



AGENDA

UMPQUA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING

October 17, 2024

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FISCAL PROVIDER REPORT

Tanya Graham – Bookkeeping Updates

APPROVAL OF BILLS & TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUDIT

- September 2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 2022: 02/10 Meeting, 03/03 Special Meeting
- 2024: 09/12 Business Meeting and Annual Meeting

STAFF REPORTS

CONSULTANT REPORTS

AGENCY & ORGANIZATION REPORTS

DIRECTOR REPORTS

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Oregon Association of Conservation Districts Board Ballot – Action Item
2. Personal Service Contract Policy

FUNDING COMMITTEE

Discussion and Reports

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NEXT MEETING DATE

- The next business meeting for the Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District is scheduled for November 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

water * livestock * pasture * woodlands * fish * streams * wildlife
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**Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District
Balance Sheet**

ASSETS:	<u>September 30, 2024</u>
Current Assets:	
Checking/Savings	
First Community Checking	35,265.52
First Community Savings	68.47
Total Checking/Savings:	35,333.99
Accounts Receivable:	
Accounts Receivable	1,058.97
Total Accounts Receivable:	1,058.97
Other Current Assets:	
Prepaid Workers Comp	662.56
Total Other Current Assets:	662.56
Total Assets:	37,055.52
LIABILITIES & EQUITY:	
Liabilities:	
Current Liabilities:	
Paid Time Off Liability	10,415.69
Total Current Liabilities:	10,415.69
Accounts Payable:	
Accounts Payable	0.00
Total Accounts Payable:	0.00
Equity:	
Retained Earnings	26,871.98
Net Income	(232.15)
Total Equity:	26,639.83
Total Liabilities & Equity:	37,055.52

Net Income

Income	35,806.18
Expenses	- 36,038.33
Net Income	(232.15)

Retained Earnings

Cash at Beginning of Year 7/1/2024	28,477.22
Accounts Receivable Balance 6/30/24	+ 8,469.00
Prepaid Workers Comp Balance 6/30/24	+ 933.70
Paid Time off Liability Balance 6/30/24	- 11,007.94
Accounts Payable Balance 6/30/24	- 0.00
Retained Earnings	26,871.98

**Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District
Registers - Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable
September 2024**

Date	Num	Name	Account	Grant Name	Original Amount
First Community Checking				Balance as of 9/1/24	43,123.88
9/4/24	EFT	QuickBooks Payroll	Processing Fee	23-25 ODA Dist Operations	(1.75)
9/18/24	EFT	QuickBooks Payroll	Processing Fee	23-25 ODA Dist Operations	(1.75)
9/3/24	EFT	Oregon Dept of Revenue	Payroll Taxes - Q3-24	Payroll Fund	(186.83)
9/3/24	EFT	United States Treasury	Payroll Taxes - Q3-24	Payroll Fund	(550.08)
9/17/24	EFT	Oregon Dept of Revenue	Payroll Taxes - Q3-24	Payroll Fund	(249.33)
9/17/24	EFT	United States Treasury	Payroll Taxes - Q3-24	Payroll Fund	(843.32)
9/9/24	EFT	Adobe	Office Supplies	23-25 ODA Dist Operations	(19.99)
9/3/24	EFT	Intuit	Processing Fee	23-25 ODA Dist Operations	(6.00)
9/3/24	EFT	A2Z Mini Storage	Storage Rent	23-25 ODA Dist Operations	(150.00)
9/3/24	EFT	LogMein	Telephone	23-25 ODA Dist Operations	(5.00)
9/30/24	EFT	AT&T	Telephone	23-25 ODA Dist Operations	(186.16)
9/3/24	EFT	United States Postal	Postage	23-25 ODA Scope of Work	(12.15)
9/17/24	EFT	Signs and Shirts Unlimited	Material and Supplies	USFS Tsalila 2022	(350.00)
9/20/24	EFT	Signs and Shirts Unlimited	Material and Supplies	USFS Tsalila 2022	(240.00)
9/5/24	DD	Tanya Graham	Contract Services	23-25 ODA Dist Operations	(123.75)
9/19/24	DD	Tanya Graham	Contract Services	23-25 ODA Dist Operations	(112.50)
9/3/24	1645	Country Media	Advertising	23-25 ODA Dist Operations	(48.35)
9/3/24	1646	Matrix Science	Contract Services	23-25 ODA Scope of Work	(382.50)
9/3/24	1647	Streamline	Web Hosting	23-25 ODA Dist Operations	(133.00)
9/3/24	1648	Oregon Saves	Simple IRA	Payroll Fund	(114.40)
9/17/24	1649	Oregon Saves	Simple IRA	Payroll Fund	(157.95)
9/5/24	DD1223	Rhonda Black	Personnel 8/16/24 - 8/31/24	Payroll Fund	(1,801.07)
9/19/24	DD1224	Rhonda Black	Personnel 9/1/24 - 9/15/24	Payroll Fund	(2,182.48)
				Balance as of 9/30/24	35,265.52
First Community Savings				Balance as of 9/1/24	68.47
					0.00
				Balance as of 9/30/24	68.47
Accounts Receivable:					
9/28/24		USFS		USFS Tsalila 2022	1,058.97
				Total Funds Submitted for Payment	1,058.97
Accounts Payable					
				Total Accounts Payable	0.00
Prepaid Workers Compensation					
				<i>Prepaid 7/2/23 (23/24 Fiscal Year)</i>	345.94
				<i>Prepaid 6/16/24 (24/25 Fiscal Year)</i>	678.27
				<i>Paid 23/24 Balance</i>	337.08
				<i>Prepaid 24/25 Balance</i>	3.46
				<i>2023-2024 Used</i>	(683.02)
				<i>2024-2025 Used</i>	(19.17)
				Total Prepaid Workers Comp Balance 9/30/24	662.56

**Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District
Statement of Activity and Cash Flow Report
July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024**

<i>Status</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>Source</i>	General	PTO	ODA	ODA	07-22-001	07-22-004	07-24-003
<i>Project</i>	Fund	Reserve	DO 23-25	SOW 23-25	Prov	Baum	Parent R
Income							
Grant Funds			7,244.50	16,904.00			
Admin Income	1,599.91						
Other Income							
Total Income	1,599.91	0.00	7,244.50	16,904.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expense							
Admin Expenses							1,079.21
Advertising			96.70				
Bank Fees, Processing	1.34		28.50				
Contract Services:							
Fiscal Provider			945.00				
General				382.50			
Dues, Fees and Permits			228.76				
Insurance:							
General, Workers Comp	592.51						
Material and Supplies							9,680.51
Office Supplies			1,289.97	34.99			
Postage				243.45			
Payroll:							
PTO Reserve		(2,392.25)	252.74	1,176.49			90.38
Watershed Tech		2,184.00	2,262.00	9,009.00			871.00
Internet Stipend		12.14	5.35	43.03			3.26
Workers Comp		1.31	1.44	5.98			2.55
Payroll Taxes		194.80	199.58	799.86			78.24
Rent:							
Storage Unit			450.00				
PO Box							
Tele/Internet/Web Site			1,705.90				
Travel/Training			50.92	162.14			2.01
Total Expense	593.85	0.00	7,516.86	11,857.44	0.00	0.00	11,807.16
Net Income	1,006.06	0.00	(272.36)	5,046.56	0.00	0.00	(11,807.16)
Accounts Receivable							
Prepaid Workers Comp	271.14						
Accounts Payable							
Paid Time Off Liabilities		(592.25)					
Cash Balance as of 7/1/24	9,998.46	11,007.94	6,724.36	(2,835.29)	(2,273.84)	(697.11)	8,932.29
Net Cash Increase for Period	1,277.20	(592.25)	(272.36)	5,046.56	0.00	0.00	(11,807.16)
Cash Balance as of 9/30/24	11,275.66	10,415.69	6,452.00	2,211.27	(2,273.84)	(697.11)	(2,874.87)
					<i>Need FR</i>	<i>Need FR</i>	<i>Need FR</i>

Note: These funds are still in review and subject to change.

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July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024**

<i>Status</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Open</i>	
<i>Source</i>	07-24-005	PUR	USFS	
<i>Project</i>	Elk Ck	Glover	Tsalila 2	TOTAL
Income				
Grant Funds	8,998.80		1,058.97	34,206.27
Admin Income				1,599.91
Other Income				0.00
Total Income	8,998.80	0.00	1,058.97	35,806.18
Expense				
Admin Expenses	171.27	349.43		1,599.91
Advertising				96.70
Bank Fees, Processing				29.84
Contract Services:				
Fiscal Provider				945.00
General				382.50
Dues, Fees and Permits				228.76
Insurance:				
General, Workers Comp				592.51
Material and Supplies			590.00	10,270.51
Office Supplies				1,324.96
Postage				243.45
Payroll:				
PTO Reserve	146.52	99.15	34.72	(592.25)
Watershed Tech	1,248.00	858.00	312.00	16,744.00
Internet Stipend	7.18	3.11	0.93	75.00
Workers Comp	7.00	0.70	0.19	19.17
Payroll Taxes	111.68	76.55	27.50	1,488.21
Rent:				
Storage Unit				450.00
PO Box				0.00
Tele/Internet/Web Site				1,705.90
Travel/Training	192.29	26.80		434.16
Total Expense	1,883.94	1,413.74	965.34	36,038.33
Net Income	7,114.86	(1,413.74)	93.63	(232.15)
Accounts Receivable		8,469.00	(1,058.97)	7,410.03
Prepaid Workers Comp				271.14
Accounts Payable				0.00
Paid Time Off Liabilities				(592.25)
Cash Balance as of 7/1/24	0.00	(2,285.96)	(93.63)	28,477.22
Net Cash Increase for Period	7,114.86	7,055.26	(965.34)	6,856.77
Cash Balance as of 9/30/24	7,114.86	4,769.30	(1,058.97)	35,333.99

Submitted

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**Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District
Monthly Comparison
2024 - 2025**

	July 2024	August 2024	September 2024	October 2024	November 2024	December 2024	January 2025	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	TOTAL
Income													
Grant Funds	24,148.50	8,998.80	1,058.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	34,206.27
Admin Income	0.00	1,411.03	188.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,599.91
Interest Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	24,148.50	10,409.83	1,247.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,806.18
Expense													
Admin Expenses	0.00	1,411.03	188.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,599.91
Bank Fees, Processing Fee	10.84	9.50	9.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.84
Contract Services:													
Fiscal Provider	337.50	371.25	236.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	945.00
General	0.00	0.00	382.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	382.50
Dues, Fees and Permits	40.00	188.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	228.76
Insurance	0.00	592.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	592.51
Material and Supplies	9,680.51	0.00	590.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,270.51
Office Expenses:													0.00
Advertising	0.00	48.35	48.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	96.70
Office Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage	204.00	27.30	12.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	243.45
Supplies	1,284.98	19.99	19.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,324.96
Payroll:													0.00
PTO Reserve	373.19	(452.85)	(512.59)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(592.25)
Watershed Tech	6,006.00	5,291.00	5,447.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,744.00
Internet Stipend	25.00	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Workers Comp	5.95	3.71	9.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.17
Payroll Taxes	539.68	475.10	473.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,488.21
Rent:													
Storage Unit	150.00	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
PO Box	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telephone, Internet, Web Site	1,016.16	365.58	324.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,705.90
Travel/Training	127.30	166.83	140.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	434.16
Total Expense	19,801.11	8,693.06	7,544.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	36,038.33
Net Income	4,347.39	1,716.77	(6,296.31)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(232.15)
Accounts Receivable	(24,148.50)	32,617.50	(1,058.97)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,410.03
Prepaid Workers Comp	5.95	255.68	9.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	271.14
Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Paid Time Off Liabilities	373.19	(452.85)	(512.59)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(592.25)
Cash Balance as of 7/1/24	28,477.22	9,055.25	43,192.35	35,333.99	35,333.99	35,333.99	35,333.99	35,333.99	35,333.99	35,333.99	35,333.99	35,333.99	28,477.22
Net Cash Increase for Period	(19,421.97)	34,137.10	(7,858.36)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,856.77
Cash Balance as of 9/30/24	9,055.25	43,192.35	35,333.99	35,333.99	35,333.99	35,333.99	35,333.99	35,333.99	35,333.99	35,333.99	35,333.99	35,333.99	35,333.99

**Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District
Individual Grant Report
As of September 30, 2024**

Report Due Dates Coming up

Grant	Funds to Receive	Due Dates			
2023-2025 ODA Quarterly Report	0.00	10/15/24	1/15/25	4/15/25	7/15/25
07-22-001 Providence	0.00	4/4/25	Final		
07-22-004 Otter/Baumgartner	0.00	7/8/25	Final		
07-24-003 Parent Ranch	0.00	4/16/26	Final		
07-24-005 Elk Creek	0.00	8/10/26	Final		
USFS Tsalila 2	0.00	3/31/24	4/30/25		

Paid Time Off Hour Balance

Vacation Time		Staff			
Hours as of 7/1/24		254.25			
Accrued this Fiscal Year		30.00			
Paid Out this Fiscal Year		0.00			
Hours as of 9/30/24	284.25	Hours	Paid Time Off Liability	\$9,819.77	
<i>(Note 1 - Vacation time is paid out upon separation)</i>					
Personal Time		Staff			
Hours as of 7/1/24		77.25			
Accrued this Fiscal Year		24.00			
Paid Out this Fiscal Year		84.00			
Hours as of 9/30/24	17.25	Hours	Paid Time Off Liability	\$595.92	
<i>(Note 2 - Personal Time is not paid out upon separation)</i>					
			Total Paid Time Off Liability	\$10,415.69	

USFS Tsalila 2

	2024/2025	2023/2024	2022/2023	Total	Budget	Remaining	
INCOME							
Grant Funds	1,058.97	1,814.70	1,506.96	4,380.63	15,000.00	10,619.37	
Total Income	1,058.97	1,814.70	1,506.96	4,380.63	15,000.00	10,619.37	
EXPENSES							
Salary	375.34	1,603.66	1,399.00	3,378.00	5,472.00	2,094.00	
Travel	0.00	103.49	69.44	172.93	360.00	187.07	
Contract Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,490.00	6,490.00	
Material and Supplies	590.00	0.00	239.70	829.70	2,678.00	1,848.30	
Total Expenses	965.34	1,707.15	1,708.14	4,380.63	15,000.00	10,619.37	
Net Income	93.63						
Accounts Receivable	(1,058.97)						
Accounts Payable	0.00						
Cash Balance 7/1/24	(93.63)						
Net Cash	(965.34)						
Cash Balance 9/30/24	(1,058.97)						Expires 12/31/2024

Glover Estuary Enhancement - Partnership for Umpqua Rivers

	2024/2025	2023/2024	Total	Budget	Remaining	
INCOME						
Contract Income	0.00	8,469.00	8,469.00	8,469.00	0.00	
Total Income	0.00	8,469.00	8,469.00	8,469.00	0.00	
EXPENSES						
Salary, Taxes, WC, Int Stipend	1,064.31	2,285.96	3,350.27	7,669.00	4,318.73	
Indirect Costs	349.43	0.00	349.43	800.00	450.57	
Total Expenses	1,413.74	2,285.96	3,699.70	8,469.00	4,769.30	
Net Income	(1,413.74)					
Accounts Receivable	8,469.00					
Accounts Payable	0.00					
Cash Balance 7/1/24	(2,285.96)					
Net Cash	7,055.26					
Cash Balance 9/30/24	4,769.30					

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2023-2025 ODA District Operations

	2024/2025	2023/2024	Total	Budget	Remaining
INCOME					
Grant Funds	7,244.50	28,978.00	36,222.50	57,956.00	21,733.50
Total Income	7,244.50	28,978.00	36,222.50	57,956.00	21,733.50
EXPENSES					
Advertising	96.70	230.28	326.98	480.28	153.30
Bank and QBs Processing Fees	28.50	103.25	131.75	228.25	96.50
Contract Services	945.00	3,228.75	4,173.75	9,428.75	5,255.00
Dues, Fees and Permits	228.76	354.49	583.25	1,104.49	521.24
Insurance	0.00	2,119.00	2,119.00	4,619.00	2,500.00
Office Supplies	1,289.97	3,827.76	5,117.73	8,327.76	3,210.03
Postage	0.00	905.55	905.55	1,905.55	1,000.00
Salary, Taxes, WC, Int Stipend	2,721.11	7,521.62	10,242.73	20,998.98	10,756.25
Rent (Storage and PO Box)	450.00	1,514.00	1,964.00	3,464.00	1,500.00
Telephone, Internet, Web Site	1,705.90	2,436.88	4,142.78	6,336.88	2,194.10
Travel/Training	50.92	12.06	62.98	1,062.06	999.08
Total Expenses	7,516.86	22,253.64	29,770.50	57,956.00	28,185.50
Net Income	(272.36)				
Accounts Receivable	0.00				
Accounts Payable	0.00				
Cash Balance 7/1/24	6,724.36				
Net Cash	(272.36)				
Cash Balance 9/30/24	6,452.00				
				<i>Expires</i>	<i>7/31/2025</i>

2023 - 2025 ODA Scope of Work Funds

	2024/2025	2023/2024	Total	Budget	Remaining
INCOME					
Grant Funds	16,904.00	67,616.00	84,520.00	135,232.00	50,712.00
Total Income	16,904.00	67,616.00	84,520.00	135,232.00	50,712.00
EXPENSES					
Reserved for 2024/2025	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
Contract Services	382.50	9,348.88	9,731.38	12,090.88	2,359.50
Office Supplies	278.44	353.87	632.31	353.87	(278.44)
Conferences, Trainings	0.00	780.39	780.39	1,780.39	1,000.00
Mileage	162.14	956.07	1,118.21	1,956.07	837.86
Salary, Taxes, WC, Int Stipend	11,034.36	59,012.08	70,046.44	115,850.79	45,804.35
Total Expenses	11,857.44	70,451.29	82,308.73	135,232.00	52,923.27
Net Income	5,046.56				
Accounts Receivable	0.00				
Accounts Payable	0.00				
Cash Balance 7/1/24	(2,835.29)				
Net Cash	5,046.56				
Cash Balance 9/30/24	2,211.27				
				<i>Expires</i>	<i>7/31/2025</i>

**Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District
Individual Grant Report
As of September 30, 2024**

07-22-001 Providence Creek Runoff Management

	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
INCOME					
OWEB Funds	0.00	8,253.00	8,253.00	13,755.00	5,502.00
Total Income	0.00	8,253.00	8,253.00	13,755.00	5,502.00
EXPENSES					
Salary, Taxes, WC, Int Stipend	0.00	695.56	695.56	1,280.00	584.44
Contract Services	0.00	5,525.00	5,525.00	10,877.00	5,352.00
Material and Supplies	0.00	3,349.29	3,349.29	0.00	(3,349.29)
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	165.00	165.00
Indirect Costs	0.00	956.99	956.99	1,233.00	276.01
Post-Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Total Expenses	0.00	10,526.84	10,526.84	13,755.00	3,228.16
Net Income	0.00				
Accounts Receivable	0.00				
Accounts Payable	0.00				
Cash Balance 7/1/24	(2,273.84)				
Net Cash	0.00				
Cash Balance 9/30/24	(2,273.84)				
				<i>Expires</i>	<i>2/3/2025</i>

07-22-004 Otter/Baumgartner Ranch

	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
INCOME					
OWEB Funds	0.00	8,955.60	8,955.60	14,926.00	5,970.40
Total Income	0.00	8,955.60	8,955.60	14,926.00	5,970.40
EXPENSES					
Salary, Taxes, WC, Int Stipend	0.00	596.39	596.39	1,400.00	803.61
Contract Services	0.00	5,100.00	5,100.00	400.00	(4,700.00)
Material and Supplies	0.00	3,239.58	3,239.58	11,927.00	8,687.42
Other	0.00	170.36	170.36	165.00	(5.36)
Indirect Costs	0.00	546.38	546.38	834.00	287.62
Post-Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Total Expenses	0.00	9,652.71	9,652.71	14,926.00	5,273.29
Net Income	0.00				
Accounts Receivable	0.00				
Accounts Payable	0.00				
Cash Balance 7/1/24	(697.11)				
Net Cash	0.00				
Cash Balance 9/30/24	(697.11)				
				<i>Expires</i>	<i>5/31/2025</i>

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Individual Grant Report
As of September 30, 2024**

07-24-003 Parent Ranch

	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
INCOME					
OWEB Funds	0.00	8,996.40	8,996.40	14,994.00	5,997.60
Total Income	0.00	8,996.40	8,996.40	14,994.00	5,997.60
EXPENSES					
Salary, Taxes, WC, Int Stipend	1,047.44	64.11	1,111.55	1,216.00	104.45
Contract Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
Material and Supplies	9,680.51	0.00	9,680.51	10,883.00	1,202.49
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Indirect Costs	1,079.21	0.00	1,079.21	1,345.00	265.79
Post-Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Total Expenses	11,807.16	64.11	11,871.27	14,994.00	3,122.73
Net Income	(11,807.16)				
Accounts Receivable	0.00				
Accounts Payable	0.00				
Cash Balance 7/1/24	8,932.29				
Net Cash	(11,807.16)				
Cash Balance 9/30/24	(2,874.87)				
				<i>Expires</i>	<i>2/15/2026</i>

07-24-005 Elk Creek

	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Remaining</u>	
INCOME					
OWEB Funds	8,998.80	8,998.80	14,998.00	5,999.20	
Total Income	8,998.80	8,998.80	14,998.00	5,999.20	
EXPENSES					
Salary, Taxes, WC, Int Stipend	1,520.38	1,520.38	1,217.00	(303.38)	
Contract Services	0.00	0.00	10,010.00	10,010.00	
Material and Supplies	0.00	0.00	65.00	65.00	
Travel	192.29	192.29	2,160.00	1,967.71	
Indirect Costs	171.27	171.27	1,346.00	1,174.73	
Post-Grant	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	
Total Expenses	1,883.94	1,883.94	14,998.00	13,114.06	
Net Income	7,114.86				
Accounts Receivable	0.00				
Accounts Payable	0.00				
Cash Balance 7/1/24	0.00				
Net Cash	7,114.86				
Cash Balance 9/30/24	7,114.86				
				<i>Expires</i>	<i>6/11/2026</i>

**Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District
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OWEB PENDING - Costa Ranch Runoff - Submitted 9/14/24

	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
INCOME				
OWEB Funds	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
EXPENSES				
Salary, Taxes, WC, Int Stipend	0.00	0.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
Other	0.00	0.00	165.00	165.00
Material and Supplies	0.00	0.00	11,889.00	11,889.00
Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Indirect Costs	0.00	0.00	1,346.00	1,346.00
Post-Grant	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Total Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>



**UMPQUA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

September 12, 2024

Directors Present:

Chair Nathan Baumgartner
Director Tom Black
Director Beth Frakes
Director Bob Miller

Staff Present:

District Manager/Conservation Planner Rhonda Black

Agencies Present:

Natural Resources Conservation Service Assistant State
Conservationist for Field Operations (Basin Team Leader)
Central Coast/Upper Willamette and Southwest Basin
Heather Y. Medina Saucedo

Others Present:

Kate Baumgartner

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The Chair Baumgartner made a motion, 2nd by Director Miller to call the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. The motion **unanimously passed**.

FISCAL PROVIDER REPORT:

In Fiscal Provider Graham's absence, the District Manager explained the financial report for the month ending August 31, 2024.

Page 1 - The Balance Sheet. It shows total current assets of \$43,864.42 and total liabilities & Equity of \$43,864.42.

Page 2 - Check Register - General Checking - started the month with \$8,986.78 and ended the month with \$43,123.88.

Page 3 - Statement of Activity - Total Income: \$34,558.33 and total Expenses: \$28,494.17. Leaving a cash balance of \$43,192.35.

Page 4 - Monthly Comparison – As of August 31st - Income: \$10,409.83 and total Expenses: \$8,693.06. Cash balance of \$43,192.35.

Page 5 – Reports that are due, PTO balances, and beginning of Individual Grant and/or funding source details.

Page 6 through 9 – Individual Grant and/or funding source details.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & TREASURER’S REPORT FOR AUDIT

Chair Baumgartner made a motion, 2nd by Director Frakes to approve the bills and the August 2024 Treasurer’s Report. The motion **unanimously passed**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 10th Meeting and March 3rd Special Meeting minutes for 2022 were not yet completely transcribed, but will be available at future meetings. All were lengthy meetings.

Chair Baumgartner made a motion, 2nd by Director Frakes to approve the August 8, 2024 Business Meeting minutes. The motion **unanimously passed**.

STAFF REPORT:

Conservation Technician/District Manager Rhonda Black:

September 9, 2024

- OWEB:
 - 2023-2025 District Operations Capacity Grant –
 - Updated SWCD website with meeting agenda and minutes.
 - Still looking for an appropriate grant to fund soil tests for both Umpqua & Douglas SWCDs, which will also provide a service necessary for NRCS.
 - OWEB Small Grants Program:
 - OWEB Small Grants Status:
 - Otter-Baumgartner Ranch Livestock Exclusion – 60% of the funds have been used with the majority going to materials and supplies.
 - Providence Creek Runoff Management – 60% of the funds have been used with the majority going to materials and supplies.
 - Parent Ranch Livestock Exclusion Phase 1 – 60% of the funds have been used with the majority going to materials and supplies. All of the supplies have been purchased for this project and the fencing is 100% complete. The final step is the heavy use areas at the gates and elk jumps. The landowner had knee surgery at the end of August, therefore, the project will be completed at a later date. Multiple site visits to project site.
 - Elk Creek Riparian OWEB Small Grant – 60% of the funds have been received from OWEB. Project work has begun with SWCD contractor, Ruwaldt Consulting. Armenian Blackberry has been removed and site has been prepped for willow planting. Soil sample of site has been taken and report has been received. Willow whips and stakes have started be collected for staking and building fascines. Multiple site visits with landowners and

contractor. We're hoping to have this project complete by fall 2024 with summer 2025 being for blackberry regrowth management and control.

- Small Grants Pre-Project Tours –
 - Will be working on putting these together as long as it's okay with landowners.
- Umpqua Fishery Enhancement Derby:
 - Applied for a grant for small equipment purchase of drone for project work, HOBO water level logger monitors. Waiting to hear back from them as to status of grant application, but the grant was not funded.
- OWEB TA Grant:
 - Application submitted to OWEB on 04/26. Contractor and District Manager working on this for 3-farm bridges, 2 other bridges/culverts, and a tidegate structure. This will be for the design, engineering, and permits.
 - Matching grant from ODFW for \$2,500 will need to be obtained.
 - Geotechnical site visit has been completed.
 - Lots of meetings with engineer.
 - Unfortunately, the OWEB review team recommendation for this grant was, "Do Not Fund". Waiting for OWEB to provide the review information to us.
- BLM:
 - BLM Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination grant, "Umpqua Noxious Weed Control" for both contractor and myself. Waiting to hear back from the BLM on this.
- USFWS:
 - Invasive Species Eradication grant submitted 05/26. This grant was not awarded to us.
- PARTNERSHIPS:
 - Umpqua 7, Coos 4, Mid-Coast 3 OWEB Small Grant Teams –
 - Umpqua 7 –
 - Working with Lee Russell and Elk Creek WC Contractor.
 - Small Grant Team:
 - Unsure of status of Elk Creek WC. Lee let me know, that as co-leader I can move the team's grants forward and handle the paperwork if Elk Creek is not able too.
 - Reviewed small grant application for Douglas SWCD.
 - Next small grant window is 09/01-09/15. We have around \$29,000 left for the small grant team applicants for the 2023-2025 biennium.
 - Hoping to submit a grant for runoff (gutters and downspouts, and a large heavy use area) at the Costa Ranch near Scholfield Creek as this project was part of the OWEB TA grant that was not recommended for funding.

- Coos 4 – No new news.
 - Mid-Coast 3 – No new news.
- Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers –
 - No August meeting.
 - Next meeting is on 09/17 that might include tour of Glover site.
 - Glover Lands Estuary Enhancement Project –
 - Updates provided to Kevin Keller and Cris Salzar with PUR and landowner Cliff Glover, about quotes for livestock watering system on 08/07 and additional information 08/08.
 - Provided NRCS Conservation Practice Standards:
 - 516-Livestock Pipeline
 - 533-Pumping Plant
 - 614-Watering Facility
 - 561-Heavy Use Protection
 - Received the \$8,469.00 reimbursement for work already done by SWCD for PUR for this grant.
 - Keven Keller wants Umpqua SWCD to design the livestock watering system and obtain quotes for the materials and supplies. Will need to work with landowner in order to achieve this. PUR Executive Director Keller said he could provide some funding to the SWCD through PUR for SWCD performing this service. We will find out.
 - Cris Salzar has obtained permission to collect willow cuttings on the Bolon Island property.
- South Coast Tide Gate Collaborative – No new news.
- Tide Gate Affinity Group – No new news.
- State Tide Gate – No new news.
- Providence Creek Area Updates:
 - Port of Umpqua
 - Providence Creek Tide Gates –
 - The Providence Creek Study Grant to Business Oregon has been approved in the amount of \$160,000. We are waiting for the financial department at Business Oregon to put the grant forward to the next steps. The grant our consultant prepared for our partner at the Port of Umpqua
 - ODFW grant for \$40,000 match will need to be written and our consultant will do that when he returns from Alaska. ODFW is waiting for legislature to find out when ODFW will have these funds available to apply for.
 - Leeds Island Park and Restoration Project –
 - City Council approved Council Letter 024-036 at the 05/06 meeting, 4 out of 5 Council members. One member of the public spoke up highly in favor of the project. No members of the public

spoke up against the project. The letter authorizes Umpqua Soil Water Conservation District, working with Matt Ruwaldt Environmental Consulting and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department on a local Government Grant Program, to move forward planning a Leed's Island project.

- A grant to ODFW in the amount of \$40,000 will be written for TA.
- A grant to the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department Grant will need to be written for acquisition. Written by Contractor and submitted by City of Reedsport as this grant must be submitted by a city.
 - Additional Information:
 - Weekly meetings with Engineer.
- The Reedsport Collective (Project Blessing Food Pantry) – No new news.
- Douglas County –
 - Douglas County Special Projects. Continuing to work with assisting Tracy Pope with her grant.
 - Douglas County Weed Board – Attended meetings, virtually.
- Smith/Umpqua/Dunes Stewardship Group – No new news. Supposed to have a meeting in August, but haven't heard anything.
- DEQ Umpqua TMDL Implementation – Next meeting 10/08.
- Forest Service –
 - Tsalila – Continuing to work with FS and Umpqua Discovery Center.
 - T-shirt design created by artist Trevor Black. We had T-shirts in the past for Tsalila and are seriously considering getting this tradition going again for staff and others involved with Tsalila. Ordered T-shirts from Signs and Shirts Unlimited in Reedsport and paid ½ down.
 - Waiting to hear back from FS about agreement extension.
 - Tsalila will be held September 24th-26th with setup happening on 09/23 and clean-up on 09/27.
 - We will have the Oregon Coast Aquarium at the event this year.
 - If anyone would like to assist with this event, please let me know.
 - Oregon Central Coast Forest Collaborative –Next meeting 09/13.
- Umpqua Oaks Partnership – The next meeting will be held on 09/17 with a virtual option.
- Umpqua Native Plant Partnership – Will be working with Morgan Fay to obtain plants for Glover Project along with Cris Salizar with PUR. Will meet with Morgan either late September or October to discuss options through the UNPP.
- Hydro Breakfast Meeting – Next meeting on 10/03.
- USDA/NRCS –
 - AgLearn – Haven't heard anything.
- Douglas Weed Management Area – No new news.

- Elk Creek Watershed Council –
 - Lee is still working within the small grant program, but the council is in the process of dissolving. Haven't heard anything new. Asked Lee by email, but he won't comment. Will need to follow-up with either in-person or telephone conversation.
- Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) – Took survey.
- Oregon Conservation Education Association Network (OCEAN) – No new news.
- Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association – Executive Board meeting on 09/27.
- Oregon State University Extension Service –
 - Held hands-on soil sampling workshop on Tuesday, August 20th at the Elkton Community Education Center from 3-5 p.m. About 12 people or so at the event and it was a fun workshop with great participants. Worked with Logan Bennett with OSU Small Farms Program on this. Planning on having another soils class this winter.
 - Tree School Umpqua will be held on Saturday, September 28th. SWCD might have a table at the event, even if it is a static table. Working with Alicia Christiansen. Sign up at: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/events/tree-school-umpqua>
 - Best Fields First is a workshop series where landowners learn to find which field is their best and start with that field for renovation for their particular ag practice. Please register on-line. Umpqua SWCD will be presenting information on funding programs available that fund ag practices on the evening of October 3rd. Presenter for this workshop is Shelby Filley, Livestock and Forages Specialist. I highly recommend this class! The first class begins tonight, but classes are recorded. Sign up at: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/events/best-fields-first-forage-planning-series>
- Oregon Climate and Agriculture Network – Working with Megan Kemple. Provided a letter of support as a partner for regional hubs to assist landowners with soil health and that Umpqua SWCD would be willing to serve as the Regional Hub Lead, pending funding and a formal agreement. There would be a stipend to the SWCD in the amount of approximately \$4,000 per year if OrCAN is awarded their grant and if we are approved as a Regional Hub Lead.
- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:
 - Elk Creek Riparian Restoration Projects:
 - 5 properties involved with this project, one of which is already being worked on through a small grant. Hoping to work with the City of Elkton on these projects, which will fit into their DEQ TMDL plan. This is a stretch of Elk Creek within the City limits of Elkton where there is little to no shade on the creek, and the riparian has been invaded by Armenian

Blackberry and at least two different kinds of ivy, along with Reed Canary Grass.

Ongoing TA:

- Scholfield Creek Ranch – See above. Will be submitting OWEB Small Grant to start project.
- Continuing to work with Butler Creek landowner on future OWEB Small Grant to reduce Ag runoff from barn by placing gutters and downspouts. Hoping to fund a water collection storage tank for piping water to livestock water tank on hardened pad.
- South Side Smith River. Will be following up with water quality plan and OWEB Small Grant.
- Contact made with Smith River ranch owner who is interested in bridges, livestock exclusion fencing, off-stream watering, tide gate replacement, etc. Follow-up in process. Will visit ranch this summer to begin AgWQ planning, mapping, etc. Will follow up in November with Umpqua SWCD Contractor for additional site visits and recommendations.
- Possible in-stream work, riparian buffer and grant for project at Wild Azalea Vineyards. Will need SWCD Contractor's assistance with this and will make a site visit with him upon his return in November.
- Providence Creek – Landowner called about fill and removal, levy repair, fencing, etc. Will follow up in November when Consultant is available.
- ADMINISTRATION:
 - Financial documents, statements, timesheets, etc. recorded, filed, and loaded into Google Drive for Fiscal Provider.
 - Meeting information provided to Directors, and ODA WQ Specialist & Program Lead.
 - Business Meeting notice provided to media, electronic notice list.
 - Provided legal ad to The World Newspaper for notice of annual meeting which ran on 7/30/24 and 8/6/24.
 - Had surgery on 09/04. Took a few days off for recovery.

AGENCY REPORTS:

Heather Medina Saucedo – USDA NRCS Oregon – Central Coast/Upper Willamette and Southwest Basin Team Leader

The Roseburg Service Center has been busy with the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). These programs are available to all producers throughout the state for cropland, forestry, agriculture and pastures for climate change.

The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) for 2025-2026 will have more funds coming up.

The NRCS Service Center in Roseburg has a National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) technical assistance agreement with Pheasants Forever who is assisting people who are interested in Farm Bill Programs.

District Conservationist David Ferguson has moved to his family's farm in Ohio and works for NRCS in Ohio now. A new District Conservationist based out of Roseburg has been hired and that person is from the East Coast of the United States.

The NACD grant for SWCDs is to provide technical assistance to NRCS.

Eastern Oregon applied for a Conservation Implementation Strategy (CIS), but this program could also apply to tidegate work (has been done in Coquille) with up to \$245,000 in funding available for small tidegate projects. NRCS has limited engineering and is using Business Oregon designs. The Local Food Strategy is also very popular, but there can only be one, not both.

NRCS Roseburg Report

Peter Winnick, DC in Jackson Co, is currently acting DC for Roseburg office

Zach Dimare is Resource Conservationist

Jensen Dohman, Soil Conservationist

Ian Bernot, Soil Conservationist

Gibson McCurry, Engineer in Roseburg office for the SW part of basin. o Csanyi Matusicky, Habitat Conservationist Specialist, Pheasants Forever and NRCS partner position

District Conservationist, Roseburg field office advertised, and interviews held. Selection made; tentative job offer made. No start date yet.

EQIP – IRA contracting

CSP – Roseburg – contracting IRA and General

NACD NRCS Technical Assistance Grant now open until September 30, 2024

Upcoming trainings:

Intermediate Forestry Training- Oct 9th and 10th in Central Point: All who attend need to have a basic level of forestry experience, inventory, planning, implementation.

Business Tools 101- SWCD partner positions who are assisting NRCS with planning/contracting. Can get on list for the 2nd or 3rd quarter training session (online). At minimum they will need to have access to CD and ProTracts.

Annie Marion – District Conservationist, NRCS Waldport Field Report

Announcements/Updates:

- None

Meetings/Site Visits:

- Aug. 5 – Site visit for CSP annual practice certification on N Fork Siuslaw
- Aug. 7-12 – Annual leave

- Aug. 13 – Attended training on NRCS wildlife habitat practices (Wetland/Upland Wildlife Habitat Management and Structures for Wildlife) in Salem
- Aug. 14 – Site visit to farm in Deadwood to discuss potential EQIP projects for riparian restoration, high tunnel, building soil health, irrigation efficiency, etc.
- Aug. 15 – Attended MidCoast Watersheds Council monthly Tech Team meeting
- Aug. 21 – Attended Lincoln SWCD Siletz Stakeholder Engagement – Siletz River float
- Aug. 23 – Meeting to review LSWCD’s Siletz Source Water Area Plan (NWQI)
- Aug. 29 – Attended Siuslaw Coho Partnership summer meeting in Mapleton
- Aug. 30 – Attended Water Resilience Field Day at Siletz Tribal Farm coordinated by the Dry Farm Collaborative and OSU Extension – outreach on NRCS programs
- Sep. 3 – Planning meeting for fall NRCS Soil Health & Sustainability for Field Staff training
- Sep. 3 - Attended Rainwater Catchment Tour at dahlia farm in Otis coordinated by LSWCD & OSU Extension – outreach on NRCS programs
- Sep. 9 – Planning meeting for Coastal Forage Variety Trail fall field day w/ OSU Extension
- Sep. 12 – Yakona Learning Center celebration near Newport

PROGRAMS:

Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)

- FY24 EQIP applications
 - Nearly completed planning and contracting for FY24 EQIP.
 - Approved contracts so far: 4 Forest Management Plans (Lincoln), 5 IRA-Forestland (1 Lincoln, 4 Lane), 1 Upper Yaquina WQ (Lincoln), 1 Forest Resistance & Resilience (Lincoln), 1 Siuslaw Floodplain Reconnection (Douglas), 2 Local Foods Initiative (1 Lincoln, 1 Lane), 1 IRA Pastureland (Lincoln), 1 High Tunnel Initiative (Lincoln)
 - Still to go: 1 Upper Yaquina WQ (waiting on review/finalization of Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan for Composting Facility design)
- Prior year EQIP contracts
 - Completed several contract modifications

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

- FY24 CSP Classic/Inflation Reduction Act applications
 - Received 2 FY24 CSP Classic applications (1 Lincoln, 1 Lane). Neither application was selected for funding this year. Can defer to next year.
- FY25 CSP Renewals
 - Received 1 application (Lane)—ranking will be in the fall
- Current CSP Contracts
 - Site visit for certification of forestry enhancements on contract on N Fork Siuslaw.
 - Completed minimum payment modifications on 3 current CSP contracts to bring the minimum annual payment up to \$4,000 from FY24 moving forward.

Easement Programs

- [Agricultural Conservation Easement Program](#) (ACEP) & [Healthy Forests Reserve Program](#) (HFRP)
 - No activity to report.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

None.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Annual Report 2023/2024 – Action Item

The District Manager provided information and the Directors reviewed the annual report.

Director Miller made a motion, 2nd by Chair Baumgartner to approve the Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024. The motion **unanimously passed**.

FUNDING COMMITTEE

Reports and follow up to items.

No new news.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Baumgartner.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next business meeting for the Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District is scheduled for October 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. by Go-To-Meeting teleconference and/or by computer, tablet or smartphone.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Black
District Manager/Conservation Planner
Recorder



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ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

September 12, 2024

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Central Coast/Upper Willamette and Southwest Basin
Heather Y. Medina Saucedo

Others Present:

Kate Baumgartner

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The Chair Baumgartner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND REPORT IN LIEU OF
AUDIT:**

The District Manager presented the annual report and report in lieu of audit for the year ending June 30, 2024.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. by Chair Baumgartner.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Black
District Manager/Conservation Planner
Recorder

Umpqua Soil & Water Conservation District

2024 Annual Report



Your Partner in Conservation Since 1953

- In the early 1930's parallel with the Great Depression came the ecological disaster known as the Dust Bowl. The Dust Bowl began as a long, severe drought in the Great Plains region causing soil to erode and blow away creating huge black dust storms. Eventually, these dust storm reached the entire nation and dust even sifted onto President Franklin D. Roosevelt's desk from the dust clouds. While soil scientist Hugh Hammond Bennett was testifying on Capitol Hill about the erosion problem he threw back the curtains to reveal a sky blackened by dust. Congress unanimously passed the Soil Conservation Act of 1935 declaring soil and water conservation a national policy and priority. Since $\frac{3}{4}$ of the land in the United States is privately owned Congress concluded active, voluntary support from landowners would guarantee success of conservation work on private land. Landowners then formed the soil conservation districts in each of their states. The Umpqua Soil & Water Conservation District was established on April 30, 1953.

- Conservation Districts can be described as the local committee that increases public awareness and participation in resource conservation. Conservation Districts represent cooperators since cooperators are land users who can speak for the land, and develop plans for resource conservation bringing together entities to work on local common conservation problems. Districts identify barriers preventing land conservation and bring proposed solutions to governing bodies. Conservation Districts are best described as the marriage of education, science and technology in agriculture and natural resources at the local level.

Dust storm approaching Stratford, Texas
April 1935

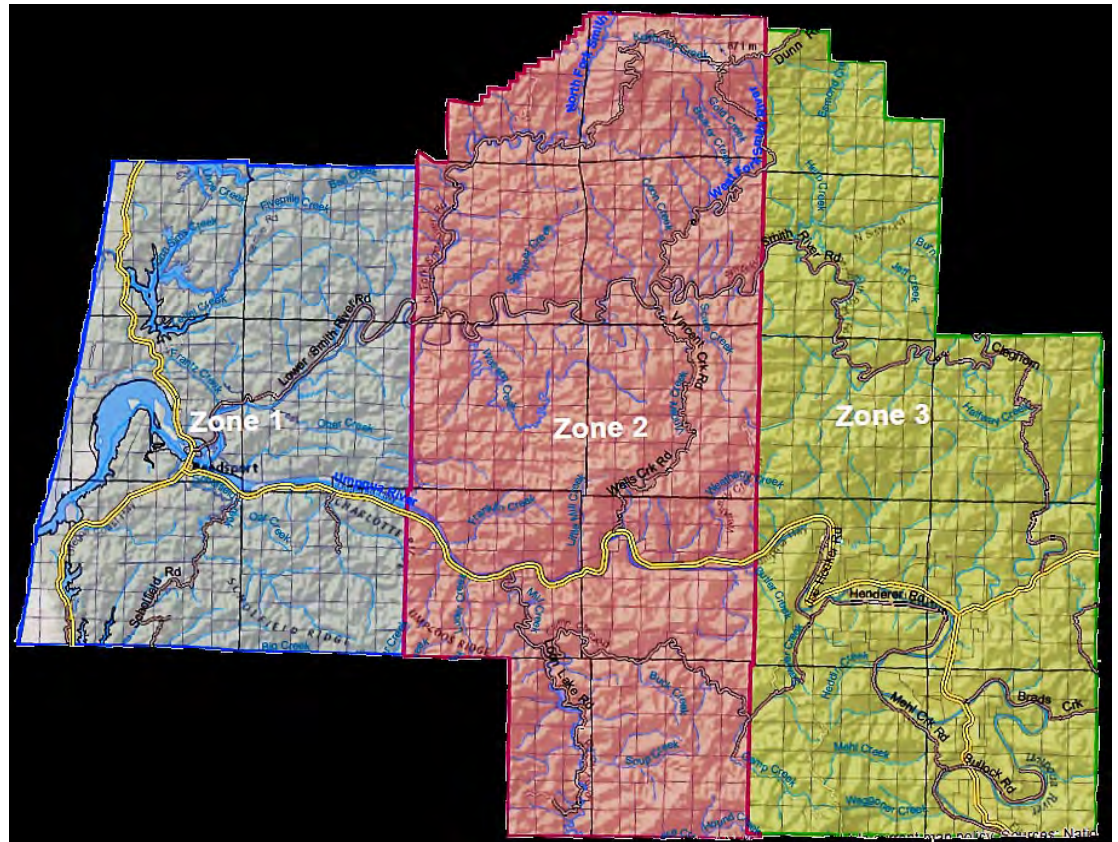


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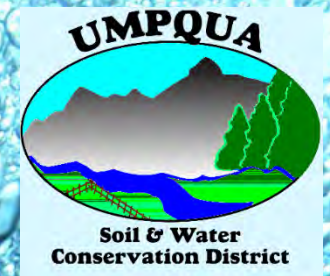


Our Location

The Umpqua Soil & Water Conservation District boundaries encompass 600,000 acres of northwestern Douglas County in the Lower Umpqua watershed including Winchester Bay, Reedsport, Gardiner, Tahkenitch, Siltcoos, Five-Mile, Smith River, Scottsburg, Ash Valley, Elkton, and Kellogg.



Who We Are



A five-member Board of Directors elected in the general election serve without pay to administer District activities.

Directors

- Zone 1 – Thomas Black
- Zone 2 – Bob Miller
- Zone 3 – Vacant
- At-Large 1 – Beth Frakes
- At-Large 2 – Nathan Baumgartner

Staff

- Rhonda Black – District Manager/Certified Conservation Planner

Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend meetings, which are held on the virtual Go-To-Meeting platform and occasionally in-person with a virtual option.



“The mission of the locally led Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District is to provide assistance to any individual, group, or agency in applying natural resource conservation practices for the wise use of their natural resources”

Our Projects



Glover Estuary Enhancement Partnership Project

Many estuarine wetlands along the coast have been filled, cleared, diked and drained for agriculture or urban development. Tidal wetlands along the lower Smith River were converted to pastures on 135 acres of the Glover Ranch by building levees, reconfiguring stream channels to ditches and installing tidegates to control the incoming tide.

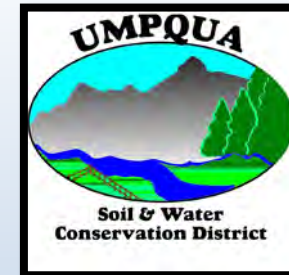
Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers (PUR), Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District (USWCD), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the Glover Family are collaborating to complete fish passage, tidal channel work and livestock management needed to improve ecological conditions in the Umpqua Estuary. In the fall of 2023, two failing tidegates were replaced and retrofitted with muted tidegate regulators to increase fish passage. Next, tidal channels will be expanded and/or rebuilt, livestock management fencing and complimentary off-channel water systems will be built, low water fords will be replaced with bridges and tidal channels will be enhanced with native plantings. Muted Tide Regulators will be adjusted at each tidegate to provide 30 flooded acres at each high tide during the winter season and 15 acres during high tides occurring in the summer. Approximately 5.38 miles of livestock fence is proposed to be built 20' from the channel, and over 5,300 native plants will be established along the tidal channels.

This project is located in the tidal wetlands of the Umpqua River Estuary, an area important to ESA listed Oregon Coast coho and eulachon, Chinook salmon, steelhead trout, Pacific lamprey and a variety of other native fish.

On July 31, 2023 Umpqua SWCD organized and hosted a pre-project tour in collaboration with the Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers and the landowner. The tour was held for landowners, Umpqua SWCD staff and Directors, and PUR staff and council members.

Our Projects

Umpqua Soil & Water Pre-Project Implementation Tide Gate Tour



Monday, July 31, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Meet at Staging Area

Introductions

Informational Talk

Hike to Closest Tide Gate

Return to Staging Area

View New Tide Gates & Culverts Prior to Installation

Questions



Our Projects



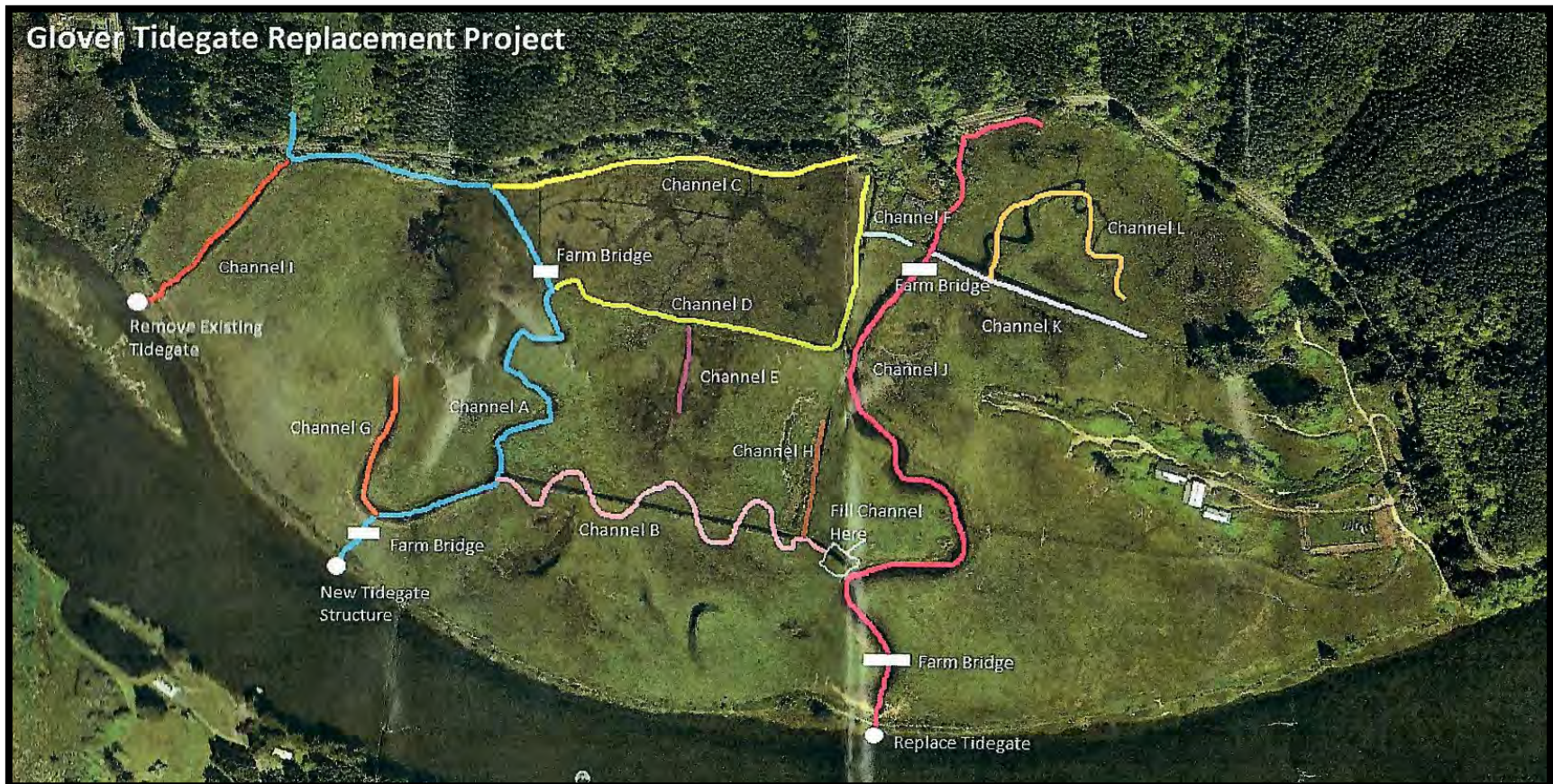
Glover Estuary Enhancement Project Background A timeline of how we got to this point:

- 2008 – BLM awards Umpqua SWCD with the Umpqua SWCD Tide Gate Monitoring Cooperative Agreement.
- 2009 – Umpqua SWCD sends tide gate survey letter to landowners requesting feedback.
- 2010 – Umpqua SWCD begins locating and prioritizing tide gates throughout both river systems and tributaries for future maintenance and replacement with fish friendlier options for interested landowners.
- 2010 – Umpqua SWCD assists the Oregon Coastal Management Program with mapping “Tidegates and Dikes of the Umpqua & Smith Rivers” by taking Coastal Fellow Representative to tour river systems.
- 2011 – Umpqua SWCD tide gate inventory is completed. Inventories were done by boat from the rivers. Approximately 59 Smith River & 18 Umpqua River tide gates are located. Tide Gate Reports for both the Umpqua & Smith River are completed. Umpqua SWCD prioritization begins. If additional tide gates are found they will be added to the reports and prioritization.
- 2011 – Umpqua SWCD holds tide gate tour for agencies to view tide gates with a guided tour by boat from the river.
- 2011 – Umpqua Estuary Restoration Partnership (UERP) formed to provide technical assistance from agencies, permitting, and restoration groups to Umpqua SWCD and watershed councils for continued tide gate prioritization. The group’s objective is to, “Sustain active productive agricultural lands in balance with lands suitable as estuaries for the benefit of aquatic habitat.” Tide gate matrix is started to add additional levels of prioritization including information from “Tidal Wetland Prioritization for the Umpqua River Estuary” by Laura Brophy, which is a wetland assessment, along with ODFW fish passage and spawning habitat information, and beneficial impacts such as rearing potential and seasonal water availability. Cultural resources and benefits are also included.
- 2013 – Umpqua SWCD designates Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Focus Area to focus on tide gates on agriculture lands on portions of Lower Smith River and Otter Slough/Brainard Creek.
- 2014 – Memorandum of Understanding is signed between Umpqua SWCD and Partnership for Umpqua Rivers to work on tide gate projects and related grants and projects as a joint effort.
- 2014 – Umpqua SWCD applies for an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) Technical Assistance Grant to fund landowner outreach, education, project design and engineering, to continue the prioritization process, and for staff time for Umpqua SWCD and PUR. The OWEB grant “Umpqua Estuary Tidegate Prioritization & Landowner Identification” is awarded to Umpqua SWCD and work continues with partners. Additional prioritization occurs, and meetings with interested landowners begins.
- 2015 – UERP tide gate tour hosted by Umpqua SWCD for NRCS engineering staff and partners (NRCS, BLM, USFWS, ODFW, NOAA Fisheries, and PUR).
- 2016 – Mr. Glover invites Umpqua SWCD and PUR to visit his ranch to learn more about the tide gate program.
- 2018 – PUR applies to OWEB for a Technical Assistant Grant for design, engineering, permitting, and staff time for PUR and SWCD. The OWEB grant “Glover Tidegate Replacement and Channel Re-meander” is awarded to PUR.
- 2018 – South Coast Tide Gate Collaborative Group formed to combine tide gate efforts among cooperating agencies along the entire south coast.
- 2019 – PUR applies to OWEB for a Restoration Grant to fund replacement of 2 failing tide gates in order to increase fish passage, upgrade tidal channels where needed, build livestock grazing management fencing and off-channel water systems, replace low water fords with 4 bridges, and enhance channels with native plants. Muted Tide Regulators will be adjusted at each tide gate to provide a designated number of flooded acres at high tide in the winter and a designated number of acres during high tides in the summer. Approximately, 5.38 miles of livestock fence will be built 20’ from the channel, and 5,300 native plants planted along channels. The Umpqua River Estuary is important for Oregon Coast coho and eulachon, Chinook salmon, steelhead trout, Pacific lamprey. Funds will be used for project management, contracted services including tide gates, fence materials, staff time for PUR/Umpqua SWCD, and PUR administration. The OWEB grant “Glover Estuary Enhancement” is awarded to PUR.
- 2021 – Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) creates “Technical Note 29: General Design Guidelines for Tide Gates” based off of data from UERP group, meetings with NRCS engineering staff, and contracted engineering and design personnel. This becomes part of their “Field Office Technical Guide” or FOTG.
- 2023 – PUR completes permit process, construction of tide gates by contractor is completed. Tide gates, culverts, and bridge materials are delivered to staging site. Tide gate implementation pre-project tour scheduled. Work to begin first week of August. Tidegates installed September 2023.

Our Projects

Glover Estuary Enhancement - Informational Map:

The original plan with Mr. Glover's property was a holistic approach for obtaining both an improved ranching system for hay land and pasture forage production while addressing fish passage and juvenile salmonoid wintering habitat. The bonuses would be improved water quality and water quantity along with livestock rotational grazing with less mud in the winter and reduced potential for soil compaction. Native plantings would increase wildlife habitat.



Our Projects

Glover Estuary Enhancement Project – Information:

Of course, there were some steps to follow to get where we needed to be:

- Grants
- Water Management Plan
- Cooperator Agreement
- Conservation Farm Plan
- Designs
- Engineering
- Permits
- Tidegates
- Bridges
- Planting Plan
- Fencing Plan
- Livestock Watering Plan



March 2023 – Tide gates constructed at Nehalem Marine and ready for delivery to the Glover Ranch.

Our Projects

Glover Estuary Enhancement Project – Information:



Items Delivered to staging area at the Glover Ranch:

Top Left: 05/16/2023 – Tidegates & MTRs

Top Right: 05/25/2023 – Culverts for Tidegates

Bottom Left: 06/08/2023 – Concrete Bridge Materials



Our Projects

Glover Estuary Enhancement Project – Pre Project Implementation Tour:



Are you interested in replacing old, undersized, or failing tide gates at your property?

Then join us for this tour!

When: Monday, July 31, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m. until noon.

Where: 4859 Lower Smith River Road, Reedsport, OR 97467.

Parking is limited. Consider carpooling.

Signage at Gate Entrance!

GLOVER ESTUARY ENHANCEMENT PRE-PROJECT TIDE GATE TOUR

About the Tour:

Umpqua Soil & Water Conservation District and the Partnership for Umpqua Rivers invite you to our pre-project tide gate tour!

We are ready to begin replacement of 2 tide gate structures at the Glover Estuary Enhancement site on Lower Smith River.

We will be providing an informational talk, followed by a walk out to the project site to view the closest tide gate set for removal and see the new tide gate structures that will be replacing the old tide gate structures.

For more information, or with questions, contact Rhonda Black at Umpqua SWCD at (541) 662-1341 or by email at rhonda@umpquasoilandwater.com.



Our Projects

Glover Estuary Enhancement Project – Tidegate Installations:



September 2023 – One tide gate & culvert being moved to the installation location.



September 2023 – One of the double tide gates & culverts being moved to the installation location.

Our Projects

Glover Estuary Enhancement Project – Tidegates Installation Post Construction Meeting:



September 2023 – Single tide gate and culvert installation.



October 2023 – Post construction meeting at the single tide gate site.

Clockwise from front:

Umpqua SWCD Director Tom Black, Landowner Cliff Glover, PUR Project Manager Suzanna Nordhoff, PUR Executive Director Kevin Keller, Contractor Leo Kuntz, and Engineer Don Porior.

Our Projects

Glover Estuary Enhancement Project – Tidegates Installation Post Construction Meeting:



September 2023 – Double set of tide gates in process of being installed.

Interior view of MTR System with walkway installed on the left, and tide gate culverts on right.

Our Projects



Glover Estuary Enhancement Project – Tidegates Installation Post Construction Meeting:



Interior view of MTR System with walkway installed on the left, and tide gate culverts installed on right.

Tide gate Contractor, Engineer, Project Manager, and PUR Executive Director standing on dike on top of tide gate.



Reviewing Project.

From left: Umpqua SWCD Director Tom Black, Landowner Cliff Glover, Contractor Leo Kuntz, Engineer Don Porior, PUR Executive Director Kevin Keller, and Project Manager Susanna Nordhoff.

Tidegate Information



Side Hinge Tide Gates with Muted Tide Gate Regulators:

From Nehalem Marine Manufacturing:

“The goal of the MTR is to maximize both quantity and quality of fish passage, improve interior water quality, restore the juvenile habitat range. Current land use is a huge factor so the design goal in many cases is to allow maximum restoration values that remain compatible with current land use.

- Traditional tide gates featured heavy wooden or metal top hinge doors that even when open pose a formidable barrier to fish passage and no tidal exchange. By design they are DEFAULT CLOSED. They remain firmly closed until substantial differential levels force them open. This means for example, during dry seasons, there may be long periods with no fish passage. A huge improvement came with the MTR because these systems become DEFAULT OPEN. This means the system will normally be in an open condition, providing tidal exchange and fish passage, any time the interior water level permits it. Much of the improvement is obtained by providing an auxiliary source of energy to open the gate even during times of very small or absence flows. This energy is derived from a weighted float tank (modulator) falling. In many cases the MTR will actually force the door open against a small head creating an additional tidal exchange.
- The MTR is revolutionary and exclusive because gate control is dependent on the INTERIOR LEVEL. All attempts at tide gate controllers up to this time were dependent on EXTERIOR LEVELS. Exterior levels are highly dynamic and using them to control tide gates normally ends in restoration levels being compromised. Interior level precise control allows the highest level of restoration allowed by the current interior land use. Of course the highest level of restoration is always obtained by FULL reconnection but in most cases infrastructure and development will not allow that. At this time the MTR represents the highest level of fish passage and restoration short of reconnection.
- The MTR opens the tidegate through a series of linkages which move as a reaction to the modulator (float tank) rotating downward. Likewise, when the modulator rotates upwards (due to the rising interior water level) these linkages close the tidegate.”
- More information can be found at <http://www.nehalemmarine.com>

Tidegate Information



Side Hinge Tide Gates with Muted Tide Gate Regulators:



Exterior (river side) of single tidegate structure shown with a side opening tidegate & muted tidal regulator (MTR).

Glover Ranch 01/19/2024 during high water event.



Interior (field side) of double tidegate and culvert structure shown with MTR installation on interior.

Glover Ranch 01/19/2024 during high water event.



Our Projects In-Process

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Small Grant Program:

From OWEB:

“The Small Grant Program enables landowners across the state to contribute to the [Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds](#) and the [Oregon Conservation Strategy](#) by committing “small acts of kindness” on their properties for the benefit of water quality, water quantity, and fish and wildlife. From planting native plants along stream sides to reducing sedimentation and erosion from upland farms and ranches, citizens everywhere can make a difference.”

“The Small Grant Program is an easy-to-engage-in, competitive grant program that awards up to \$15,000 for on-the-ground restoration projects principally carried out on private lands across Oregon. This program responds to a need for local decision-making about watershed restoration opportunities on a shorter timeframe than is available under OWEB’s regular grant program.”

Umpqua SWCD participates in several OWEB Small Grant Teams, and submits grant application to the Umpqua 7 Team in Douglas County. Membership includes both Umpqua and Douglas SWCDs, Watershed Councils, and the Confederated Tribes.

Our Projects In-Process

OWEB Small Grant – Providence Creek Runoff Management & Heavy Use Area:

This project is an Agriculture water quality project being implemented to protect the adjacent streams, including Providence Creek and the Umpqua River Estuary by addressing roof runoff and providing for an additional heavy use area to hold livestock during the wet season on the Oregon Coast. While protecting salmon and other wildlife, this project will also reduce mud around the barn and provide a better environment for livestock during the winter, or anytime an area to remove livestock from fields may be needed. The landowner has worked with Umpqua SWCD and OWEB in the past by



taking part in the OWEB Small Grant Program to build a livestock exclusion fence. The landowners also put in this heavy use area on their own in 2011 (shown left). This project will increase the size of the current heavy use area, which proved to be undersized for the amount of cattle being maintained over the winter, while also providing for gutters and downspouts on the barn to reduce the amount of runoff near the barn and livestock areas.

Our Projects In-Process

OWEB Small Grant – Providence Creek Runoff Management & Heavy Use Area:



The previous gutter configuration was inadequate for the length of the barn (100'x84'), lacked downspouts, which couldn't keep up with the large capacity of water produced by coastal rain events.

Our Projects In-Process

OWEB Small Grant – Providence Creek Runoff Management & Heavy Use Area:

Heavy duty gutters and downspouts being installed on livestock barn. This installation will reduce runoff by sending clean downspout water to an underground pipeline which will be piped to an existing infiltration area.



Our Projects In Progress

OWEB Small Grant – Providence Creek Runoff Management & Heavy Use Area:

Stockpiling gravel for extension of heavy use area and grading area where heavy use area extension will be located. As soon as the area is finished being graded and slightly sloped, geotextile fabric will be laid down, at least 6" of gravel will be laid over that, and compacted. The landowner plans on fencing the entire heavy use area (old and new) in order hold livestock in area overwinter in order to protect pastures and water quality.



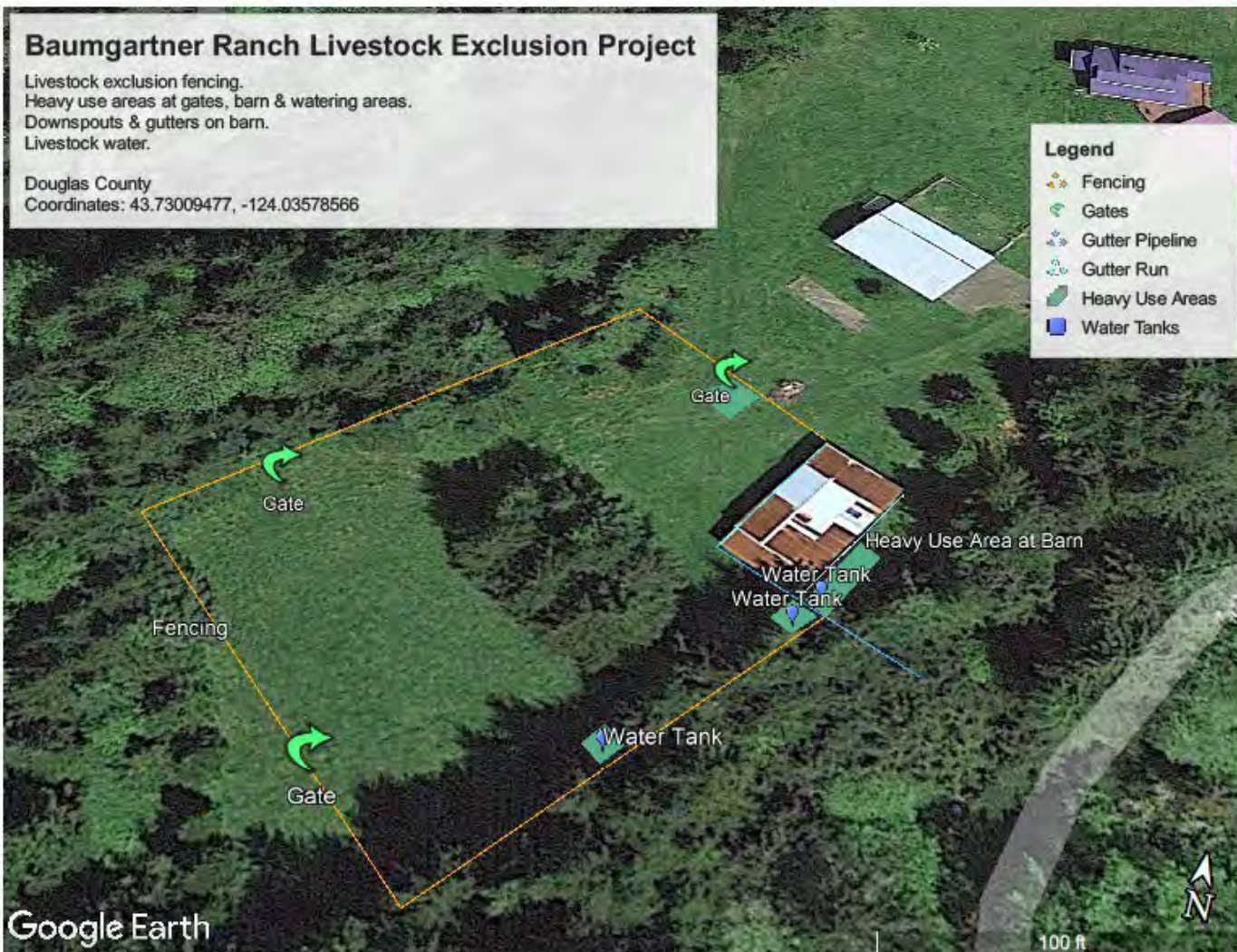
Our Projects In-Process

OWEB Small Grant – Baumgartner Ranch Livestock Exclusion:

Baumgartner Ranch Livestock Exclusion Project

Livestock exclusion fencing.
Heavy use areas at gates, barn & watering areas.
Downspouts & gutters on barn.
Livestock water.

Douglas County
Coordinates: 43.73009477, -124.03578566



Baumgartner Ranch Map

Each small grant starts with an agriculture water quality plan being written for the landowner by Umpqua SWCD's Conservation Planner. This plan provides cost benefit information, mapping, and AgWQ practice information which can be helpful to the landowner.

Our Projects In-Progress



OWEB Small Grant – Baumgartner Ranch Livestock Exclusion:



Similar to the Providence Creek Project, the Baumgartner Ranch Livestock Exclusion Project seeks to protect water quality by addressing agriculture water quality issues and implementing best management practices. This project includes installing gutters, downspouts, and a pipeline to send clean downspout water to an underground pipeline which will be piped to an existing infiltration area. In addition, the project includes off stream livestock watering facilities, along with heavy use areas at the barn for holding livestock, at watering facilities and gateways to reduce mud at these heavily used areas by livestock and people. This project also serves to protect portions of the property enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.



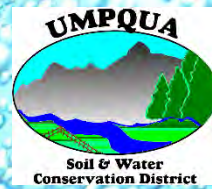
Our Projects In-Process

OWEB Small Grant – Parent Ranch Livestock Exclusion Fencing Project Phase 1:

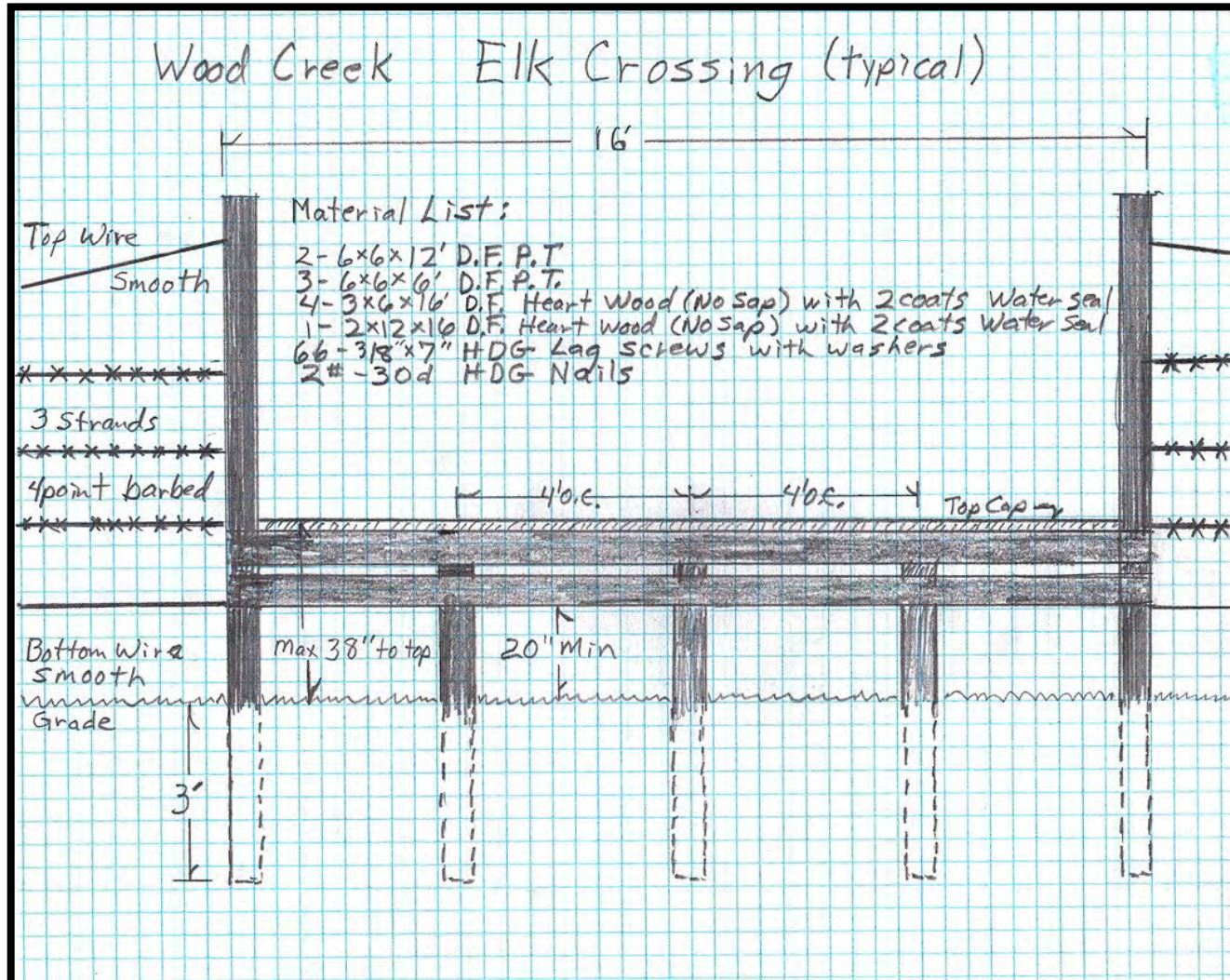
The Parent Ranch Livestock Exclusion Project addresses the needs of the producers and their agriculture property while additionally addressing increased elk encroachment. The project also addresses water quality issues in order to protect the nearby Providence Creek and Umpqua River Estuary.

In order to protect water quality and maintain livestock and pasture health, the landowner requested technical assistance for the purchase and installation of livestock exclusion fencing with the addition of an “Elk Jump Crossing” to provide the local elk herd ingress and egress to and from the livestock fields, which will reduce the chance of damage to the livestock fences by the elk while at the same time reducing erosion where this elk trail is into the field as the “Elk Jump Crossing” has livestock heavy use areas included with the “Elk Jump Crossing” site. Heavy use areas will be installed at the gates will also be implemented to reduce mud and increase footing at these high use areas. The pasture currently has an off-stream watering system in place. This project will be started as “Phase 1” and is projected to have at least three phases in order to implement the entire fencing and “Elk Jump Crossings” at the property. This project includes livestock exclusion fencing, heavy use areas at gates, and an Elk Jump Crossing with heavy use areas to provide the local elk population a less damaging way to access the field without damaging themselves or the fences while at the same time keeping livestock contained within in the field and out of the riparian area.

Our Projects In-Process



OWEB Small Grant – Parent Ranch Livestock Exclusion Fencing Project Phase 1:



The project included one elk jump crossing. The landowners are concerned for the elk and wanted to be sure the elk had plenty of locations to cross the fence. Therefore, the landowners, on their own, added an additional two elk jumps into the project, bringing the elk jumps up to three for the project. The landowner has already witnessed elk using the jumps as well as deer.

Umpqua SWCD, working with Coos SWCD received permission to use the elk jump design created by Mark Villers.

Our Projects In-Process

OWEB Small Grant – Parent Ranch Livestock Exclusion Fencing Project Phase 1:

Prior to new fencing and elk jump structures being installed.

Temporary electric fencing that the elk continuously tore down. Previously, there was permanent electric fencing, but without the elk jump structures, the elk tore that down as well.

Cattle in field near barn.



Our Projects In-Process

OWEB Small Grant – Parent Ranch Livestock Exclusion Fencing Project Phase 1:



Stream channels to be protected by livestock exclusion fencing.



Elk in adjacent field. Phase 2 of the project will occur at portions of this location with additional livestock exclusion fencing and elk jump structures.

Our Projects In-Process

OWEB Small Grant – Parent Ranch Livestock Exclusion Fencing Project Phase 1:

Newly implemented gates and fencing in field.



Gravel ready to be placed at gates and elk jump crossings.

Our Projects In-Process

OWEB Small Grant – Parent Ranch Livestock Exclusion Fencing Project Phase 1:



Elk Jump
Structure in field
where elk trail is
located.

Fencing portion of
the project is
complete.

Our Projects In-Process

OWEB Small Grant – Parent Ranch Livestock Exclusion Fencing Project Phase 1:

Fencing Project and Elk Jump Structures can be seen in the background.



Our Projects – Community Partnerships

Providence Creek Tidegates:



Umpqua SWCD approached the Port of Umpqua Commission after local agriculture landowners affected by the Providence Creek Tidegates voiced their concerns about the condition of the tidegates. Umpqua SWCD decided it was time to address the situation. Following one of the presentations the SWCD provided to the Port, the City Manager of Reedsport added onto the information describing how the tidegates are also important to the City of Reedsport for flood control. The SWCD reached out to Ruwaldt Consulting and hired the firm to provide additional support to both the SWCD and the Port. The SWCD and Port signed onto a Memorandum of Understanding in January of 2024 to work mutually to address the Providence Creek Tidegates. The SWCD wrote a grant, which the Port submitted to Business Oregon, seeking technical assistance funding through the levy program for design, engineering, public outreach, and additional grant writing in order to begin the tidegate replacement process.

Providence Creek Tidegate Structures.



Our Projects – Community Partnerships

Leeds Island City Park:

Umpqua SWCD approached the landowner of Leeds Island and asked the landowner if the landowner was still interested in selling the property for restoration, and we found that “yes” was the answer. The landowner has been trying to sell the property for several years now. Umpqua SWCD hired Ruwaldt Consulting to facilitate the process.

- The City of Reedsport considered buying the property several years ago.
- Restoration potential is great with Providence Creek tidegate replacement.
- Umpqua SWCD approached the Reedsport City Manager who set up a meeting where Umpqua SWCD presented information about the proposed project to the Parks and Beautification Committee who approved the SWCD’s proposed plans for the property. Next the SWCD presented the information to the Reedsport City Council during a work session, followed by an additional presentation at a later time during a City Council meeting where the SWCD received approval from the Council to move forward with the project.
- Grant funding will be required to acquire the 220 acres of property from the current landowner.
- After acquisition, Umpqua SWCD will design and implement a full restoration of the property, with guidance from the City and Public.
- A dike trail will be cleared along the perimeter.
- Parking lot at the access point.
- Other things as the community desires.
- 65% of Umpqua Estuary wetlands have been lost
- Site is currently grazed



Our Projects – Community Partnerships

Leeds Island City Park:

- Salmon and other fish, migratory and resident birds, and other wildlife rely heavily on estuary wetlands for survival
- Park will provide an addition recreation area for residents for walking, birdwatching, relaxing, and sightseeing. Possibility of equestrian and bicycle use.
- Umpqua SWCD will write all grants
 - City will be grantor for Parks & Rec grant
- Umpqua SWCD and City will develop a management plan and delegate duties as appropriate
- Timeline:
 - Apply for Technical Assistance Funding (Planning)
 - Apply for Parks & Rec funding (Acquisition)
 - Public Meetings to discuss park design
 - Apply for Restoration funding
 - Restoration construction
 - Grand Opening



Leeds Island pastureland.

Our Projects – Community Partnerships

Leeds Island City Park:



Our Projects – Community Partnerships

Leeds Island City Park:



Community Partnerships – Instruction



Tsalila Education Days:

Funded through the U.S. Forest Service the District is able to reach out to students by providing hands on training about benthic macro invertebrates and how these little creatures are indicators of water quality and stream health. Working in cooperation with the Umpqua Discovery Center, USFS, and the Confederated Tribes of the Coos-Lower Umpqua-Siuslaw Band of Indians for this annual event each year.



SWCD District Manager/Conservation Planner Rhonda Black provides students with information & instruction prior to students setting off to the “pools” on for scientific benthic macro invertebrate sampling and identification.



3rd Grade Students from Douglas, Coos, Curry, and Lane County schools learning about benthic macro invertebrates at the “Bug Zone” during the Tsalila Festival.

Our Programs



Umpqua Estuary Restoration Partnership

Culvert Missing Tide Gate



Tide Gate & Culvert in Good Condition

Beginning in 2011 and funded by a BLM RAC grant the District began locating and prioritizing tidegates throughout the District for future maintenance and replacement with fish friendlier options for interested landowners. The inventory is now complete with prioritization continuing through the UERP Partnership – a group consisting of interested agencies who provide technical assistance to the Umpqua SWCD and watershed councils involved with tidegates.

Our Programs



Umpqua Estuary Restoration Partnership – UERP

UERP's Objective Goals:

“Sustain active productive agricultural lands in balance with lands suitable as estuaries for the benefit of aquatic habitat.”



UERP Tidegate Tour – Umpqua & Smith Rivers

As the District moved forward locating tidegates the prioritization process it became apparent additional input was needed through local partners. The District helped form the Umpqua Estuary Restoration Partnership and continues as the lead organization.

In April 2014 a Memorandum of Understanding was signed into effect between the District and the Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers to work on tidegate projects and related grants projects as a joint effort and a Technical Assistance Grant was submitted to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board for outreach, education, to continue the prioritization process, and for engineering.

UERP consists of members with representatives from Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Partnership for Umpqua Rivers, Smith River Watershed Council, Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Siuslaw, and Lower Umpqua Band of Indian Tribes, National Marine Fisheries, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Bureau of Land Management, United States Forest Service, Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon Department of State Lands, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The team meets to prioritize tidegates for replacement, repair, or removal using a variety of data based factors. The team provides technical assistance, funding options, and oversight for tidegates in the Umpqua Estuary.

Funding & Agriculture Water Quality



Image from the USDA.

Learn more about the AgWQ Program by going to:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oda/progr/ams/NaturalResources/AgWQ/Pages/AgWQPlans.aspx>

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) District Capacity Grant

Umpqua Soil & Water Conservation District receives funding through a capacity grant similar to those obtained by Watershed Councils.

This capacity grant provides funding for the SWCD to work with landowners to conserve natural resources and lend support to the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Agriculture Water Quality Management Program (AgWQ).

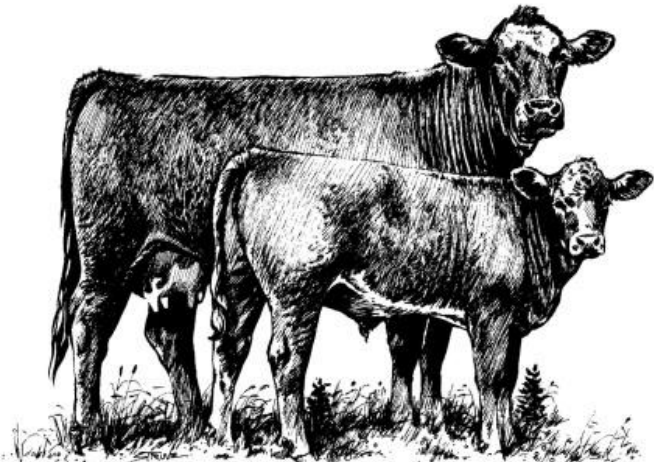
With this grant the SWCD is able to provide technical assistance to land managers/producers within the district for implementing Agriculture Management Practices to improve agriculture water quality in their daily farming/ranching operations, no matter how large or small the operation may be.





Our Programs

Soil Testing is a service the District provides to area residents. By testing soil residents know how much fertilizer and what kind of fertilizer they need to amend their soil with reducing over-fertilization and the risk of having excess fertilizer wash into rivers and streams. Soil testing is funded by ODA.



Date: September 26, 2023
 Report No: 101663
 Grower: Landowner 1
 Client: Umpqua Soil & Water Conservation District
 Sampler: Landowner 1
 Field: Field 3
 Crop: Pasture
 Sampled: 9/15/2023

Samples will be stored until 10/9/2023

Lab #	Depth (in)	Sample ID	N03-N	NH4-N	P	K	Ca	Mg	SO4-S	S	Zn	Mn	Cu	Fe	pH	Elect	Soluble Salts	OM	Efficiency		
3647	0-6		0.4	0.2	105	52.6	10	147	1.9	2.6	5.74	89	0.57	0.6	11	0.2	345	4.2	5.6	3.62	7.52

SOIL ANALYSIS REPORT

LOW MEDIUM HIGH

BASE SATURATION

meq/100 g % Ideal Soil

Estimated CEC	25.7	
Calcium	1.9	7.5 65-75%
Magnesium	2.6	10.2 15-20%
Potassium	0.4	1.6 2-9%
Sodium	5.7	22.3 <1%
Hydrogen	15.0	58.4

Fertilizer Recommendations

Nitrogen	10	Lbs per acre N
Phosphorus	25	Lbs per acre P2O5
Potassium	0	Lbs per acre K2O
Sulfur	0	Lbs per acre actual S
Boron	1	Lbs per acre actual B
Zinc	0	Lbs per acre actual Zn
Manganese	0	Lbs per acre actual Mn
Copper	0	Lbs per acre actual Cu
Iron	0	Lbs per acre actual Fe
Lime Requirement	1	Tons per acre 100% Lime Stone material

Additional Parameters

KTL will make every effort to provide an accurate analysis. Liability is limited to the cost of the analysis and no other warranties, expressed or implied are given. Recommendations serve only as a general guide and should be adjusted to specific situations and conditions.

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 Pasco Office: 1320 E Spokane St., Pasco WA, 99301
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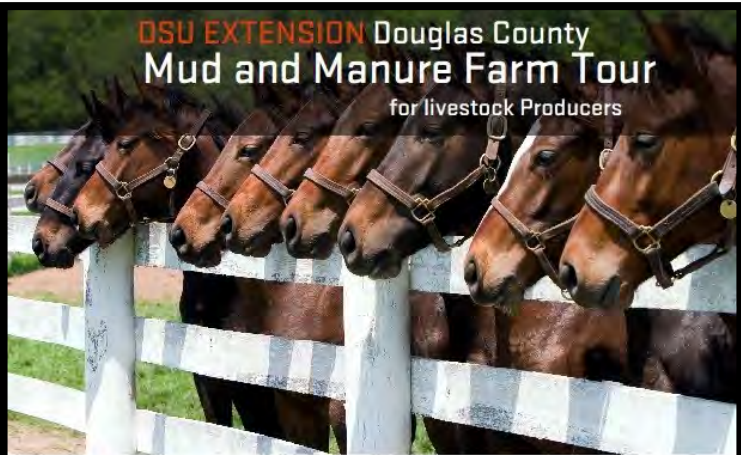
Our Programs

Partnership with Oregon State University:

Manure Management Farm Tour and Soil Health Workshop

Funded through the Oregon Department of Agriculture the District was able to provide information directly to landowners in partnership with Oregon State University Extension Service Douglas County.

DSU EXTENSION Douglas County Mud and Manure Farm Tour for livestock Producers



Free Farm tour for livestock producers

This farm tour will be highlighting improved heavy use areas for livestock. If you are interested in improving your livestock pastures, working facilities, and barn entrances while preventing soil erosion, you won't want to miss this! During the tour, we will see improvement practices (including pictures of before and during) and learn about programs available to producers to share the cost of land improvements for your operation. Parking is limited, consider carpooling.

Contact Logan Bennett for questions:
logan.bennett@oregonstate.edu
(541) 236-3015

August 4th, 2023
10:00 am-12:00 pm
Meet at the DSU Extension office
1134 SE Douglas Ave

Registration required
Space is limited, register now!

How to Register
online: <https://beav.es/iHt>
call (541) 672-4461
or click on the QR code



Registration will end on July 28th.



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OSU SMALL FARMS Douglas County Soil management 101 for land owners



Presented by OSU Extension and Umpqua Soil Water Conservation District

Whether you run a commercial farm or a back yard garden, soil management is critical for crop production and longevity of your land. In this workshop, participants will learn how to manage their landscape to maximize their goals. Participants will learn about long-term management for soil sustainability, using fertilizers and pesticides, and improving soil quality.

Contact Logan Bennett for questions:
logan.bennett@oregonstate.edu
(541) 236-3015

January 20th, 2024
10:30 am-12:00 pm
Winchester Bay Community Center
635 Broadway Ave.
Winchester Bay, 97467 OR
Cost: \$10

How to Register
online: <https://beav.es/iHt>
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Registration will end on January 15th.



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Our Programs

Weed Wrench Loan Program

Originally funded through the BLM RAC the District continues to promote the Weed Wrench Loan Program to District residents. The Weed Wrench is a “woody plant puller” which works by using leverage to remove plants such as scotch broom by the root which is effective and easy to use. The cost is a \$25 refundable fee for 2-weeks use.



Newsletters & Newspaper Articles

The District's Facebook utilizes its quarterly newsletter and local Dunes News newspaper to reach out to the community by providing information to the public about the District along with information about:

- Events
- Meetings
- AgWQ Practices
- NRCS Information
- Grant Opportunities
- Community Information

UMPQUA

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

P.O. Box 415, Reedsport, Oregon 97467 (541) 662-1341

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Quarterly Newsletters – July 2023 through June 2024

Did you know that our Lower Umpqua area has its very own Soil and Water Conservation District?

Our area's soil and water conservation district is the Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and was founded in 1953. We've been here for almost seventy years serving the residents of northwestern Douglas County which includes the communities of Reedsport, Winchester Bay, Gardiner, Smith River, Talkenish, Ash Valley, Scottsburg, Elkton and Kellogg.

The Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District is governed by a locally elected five-member board of Directors. District directors are elected on Oregon's general election ballot and serve four-year terms without pay. District directors are your neighbors. Men and women from your business and professional communities and the farmers and ranchers who understand the ecological relationship of soil, water, plants and animals. Current directors are Cliff Glover, Tom Black, and Bob Miller. Our district has two vacant positions on the board beginning in January 2023, and those positions are Zone 3 and At-Large 1. The Zone 3 position has a 10-acre land management/ownership requirement within the Zone 3 area located in the most eastern part of our District (Elkton and surrounding areas) along with being a registered voter, and the At-Large 1 position can be filled by a registered voter residing in the district. If interested in serving in either of these positions, please contact us.

Our District Manager/Conservation Planner is Rhonda Black and she can provide you with a variety of technical assistance options. Do you have a farm or ranch and need help with fencing, livestock watering system and feeding areas? Do you have mud or manure you need assistance with? We have options available for you. Do you have a culvert that needs to be replaced or run-out that you are concerned about? We can help with that. How about a tillage that no longer works the way you want it to? Again, contact us. Umpqua Soil and Water is a non-regulatory agency, which means that when you ask us to come out for a visit, we aren't there for any other reason than to assist you. If you are in urban areas of the district, we can still provide assistance for back-yard type farming as well. We also offer free soil tests to our district residents. Yes, I said free! We can even come to your property and take the sample for you. Samples are sent to a certified lab for analysis and the information from those tests is sent back to you.

This spring we are partnering with Oregon State University Small Farms Program for Douglas County for a mud and manure workshop which will be followed by a farm tour at a later date. If you are interested, please let us know.

We can also apply for grants on your behalf. Currently, we have small grants available through our small grant team that is funded by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. These grants have funds available for materials and supplies up to \$15,000 for a two-year period.

We also put out a newsletter. If you would like to receive our newsletter, it is available both by email and hardcopy that can be mailed to you. Just contact us and let us know.

Our meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Currently, our meetings are held virtually using an online platform. If you would like to attend our monthly meetings, they are available to the public. Please contact us for our agenda and meeting login information.

Let's work together! Please contact us by email at rhonda@umpquasoilandwater.com or by telephone at (541) 662-1341. Please follow us on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/UmpquaSoilandWaterConservationDistrict.

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News from Umpqua Soil & Water Conservation District

Do you have horses or livestock such as cattle, sheep, goats, or pigs? They end up with mud in the winter and/or spring? Would you just like to learn more about mud and manure management? If so, we have a great workshop for you in March!

Mud & Manure Management Workshop and Field Tour
Workshop discussion focused on management techniques to reduce mud and manure in the field and paddock. Technical assistance for land improvement.

Register by March 22th by going to <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/vents/mud-manure-management/> or by contacting Logan Bennett at Logan.bennett@oregonstate.edu or by calling (541) 736-2025.

Healthy land leads to healthy animals. Horses and livestock are important parts of many people's lives, but often leave the paddocks and paddocks their animals inhabit can become muddy and messy. Learn how to improve and manage your paddocks long term in this workshop. Presenters: Tammy Barnes - Oregon State Extension Service - Forage and Grazing Systems, Logi Bennett - Oregon State Extension Service - Small Farms Program Coordinator, Rhonda Black - Umpqua Soil & Water Conservation District Conservation Planner, and Cindy Bright - Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Conservation Technician.

Field tour of ranch that has been impacted by trampling and erosion. Included:

by improvement techniques. Funding for land improvement may be available.

When: June 2023. Exact date yet to be determined.

We also put out a newsletter. If you would like to receive our newsletter it is available both by email and hardcopy that can be mailed to you. Just contact us and let us know. —continued on page 2.

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2300 Frontage Road, Reedsport, OR

NEW EXTENSION Douglas County Mud and Manure Management

March 22, 2023 5-7pm

1134 SE Douglas Ave., Reedsport, OR 97467

Cost: \$15

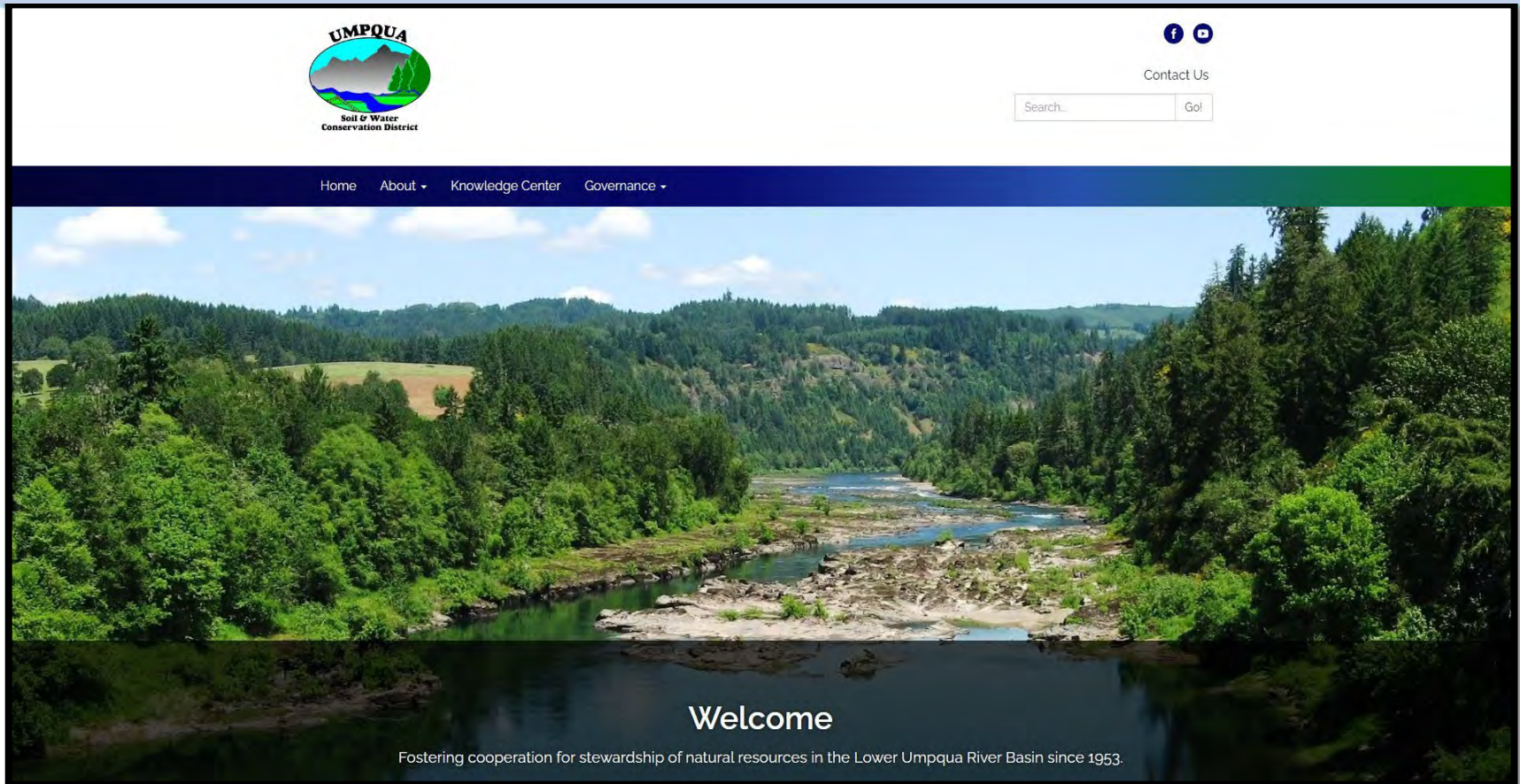
Register online: <https://oregonstate.edu>

Call 541-672-4463

Registration required by March 12.

Website

<https://www.umpquasoilandwater.com/>

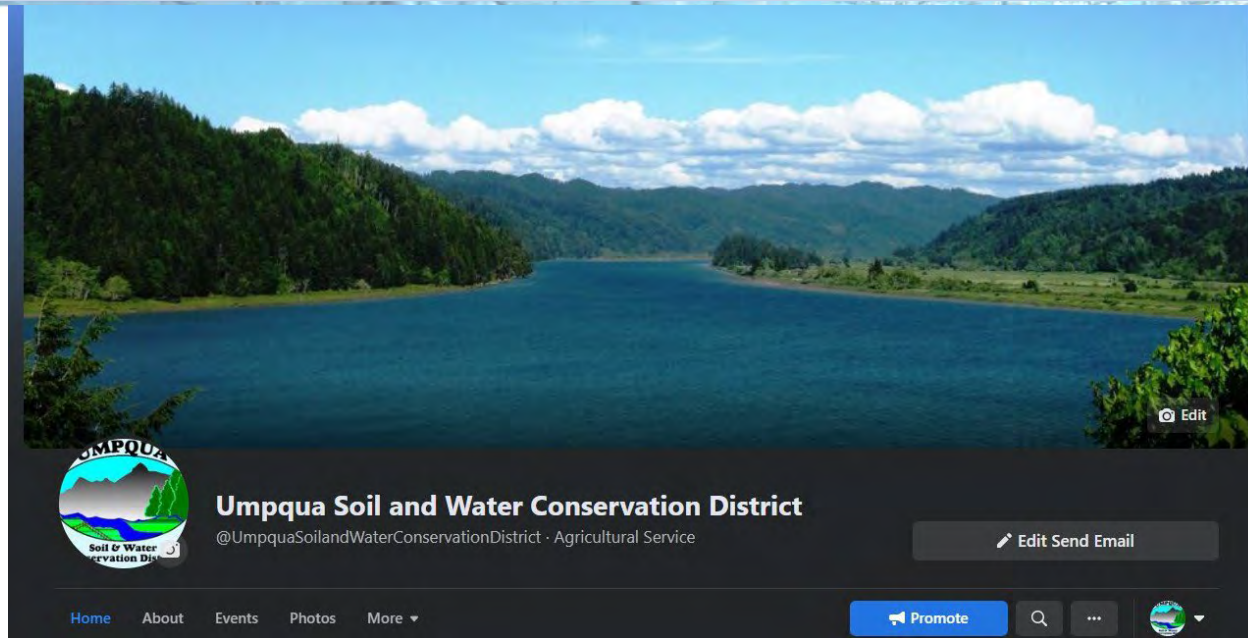


The District's new website provides information to the community and will continue to grow with more information over time.

Newsletters, Events, Meetings, AgWQ Practices, NRCS Information

Social Media

<https://www.facebook.com/UmpquaSoilandWaterConservationDistrict/>



The District's Facebook Page is used to reach out to the community.

- Events
- Meetings
- AgWQ Practices
- NRCS Information
- Community Information
- Other fun stuff

Our Partners

Umpqua Soil & Water Conservation District works with the following organizations to help residents with their conservation needs:

Watershed Councils:

- Elk Creek Watershed Council
- Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers
- Siuslaw Watershed Council
- Coos Watershed Association

Soil & Water Conservation Districts:

- Douglas SWCD
- Siuslaw SWCD
- Coos SWCD

Stewardship Collaboratives:

- Smith-Umpqua-Dunes Stewardship Collaborative
- Oregon Central Coast Forest Stewardship Collaborative

Weed Management Groups:

- Douglas County Weed Board
- Douglas County Cooperative Weed Management Area
- Gorse Action Group

Partnership Groups:

- Umpqua Oaks Partnership
- Umpqua Native Plant Partnership
- Tsalila Partnership
- Oregon Conservation Education & Assistance Network

Environmental Groups:

- The Nature Conservancy

Legislative Groups:

- Oregon Association of Conservation Districts
- Special Districts Association of Oregon
- Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association

Cities:

- City of Elkton
- City of Reedsport
- Umpqua Discover Center



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Federal Agencies:

- United States Department of Agriculture:
 - Bureau of Land Management
 - Coos Bay District
 - Roseburg District
 - Forest Service
 - Siuslaw National Forest
 - Dunes National Recreation Area
 - Umpqua National Forest
 - Natural Resources Conservation Service
- United States Department of Commerce:
 - National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration:
 - National Marine Fisheries Service
 - Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
 - » Center for Marine & Environmental Radioactivity

State of Oregon Agencies:

- Department of Agriculture
 - Water Quality Program
 - SWCD
- Department of Education
 - Oregon State University
 - Division of Extension and Engagement
 - Douglas County Extension Service
 - » Forestry & Natural Resources
 - » Livestock Forages
 - » Small Farms
- Department of Environmental Quality
- Department of Fish & Wildlife
- Department of State Lands
- Watershed Enhancement Board



Administration

Umpqua Soil & Water Conservation District

For a copy of the District's Audit report please contact Umpqua Soil & Water Conservation District or go to the Oregon Secretary of State Audits Division online at <https://sos.oregon.gov/audits/Pages/muniaudits.aspx>

OUR VISION STATEMENT

“To be a respected, valued community organization committed to managing a natural resource base for future generations. To ensure sustainable agricultural and forest production, supporting functioning human, wildlife, fish and forest habitat.”



Contact Information

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Oregon Secretary of State – Audits Division

Report in Lieu of Audit

Fiscal year reported (MM/DD/YYYY): <input type="checkbox"/> Final report — municipality dissolved	Municipal customer number*:
First day*: 07/01/2023	Last day*: 06/30/2024
001298MUNI	

Name of municipality (use the official legal name)*:

Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District

Mailing address New or change of address

Street or P.O. box*: PO Box 415

City*: Reedsport County*: Douglas ZIP code*: 97467

Registered agent (ORS 198.340) New registered agent

Name:	Address (street/city/state/ZIP code):
Rhonda Black	2191 Ranch Road, Reedsport, OR 97467

Officers*

Name:	Title:	Address (street/city/state/ZIP code):
Nathan Baumgartner	Chair	2059 S. Smith River Rd, Reedsport, OR 97467
Tom Black	Director	2191 Ranch Rd, Reedsport, OR 97467
Robert Miller	Director	562 Elk Ridge Forest Rd, Reedsport, OR 97467
Beth Frakes	Director	2525 Oar Creek Rd, Reedsport, OR 97467

Fidelity or faithful performance bond (ORS 297.435 (2)(c))

Name of company*: Special District Insurance Services

Name of person(s) covered*: Nathan Baumgartner, Tom Black, Beth Frakes, Robert Miller

Amount of coverage (should equal or exceed total receipts/revenues [Part A total]*): \$250,000

Account balances

Please list the balances, per your accounting records, as of the last day of the year reported:

Cash (from banks, credit unions, county/state investment pools, etc.): \$28,477

Other assets (from land, buildings, equipment, vehicles, etc.): \$0

Accounts payable (e.g., to rents, payroll, utilities): \$1,605

Long-term debt (from bonds, loans, leases or other outstanding debt): \$0

By checking this box*, I hereby certify that the information contained in this report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Sign (or type, if submitted electronically) the name of the publicly elected official responsible for the information described in this report.

Elected official's signature:	Date (MM/DD/YYYY)*:	Title*:
		Chair
Elected official's printed name*:		Phone number*:
Nathan Baumgartner		(541) 556-9183

Fiscal year reported (MM/DD/YYYY):	Municipal customer number*:
First day*: 07/01/2023 Last day*: 06/30/2024	001298MUNI

Budgeted and actual transactions

Note: Budget columns are required if your organization is subject to the requirements of Local Budget Law (ORS 294).

Part A: Revenues/receipts	General operating fund		Fund: Federal		Fund: State		Totals (actual columns only)
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
Property taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Assessments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grants (state and federal)	\$0	\$0	\$9,034	\$1,815	\$139,127	\$145,059	\$146,873
Long-term debt proceeds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other revenues	\$1,946	\$1,503	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,503
Part A total:							\$148,377

Part B: Expenditures/ disbursements	General operating fund		Fund: Federal		Fund: State		Totals (actual columns only)
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
Personal services	\$0	\$0	\$7,207	\$1,707	\$101,159	\$106,456	\$108,163
Material and services	\$0	\$50	\$1,626	\$0	\$17,108	\$14,208	\$14,258
Capital outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contingencies	\$11,425	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,860	\$8,881	\$8,881
Part B total*:							\$131,301

Part C: Transfers between funds

Transfer-in		\$ 1,503					\$ 1,503
Transfer-out						\$ 1,503	\$ 1,503

Report summary

Enter total expenditures/disbursements (Part B total†)	\$131,301
Filing fee (see table, right)	\$40

Filing fee (per ORS 297.285)

Total expenditures (Part B total†)	Filing fee
\$0-\$50,000	\$20
\$50,001-\$150,000	\$40

Filing instructions

This report is due within 90 days from the end of your fiscal year. Save a copy for your records. Please submit the completed report and required filing fee to the following address or email:

Secretary of State — Business Services Division
 255 Capitol Street NE, Suite 180
 Salem, OR 97310
MunicipalFilings.SOS@sos.oregon.gov

*This is a required field.

†If total expenditures/disbursements (Part B total, above) exceed \$150,000, the municipality must have an audit or review for this fiscal year (per ORS 297.435).



Umpqua SWCD District Manager's Report

October 17, 2024

- OWEB:
 - 2023-2025 District Operations Capacity Grant –
 - Agriculture Water Quality Plan written for Phase 1 for the Costa Ranch.
 - Quarter 5/September newsletter written, emailed, and mailed via postal service.
 - Quarter 5 reporting completed and submitted to Beth Pietrzak and Sandi Hiatt on October 14th.
 - Quarterly “Check-In” meeting scheduled for October 28th with Beth Pietrzak.
 - Updated SWCD website with Umpqua SWCD meeting agenda and minutes, November 11th Project Tour, and November 6th Oregon Central Coast Forest Collaborative. "Connectivity Panel" public meeting information for recruitment.
 - Still looking for an appropriate grant to fund soil tests for both Umpqua & Douglas SWCDs, which will also provide a service necessary for NRCS.
 - OWEB Small Grants Program:
 - OWEB Small Grants Status:
 - Otter-Baumgartner Ranch Livestock Exclusion – 60% of the funds have been used with the majority going to materials and supplies. The landowner has scheduled the gutter and downspout installation for spring 2025. This project is over 75% complete.
 - Providence Creek Runoff Management – 60% of the funds have been used with the majority going to materials and supplies. This project is over 75% complete.
 - Parent Ranch Livestock Exclusion Phase 1 – 60% of the funds have been used with the majority going to materials and supplies. All of the supplies have been purchased for this project and the fencing is 100% complete. The final step is the heavy use areas at the gates and elk jumps. The landowner had knee surgery at the end of August, therefore, the project will be completed at a later date.
 - Elk Creek Riparian OWEB Small Grant – 60% of the funds have been received from OWEB. Project work has been completed by SWCD contractor, Ruwaldt Consulting. Armenian Blackberry has been removed and site has been prepped and planted with willows, other native plants such as dogwood, and native seed. Willow fascines and willow walls are in place. Landowner is watering site and plants and seeds are already starting to grow out. Soil sample of site has been taken and report has been received and provided to landowner. Summer 2025 will be for blackberry regrowth management and control, along with watering.
 - Costa Ranch Runoff Management – Grant application submitted September 14th for \$15,000 for gutters, downspouts, drainage line, geotextile fabric, and gravel for the heavy use protection area. Waiting for the small grant team to review.
 - Small Grants Pre-Project Tours –
 - Tour scheduled for Monday, November 11th from 3 to 5 p.m. We will be meeting at the Providence Creek Runoff Management site, looking at the site, answering questions, and then walking to the Parent Ranch Livestock Exclusion Fencing site and answering questions there. Information about the tour is in the newsletter, on the website, and a press release was sent to local newspapers, radio, and television news stations. Unfortunately, The Dunes News is no longer in publication.
 - NRCS District Conservationist Annie Morison has already requested a tour for the Lincoln SWCD Board of Directors this fall or later this winter.
 - OWEB TA Grant:

- Application submitted to OWEB on 04/26. Contractor and District Manager working on this for 3-farm bridges, 2 other bridges/culverts, and a tidegate structure. This will be for the design, engineering, and permits.
 - Matching grant from ODFW for \$2,500 will need to be obtained.
 - Geotechnical site visit has been completed.
 - Lots of meetings with engineer.
 - Unfortunately, the OWEB review team recommendation for this grant was, “Do Not Fund”. The OWEB review team recommendation is available from the OWEB Grant Management website. We’ll review the evaluation and apply recommendations and then go from there to reapply to the program.
- BLM:
 - BLM Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination grant, “Umpqua Noxious Weed Control” for both contractor and myself. Waiting to hear back from the BLM on this.
- PARTNERSHIPS:
 - Umpqua 7, Coos 4, Mid-Coast 3 OWEB Small Grant Teams –
 - Umpqua 7 –
 - Working with Lee Russell and Elk Creek WC Contractor.
 - Elk Creek Watershed Council is in the process of dissolving.
 - Possibility of new partnership with new Elk Creek group.
 - Small Grant Team:
 - We are negative \$213 for the small grant team applicants for the 2023-2025 biennium after the last small grant submission window.
 - Coos 4 – No new news.
 - Mid-Coast 3 – No new news.
 - Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers –
 - No September meeting.
 - Not sure when tour of Glover site will occur.
 - Glover Lands Estuary Enhancement Project –
 - Keven Keller wants Umpqua SWCD to design the livestock watering system and obtain quotes for the materials and supplies. Will need to work with landowner in order to achieve this. PUR Executive Director Keller said he could provide some funding to the SWCD through PUR for SWCD performing this service. We will find out.
 - All four bridges are installed and the re-channelization work is in-process.
 - South Coast Tide Gate Collaborative – No new news.
 - Tide Gate Affinity Group – No new news.
 - State Tide Gate – No new news.
 - Providence Creek Area Updates:
 - Port of Umpqua
 - Providence Creek Tide Gates –
 - The Providence Creek Study Grant to Business Oregon has been awarded in the amount of \$160,000.
 - ODFW grant for \$40,000 match will need to be written and our consultant will do that this winter.
 - Port of Umpqua approved contracting with Ruwaldt Consulting at their October 16th Port meeting.
 - Leeds Island Park and Restoration Project –
 - City Council approved Council Letter 024-036 at the 05/06 meeting, 4 out of 5 Council members. One member of the public spoke up highly in favor of the project. No members of the public spoke up against the project. The letter

authorizes Umpqua Soil Water Conservation District, working with Matt Ruwaldt Environmental Consulting and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department on a local Government Grant Program, to move forward planning a Leed's Island project.

- A grant to ODFW in the amount of \$40,000 will be written for TA.
- A grant to the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department Grant will need to be written for acquisition. Written by Contractor and submitted by City of Reedsport as this grant must be submitted by a city.
- Additional Information:
 - Weekly meetings with Engineer.
- Douglas County –
 - Douglas County Special Projects. Continuing to work with assisting Tracy Pope with her grant.
- Smith/Umpqua/Dunes Stewardship Group – Represented the SUDS group at both of the full coastal stewardship group meeting on October 2nd and 7th to review Off-Forest Wyden Fund grants that were submitted.
- DEQ Umpqua TMDL Implementation – Attended meeting on October 8th. Sarah Sauter with DEQ will be visiting Reedsport and Elkton for a tour of our projects in January 2025.
- Forest Service –
 - Tsalila –
 - Agreement extension received until 2026.
 - Tsalila was held September 24th-26th and setup happened on 09/23 and clean-up on 09/27.
 - New to the event was Oregon Coast Aquarium station. This year we had volunteers from Siuslaw Watershed Council operating the “Stream Box”.
 - If anyone would like to assist with this event in the future, please let me know.
 - The addition of bringing back the Tsalila Event T-shirts was a big hit among presenters.
 - Oregon Central Coast Forest Collaborative – Attended meeting on September 13th and October 11th. Next meeting is on November 6th.
- Umpqua Oaks Partnership – Steve Denney who was the executive director has retired as of September. Eric Riley stepped up and took over Steve's position, but has been called up by the National Guard to hold a position at the Pentagon, so I'm not sure who his interim replacement will be or when the next meeting will be.
- Umpqua Native Plant Partnership – Will be working with Morgan Fay to obtain plants for Glover Project along with Cris Salizar with PUR. Will meet with Morgan either late September or October to discuss options through the UNPP.
- Hydro Breakfast Meeting – Attended meeting on October 3rd. Next meeting on November 7th.
- USDA/NRCS –
 - AgLearn – from what I have gathered via the few emails I received that I will need to somehow access another person's NRCS computer and take the Computer Security Awareness Training online using their online platform, which, I know from experience, that I will not be able to access without a Lincpass. So, I'm once again on a perpetual loop of not being able to access the training.
- Douglas Weed Management Area – Wrote a letter of support for Douglas SWCD to apply for funding for our weed management area to put on “Weed Day”. This is something we've done in the past, but not for several years now.
- Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) – Took survey.
- Oregon Conservation Education Association Network (OCEAN) – No new news.

- Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association – Attended the Executive Board meeting on September 27th. The Association of Oregon Counties is breaking their contract to provide administration for OCZMA. OCZMA is required to be in place by Oregon Statute. OCZMA provides insight for SWCDs, the fishing industry, wave and wind energy, the state of salmon in Oregon, and so forth, sometimes through legislation. OCZMA also holds a voting seat on the Oregon Coastal Planning Advisory Committee.
- Oregon State University Extension Service –
 - Best Fields First is a workshop series where landowners learn to find which field is their best and start with that field for renovation for their particular ag practice. Umpqua SWCD presented information on funding programs available that fund ag practices on the evening of September 26th.
- Oregon Climate and Agriculture Network – Will be attending the Soil Health Network Regional HUB meeting January 21st and 22nd in Corvallis.

- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

- Elk Creek Riparian Restoration Projects:
 - 5 properties involved with this project, one of which is already being worked on through a small grant. Hoping to work with the City of Elkton on these projects, which will fit into their DEQ TMDL plan. This is a stretch of Elk Creek within the City limits of Elkton where there is little to no shade on the creek, and the riparian has been invaded by Armenian Blackberry and at least two different kinds of ivy, along with Reed Canary Grass.

Ongoing TA:

- Continuing to work with Butler Creek landowner on future OWEB Small Grant to reduce Ag runoff from barn by placing gutters and downspouts. Hoping to fund a water collection storage tank for piping water to livestock water tank on hardened pad.
- South Side Smith River. Will be following up with water quality plan and OWEB Small Grant.
- Contact made with Smith River ranch owner who is interested in bridges, livestock exclusion fencing, off-stream watering, tide gate replacement, etc. Follow-up in process. Will visit ranch this summer to begin AgWQ planning, mapping, etc. Will follow up in November with Umpqua SWCD Contractor for additional site visits and recommendations.
- South Side Smith River. Landowner called requesting assistance with mud and manure through the OWEB Small Grant program. Site visit scheduled for October 24th.
- Possible in-stream work, riparian buffer and grant for project at Wild Azalea Vineyards. Will need SWCD Contractor's assistance with this and will make a site visit with him upon his return in November.
- Providence Creek – Landowner called about fill and removal, levy repair, fencing, etc. Will follow up in November when Consultant is available.
- Multiple soil tests requested. Will follow up with landowners and schedule site visits.
- ADMINISTRATION:
 - Financial documents, statements, timesheets, etc. recorded, filed, and loaded into Google Drive for Fiscal Provider.
 - Meeting information provided to Directors, and ODA WQ Specialist & Program Lead.
 - Business Meeting notice provided to media, electronic notice list.



Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District welcomes you to visit two Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Small Grant Projects near Reedsport, Oregon.

Project 1: This project is a rainwater management project with a livestock heavy use area as part of the project. The barn is quite large and when it rains a large volume of water pours off of the roof onto the ground. Rather than having this rainwater create a muddy situation around the barn where the livestock are located, the rainwater will now be routed off the rooftop through gutters and downspouts, into drainage pipe and piped to an existing drainage channel near the producer's pasture. Several years ago, the producer constructed a 24'x84' livestock heavy use area with the producer's own funds, and now, with the assistance of the small grant program, has increased the size of the heavy use area an additional 24'x64' which brings the livestock heavy use area up to a total of 124'.

Project 2: This project is a livestock exclusion fencing system with several elk jump structures built into it to provide wildlife corridor accesses for the local elk herd while maintaining livestock in the field and, at the same time, preventing livestock from entering the drainage channels that empty into Providence Creek and the local estuary system.

Both of these Agriculture Water Quality projects help to reduce sediment and nutrients from getting into Providence Creek and the Lower Umpqua River Estuary.

Both projects are in close proximity to one another. We'll park at Project 1, view the project and then walk a short distance to Project 2.

No restroom facilities are available.

You will be visiting locations with livestock. Additionally, this is a rain or shine event, please dress and plan accordingly. Project 1 can be mostly viewed from inside of the barn.

Parking will be on grass.

Do you have mud issues on your farm or ranch during wet weather?

Then join us for this tour!

When:

Monday, November 11, 2024
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Where:

2191 Ranch Road
Reedsport, Oregon 97467

Registration:

Register by November 8th
At Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/umpqua-swcd-small-grant-projects-farm-tour-tickets-1045327822657>

Cost:

Free!

More Information:

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OREGON CENTRAL COAST FOREST COLLABORATIVE

HABITAT CONNECTIVITY SCIENCE PANEL

Join us for three presentations from experts on the critical topic of habitat connectivity followed by an open Q&A.

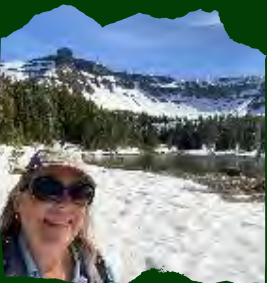
SPEAKERS



Matt Betts,
Oregon State University



Ray Davis,
U.S. Forest Service



DeDe Olson,
U.S. Forest Service

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86094649377>

Meeting ID: 860 9464 9377



August 27, 2024

Carey Jones, President
Port of Umpqua
PO Box 388
Reedsport, OR 97467

RE: Award for Special Public Works Fund, Providence Creek Tidegate Replacement, Project Number A25003, 8/23/2024

Dear Carey Jones:

Congratulations on your successful application for the above-referenced project. Enclosed please find a summary showing the funding amount and special terms and conditions of the award. The financing contract will contain the full terms and conditions of your award and will be sent to you for proper signatures. Please note that the legal obligations for funding and for reimbursement of project expenses are subject to execution of the contract.

The project must comply with all applicable state laws, regulations and procurement requirements. As a reminder, you must provide copies of all solicitations at least 10 days before advertising, and all draft contracts at least 10 days before signing.

We encourage you to offer appropriate media opportunities to help build public awareness of your project's purposes and benefits. Please notify us of any event celebrating your project. As always, we are available to answer questions that may arise during the implementation of your project. If you need assistance, please contact me at 541-297-3682 or by email at Becky.A.Bryant@biz.oregon.gov.

Sincerely,

Becky Bryant, Regional Project Manager
Business Oregon

c: Scott Kent, Port District Manager
Christopher Frazier, Regional Development Officer
Representative Boomer Wright
Senator Dick Anderson

SUMMARY OF AWARD

Project Number: A25003 Date of Award: August 23, 2024

Recipient: Port of Umpqua

Project Name: Providence Creek Tidegate Replacement

Source of Funding (Grant/Loan/Forgivable Loan)	Award Amount
SPWF – Levee Grant Fund, Tax Exempt	\$160,000
Total	\$160,000

General Description of Loan	
Interest Rate	N/A
Maximum Term	N/A

Approved Project Description
<p>The recipient will procure the services of an engineer licensed in Oregon to complete final design. This work will include at a minimum the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete site survey, map project sites• Complete stream monitoring• Complete tide data report and hydraulic analysis of site• Prepare fish passage plan, 404 permit and cultural resources review• Prepare final Plans and Specifications

Note: The full terms and conditions will be contained in the contract; in addition to the standard contract terms and conditions, the following special or additional conditions have been placed on the award:

A. Prior to any funds being disbursed from this request the Applicant must provide evidence of their matching funds being committed and available.

OACD BOARD BALLOT FOR 2023 ELECTION

The following candidates have self-nominated for the two positions listed. Please put an X on the line by your selected candidates' names and return via email, or you may send an email stating your choices. There is **one vote per district** and those votes are due by November 30 so that your board will have time to deliberate as select their candidates.

NORTHWEST OREGON REGION

Select one (1) candidate:

____ **Al Hrynshyn, Director, Upper Willamette SWCD (incumbent)**

Al is currently serving on the OACD Board and has been a region representative for the past two years and is currently serving as Board Secretary. He has been serving on the Board of the Upper Willamette SWCD in Eugene for the past 8 years, with 6 of those years as Board Chair. Additionally, Al has experience as a commissioner on the Oregon Soil & Water Conservation Commission (SWCC) and on the Board of the Long Tom Watershed Council. Al did most of his growing up in the rural landscapes of Wyoming and the Rocky Mountain region, and is retired from a career as a professional geologist with experience in the petroleum industry and academia. He currently lives in the Coast Range west of Junction City on a former horse property that he is now managing for riparian and woodland restoration and conservation.

SOUTHERN OREGON REGION

Select one (1) candidate:

____ **Justin Ferrell, District Manager, Lake County SWCD & Fort Rock-Silver Lake SWCD (incumbent)**

My name is Justin Ferrell, I live in Valley Falls, Oregon, located in central Lake County. My family and reside on a small family cow/calf ranch. January of 2025 will mark 19 years I have worked for the Lake County SWCD'S. I currently serve as the manager. It has been my pleasure to serve in the OACD board. I feel it is important to represent the Great Basin. I would be honored to continue to serve in this role.

DISTRICT NAME: _____

Representative submitting ballot: _____

Date _____