST).





*Happy St. Patrick's Day!*

Voucher Approval List

3/9/2022

Date	Number	Payee	Memo	Payment
3/9/2022	100925	AFLAC	Acct: LGF14 03/2022	\$ 675.73
3/9/2022	100926	Clackamas River Water	Acct: 032327-00 Water/Fire 02/2022	\$ 460.36
3/9/2022	100927	Covenant Systems LLC	CSWCD: Security/Fire 04/2022-06/2022	\$ 300.00
3/9/2022	100928	Coverall North America, Inc	Acct: 157-6800 CRC 03/2022	\$ 1,363.00
3/9/2022	100929	Garmin Services, Inc	Acct: DL627537 02/2022	\$ 70.30
3/9/2022	100930	Oregon City Garbage, Inc	Acct: 57768000 03/2022;40yd dumpster	\$ 458.91
3/9/2022	100931	Pacific Office Automation	Acct: 900-0266949-000 [100-0417] 01/2022	\$ 173.08
3/9/2022	100932	PGE	Acct: 9606754531 02/2022	\$ 1,034.57
3/9/2022	100933	Spire Technologies, Inc	Acct: 02208 Mgmt 04/2022	\$ 2,014.00
3/9/2022	100934	T-MOBILE	Acct: 961602090 02/2022	\$ 525.58
3/9/2022	100935	US Bank Voyager Fleet Systems	Acct: 86928-4679 02/24/22	\$ 156.89
<b>Subtotal:</b>				<b>\$ 7,232.42</b>

3/15/2022				
Date	Number	Payee	Memo	Payment
3/14/2022	100936	Alayne Renee Blickle	CSWCD: Outreach [Horsekeeping] 03/2022	\$ 1,500.00
3/14/2022	100937	Buel's Impressions Printing	CSWCD: Printing [Booklets] 02/2022	\$ 1,409.00
3/14/2022	100938	Drew Donahue	Reimbursement: Training [UAV] 03/2022	\$ 175.00
3/14/2022	100939	Verena Fabian	SuperDOG-1822-4032 [Supplies] 02/2022	\$ 878.85
3/14/2022	100940	Franco Restoration, Inc	WW-2019-04 [WW-JC-FY22-02] Beachie 12/2021	\$ 9,037.68
3/14/2022	100941	Lindsey Karr	Reimbursement: Supplies [Uniform] 12/2021	\$ 175.00
3/14/2022	100942	Mechanical Design Inc	CSWCD: Site Svcs [ECCF Gate] 02/2022	\$ 5,300.00
3/14/2022	100943	Northwest Local Government Legal Advisors, LLC	CSWCD: Prof Svcs [Legal] 02/2022	\$ 500.00
3/14/2022	100944	Spire Technologies, Inc	CSWCD: Supplies/Hardware [Svr/Wkstn] 03/2022	\$ 16,356.61
3/14/2022	100945	Nathan Tucker	Reimbursement: Supplies [MIP Check Stock 500ct] 03/21	\$ 271.65
3/14/2022	100946	Urban Greenspace Institute	CSWCD: Contract Svcs [Oak Intertwine] 03/2022	\$ 500.00
<b>Subtotal:</b>				<b>\$ 36,103.79</b>
<b>Total:</b>				<b>\$ 43,336.21</b>
Total Conservation Fund				\$ 9,916.53

  
Board Chair

  
Board Secretary