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Promoting voluntary conservation and the wise use of natural resources in
Polk County, Oregon since 1966!

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Polk SWCD Annual Meeting and 50th Anniversary!



CELEBRATING *50 YEARS* OF LOCAL INFORMATION AND EDUCATION ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION IN POLK COUNTY, OREGON

The Polk SWCD Annual Meeting will be on
Thursday, September 15, 2016 from 5:30-8:30 PM
at Beckenridge Vineyard

300 Reuben Boise Rd, Dallas, OR 9733

RSVP by September 10th, 2016

Live bluegrass music from "Wild Hog in the Woods" and a steak dinner with a no host bar. Space is limited so RSVP Required!

We would like to invite all **past directors, associate directors, and partners** to come and share their memories of the Polk SWCD. If you or someone you know has been involved in the Polk SWCD, or has photos or stories they can

share, or to **RSVP**, please contact our office at

503-623-9680 or Polkswcd@polkswcd.com.

You can also RSVP online at:

www.polkswcd.com/annual-meeting-2016-rsvp.html

SEE YOU THERE!

Polk SWCD is an equal opportunity provider and employer and prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information should contact the district office at 503-623-9680.

Annual Report

Every year Polk SWCD's Board of Directors develop and adopt an annual work plan stating the general and specific goals that Polk SWCD should be accomplishing each year. **Polk SWCD's annual work plan was approved by our board March 11, 2015 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.**

The following are the general goals that Polk SWCD identified last year:

Technical

Goal: Offer technical assistance and conservation planning to resource owners and communities directed toward the conservation & wise use of Polk County natural resources, including agricultural water quality.

Objectives: Technical Private, Technical Public, Ag Water Quality

Educational

Goal: Provide education and outreach related to natural resource issues within Polk County.

Objectives: Youth Education, Partner Education, Adult Education

Operational

Goal: District operations will be effective, economical, and efficient to meet legal and grantor requirements.

Objectives: Fiscal Management Operations, Statutory Operations Requirements, General Operations

Financial Summary 2015-2016

All SWCD Funds: UNAUDITED

Total Revenue:	\$492,266
Total Expenses:	\$369,426
Ending Balance:	\$54,086

Polk SWCD's 2015-16 budget is typically reviewed by a Budget Committee consisting of seven Directors and seven Members of the Public. The budget is presented in May and a Hearing is held in June. Contact Polk SWCD for more information on the committee or for information about becoming a budget committee member.

Budget Committee Members

SWCD Directors

David Simmons
David McKibben
Jock Dalton
Kelly Gordon
Chad Woods
Frank Pender
Zone I Vacant

Public Members

Phil Walker
Judy Beebe
Rudolph White
Mel Chase
Tom Crawford
Clifford Baker (absent)
Tom Thomson

Election Notice

Notice is hereby given that on **November 8, 2016**, an election will be held for the purpose of electing board directors to the following positions for the

Polk Soil and Water Conservation District:

Positions: (see map on page 11 for zones)

- **At-Large I: 4 year term**
- **Zone 1 (Northern Polk County): 4 year term**
- **Zone 4 (Mid-Polk/Dallas): 4 year term**
- **Zone 5 (Southern Polk County) ; 2 year term**



PLEASE BE SURE TO VOTE! YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Manager's Message

Over the 2015-2016 fiscal year my staff and I have worked to develop further programming for the District including:



- Securing a Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) technician.
- Being awarded an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Technical Assistance grant to provide engineering design opening up approximately 16 miles of native fish rearing habitat along Jont Creek.
- Acquiring funding from a variety of sources to place over 35 log structures back into the Upper Rickreall Creek drainage which improves sediment collection and keeps the Mercer Reservoir's water supply clean and healthy for drinking water.
- Teaching natural resource (NR) enrichment classes to elementary school children in partnership with the Dallas Community School.
- Working to help landowners secure more efficient irrigation systems, amongst a variety of other beneficial practices that work to prevent soil erosion and maintain water quality for everyone in the county.

As manager it is my goal to create programming that my staff have the interest in and talent for. I want to promote consistency and familiarity of faces for our constituents, because (NR) management really boils down to good customer service. Our job at the District is to listen to all parties' concerns and work to find solutions to problems that don't seemingly ever sprout from one origin, but are tangled up in a variety of rules, regulations, and land management practices. It is my hope that I can create a mature and tenured professional staff to serve the county as the years go by. Enjoy reading this newsletter and coming to our annual meeting, it'll be a hoot! **Karin Stutzman, District Manager**

Youth Outreach: A Year End Review



Macroinvertebrate Class at
Camp Tapawingo

Over the 2015-2016 fiscal year the District worked on developing more youth education programming. This led to 628 youth and 147 adults attending youth themed events that Polk SWCD presented at. The events included Camp Starlight, Camp Tapawingo, Marion SWCD's Salmon Watch, 4-H Home School and Master Gardner camps, Oregon Trail Live, teaching at Dallas Community School, as well as teaching about Macro-Invertebrates to various schools.

Youth education was not the only thing accomplished this last year. The District also provided general outreach to ~1850 people of all ages at two fairs we attended, the Polk County Fair (where we coordinated a 40' x 30' tent with 17 other partners) and Winter Ag Fest, where we were accompanied by Stephanie Foster, an intern from WOU, and Sammy Soil, a NRCS Mascot.

Some other notable things that Polk SWCD was involved in included: our February Native Plant Sale and providing event assistance for the Ag First planning team, which consists of the Polk SWCD, OSU Extension Service, and the Polk County Fairgrounds staff, which focuses on general ag promotion and education, primarily at the Polk County Fair.

The 2015-16 fiscal year was an exciting one, and we look forward to continue increasing our outreach presence and the number of kids we educate yearly. To schedule an outreach event for your organization contact:



Sawyer Finegan at 503-623-9680 x 113 or sawyer.finegan@polkswcd.com.

A Return to our Roots: Working Lands

Working lands include privately owned forests, farms and ranches that are actively managed for production. These working lands represent a vital part of our economy and vast potential for conservation. Polk SWCD staff have been focusing on increasing conservation on working lands with outreach, collaborating with partners, gaining technical expertise through trainings, and identifying financial assistance programs. This has resulted in an increased interest in, and adoption of, conservation practices by agricultural landowners.



Figure 1. Road tile outlet armoring

“Oregon’s rich agricultural heritage and diverse working lands have drawn people to live and work in the state for more than 150 years. Forestry and farming have long been central to Oregon’s economy, thanks in part to the state’s unique climate and unparalleled soils. Oregon’s working lands are the cornerstone of rural farming and ranching communities, and they provide myriad benefits to the natural environment including vital wildlife habitat and habitat linkages, and ecosystem services such as carbon sequestration and drought resilience.”*

Some highlights include a collaboration with the Polk County Roads department to armor a road tile outlet to reduce field erosion (Figure 1), cover crop tours and demonstrations, and an irrigation efficiency project funded through the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Small Grants program. We’re looking forward to continuing this trend in the coming year.

For more information on working lands please contact the
Polk SWCD at **503-623-9680** or **polkswcd@polkswcd.com**

*Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts Website (July 2015)

Women in Sustainable Agriculture Conference

Building Connections Towards Resiliency

The 5th National Conference for Women in Sustainable Agriculture will bring together farmers, educators, technical assistance providers and activists engaged in healthy food and farming to share educational and organization strategies, build technical and business skills, and address policy issues aimed at expanding the success of women farmers and ranchers.

When: Nov 30 - Dec 2, 2016 Starting at 8:00 am

Where: Portland, OR - Double Tree by Hilton

Registration Opens July 15th 2016.

Registration is \$200. Farm tours will have an additional fee. Registration includes dinner Wednesday and breakfast & lunch Thursday and Friday.

For more info or to register go to: <http://2016wisa.org>



DO NOT TOUCH THE GIANT HOGWEED!

Please call 1-866-invader if you suspect you have found this species

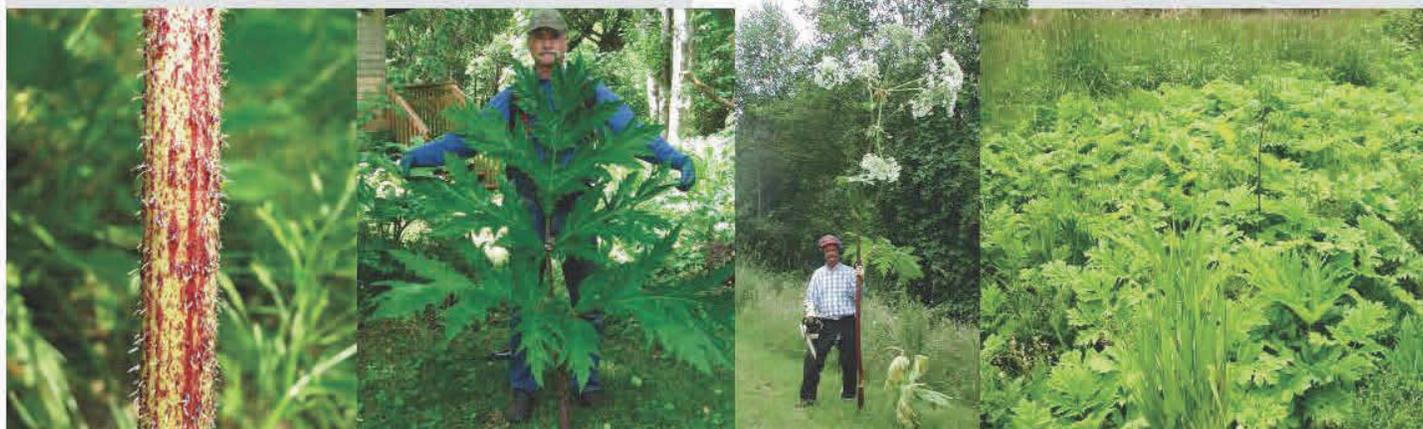
Giant hogweed

Heracleum mantegazzianum

Other common names: cartwheel-flower, giant cow parsnip, giant cow parsley, wild parsnip

USDA symbol: HEMA17

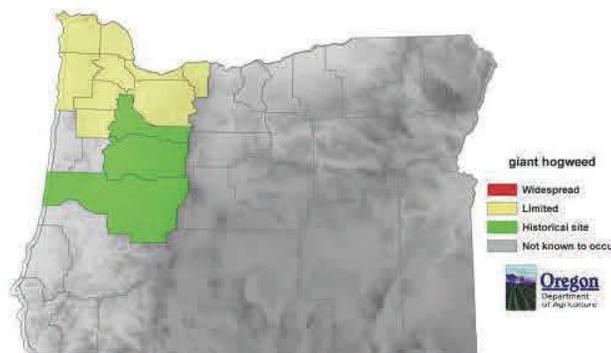
ODA rating: A and T



Introduction: Giant hogweed is a native of the Caucasus Mountain region of Asia. It was imported for planting in the arboretums and private gardens of Europe and North America early in the twentieth century. Because it is a prolific seeder, it soon escaped and naturalized in surrounding areas, especially riparian and urban sites. It is a significant weed species in parts of Europe, England, Scotland, Scandinavia and Germany. In North America it grows in Ontario and British Columbia, Canada, Maine, Maryland, New York, Washington State and Oregon.

Distribution in Oregon: For a collection of spatial information on the distribution of this plant in Oregon go to <http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/programs/Weeds/Pages/WeedMapper.aspx>

Description: Giant hogweed is a robust member of the carrot family (Apiaceae) noted for its huge leaves and an umbrella-like flowerhead. As a short-lived perennial, it frequently grows a stalk 10-15 feet tall spotted with reddish-purple blotches and pustules. The stalks are hollow with a three to four inch diameter; flower heads may attain a two to three foot diameter. Flowers generally develop in two to four years with bloom time occurring in May-July. Leaves are also impressive growing three to five feet wide, are compound and deeply incised. This plant closely resembles the common native cow parsnip which rarely exceeds six feet high sporting a flower head only 8-12 inches wide.



Impacts: Giant hogweed poses a health hazard to humans. The plant exudes a clear watery sap, sensitizing skin to ultraviolet radiation. Exposing human skin to the plant sap or smoke from burning hogweed often causes severe burns to the affected areas resulting in blistering and painful dermatitis. Blisters can later develop into purplish or blackened scars. In addition to the health risks, hogweed quickly becomes a garden pest, overrunning flower beds and readily escaping to adjacent natural areas. It has naturalized in many of the places where it was introduced, and is one of the most invasive weeds in Europe.

Biological controls: Biological control agents are not used on "A" listed weeds in Oregon. When the weed is found in the state, it is targeted for eradication or containment.



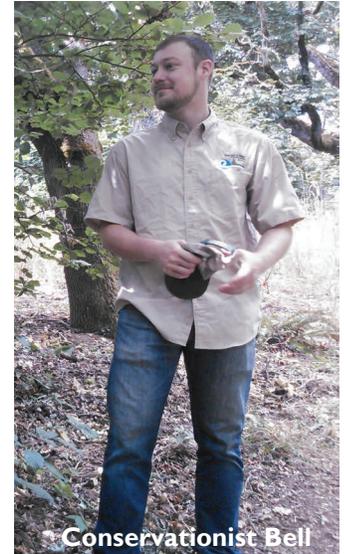
Oregon Department of Agriculture • Noxious Weed Control Program
635 Capitol Street NE • Salem, OR 97301 • 503-986-4621
www.oregon.gov/ODA/programs/Weeds/Pages/Default.aspx

Photos by Glenn Miller,
Shannon Brubaker and Beth
Myers-Shenai- ODA

Conservation Programming Update

This has been quite a packed year at the Polk SWCD for me with a lot of growth and new opportunities seized; looking back at all the projects and programs I've worked with, visits with landowners, workshops and training events, I feel accomplished and ready to forge ahead from here.

This year was the first full year administering the North Willamette Valley Upland Oak Restoration Partnership, a USDA program designed to help fund much needed restoration work on the remaining oak savanna, woodland, and prairie left in Polk County. The prior year's participants are starting to see the rich rewards of recreating the open, flower filled habitat rid of brushy blackberry and hawthorn patches. This program has been a major boon to the county's oak habitat and awareness of this highly sensitive habitat type that continues to feel the pressure of invasive species, fir succession, and clearing.



I was heavily involved with another new venture providing the technical planning for the easements that the Polk SWCD has considered this last year as well. It's been rewarding to help develop, from the ground up, the SWCD's easement policy to finding potentially fitting projects and seeing them through the Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program to help support local land protection.

In addition to those major programs, I also secured funding for a culvert removal and bridge design project that will help open up several miles of unblocked stream above the Luckiamute River on Jont Creek. Removing this barrier will allow a great deal of fish to find their way further towards spawning headwaters and eventually provide high quality off-channel habitat for growing fish, increase the quality of the water headed into the Luckiamute both for humans and our aquatic friends.



Jont Creek Project

Just at the very end of the year I also accepted the CREP technician position here for Polk County which is a Farm Service Agency administered program to help keep riparian buffers well vegetated, cool, and protected, benefiting the aquatic life, the owners of the stream bank, and everyone downstream. We as a district fought hard to bring back CREP into Polk County and I'm excited to be able to help landowners with uplands and riparian habitat management.

Lastly I want to say thank you to the landowners that I've worked with, who want to make sure their property reaches its full potential, and have committed to managing their land with wildlife and natural ecosystems in mind. If any of these opportunities sound interesting to you, please give us a call and we'll help find the right resources to meet your goals.



Water Resources Department Update

- **Rickreall Creek** water rights junior to June 1, 1964, have received notices.
- **Luckiamute River** was measured 8/17/16 and the flow was 15.5 CFS. Water right holders with a priority date junior to 6/22/1964 will be receiving regulation notices.
- **South Yamhill R. @ McMinnville** (Bayou Golf Course) 8/23/2016 flows 20.77 CFS. Regulation on the S. Yamhill River will occur once the flows are below 15 CFS.

Questions about your water rights?

Want to know when a stream regulation will begin?

Want to know more about ponds or rainwater collection?

For More Information Contact: **Joel Plahn -District 16 Watermaster**

503-986-0889 Office 503-508-2394 Cell

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Upcoming Events

September 2016

8- Luckiamute WC Board Meeting:
7pm Volunteer Hall, Monmouth.
call 503-837-0237 for more info

15 – Polk SWCD Annual Meeting: 5:30-8:30 PM Beckenridge Vineyard, Dallas

16-17 - Hops and Heritage Festival: Independence

15 - Glenn-Gibson WC Board Meeting: 5:30pm Salemtowne Breezeway Room

21- Rickreall WC Board Meeting: 1pm Delbert Hunter Arboretum, Dallas

October 2016

10- HOLIDAY: OFFICE CLOSED

12 - Polk SWCD Board Meeting: 6pm NRCS Meeting Room

13- Luckiamute WC Board Meeting: 7pm TBD

19- Rickreall WC Board Meeting: 1pm Delbert Hunter Arboretum, Dallas

20 - Glenn- Gibson WC Board Meeting: 5:30pm Salemtowne Breezeway Room

November 2016

8- ELECTION DAY

9- Polk SWCD Board Meeting: 6pm NRCS Meeting Room

10-Luckiamute WC Board Meeting: 7pm TBD call 503-837-0237 for more info

11- HOLIDAY: OFFICE CLOSED

16 - Rickreall WC Board Meeting: 1pm Delbert Hunter Arboretum, Dallas

17 - Glenn-Gibson WC Board Meeting: 5:30 pm Salemtowne Breezeway

24- HOLIDAY: OFFICE CLOSED

For more information on these events please contact Polk SWCD or the appropriate agency/council.

PSWCD — Polk Soil & Water Conservation District: **503-623-9680**

NRCS—Natural Resource Conservation Service **503-623-3693**

GGWC — Glenn-Gibson Watershed Council: **503-623-9680 x 104**

LWC — Luckiamute Watershed Council: **503-837-0237**

RWC — Rickreall Watershed Council: **503-623-9680 x 104**

GYWC — Greater Yamhill Watershed Council: **503-474-1047**

NRCS Update

After 25 years with the NRCS, and 15 years in Polk county, **Tom Finegan retired on July 29, 2016.** Tom has secured millions of conservation dollars for Polk County, and has built close relationships with the Grand Ronde Tribe, SWCD, private land owners, and other federal, state and county agencies. His work has improved the quality of life here for generations and we will be forever grateful. A short history:

- 1989 Started as a Soil Conservation Technician in Tangent, OR.
Worked on Snow Survey through 2000
- 1996 During the big flood, Tom headed the EWP (Emergency Watershed Program) in the Upper Willamette/Central Coast Basin.
- 1996 Completed his Bachelors Degree in Agriculture. Became a Soil Conservationist.
- 1997 Began work on Mike Dunn Oregon Chub habitat pond for WRP. This was the first of several that helped de-list the OR Chub.
- 1998 Became the District Conservationist in Linn County OR.
- 2001 Became the District Conservationist in Polk County OR.
- 2002 Began on WRP (Wetland Reserve Program) Easements for Polk County.
- 2008 With Polk SWCD, began planning on WUI lands which led to Polk EQIP Forest Health Implementation Strategy, now replicated throughout Upper Willamette Basin.
- 2010 Began planning with Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde on Forest Health. He feels this was his biggest accomplishment of his career.

**Thank you Tom! Have fun and good luck in retirement;
You have earned it!!**



Tom receiving a ceremonial blanket from the Natural Resources Dept. of the Grand Ronde Tribe for his work on the restoration of their lands.



Tom now-a-days!

Staff Spotlight - Lucas Hunt

Lucas was born in Portland but moved to Dallas in 1997. He graduated from Dallas High in 2006 and went on to Oregon State to achieve a degree in Forest Management. He met his wife, Ashley, 9 years ago and they married in 2014. They are expecting their first child in January 2017.

As the Polk SWCD's stewardship forester he is responsible for assisting landowners with questions regarding forest management and tree health. He works with ODF to educate county residents about living safely in the Wildland Urban Interface, and partners with OSU Extension Service to offer classes on small woodland management. As a licensed pesticide applicator, Lucas manages the District's invasive plant program. This includes spraying weeds on SWCD projects, as well as making sure potential invaders do not become established in the county.



Lucas wears many hats at the SWCD, as he also provides contracted coordinator services for the Rickreall and Glenn-Gibson Watershed Councils. He is currently managing a habitat enhancement project on the upper Rickreall, which will benefit native Coho that are being passed around a local dam in another program he oversees. The Glenn-Gibson has him working on a project with City of Salem and Friends of Trees to restore streamside vegetation in a West Salem park.

Lucas is active in the community, coaching soccer and volunteering with the local recreational soccer league. In his free time he spends as much time as possible with his wife, family, and friends; he loves the beach and gardening. He enjoys rock climbing, reading science fiction, hiking in the woods, and playing board games.

NEW!! Native Fall Bulb Sale

Polk SWCD will be trying something new this fall. Some of our native plants are more likely to thrive when planted in the fall; for those plants Polk SWCD will be having a Pre-Order only sale, so be ready to add a fall planting day to your schedule!

This will be a little different than our regular plant sale as it will be **ONLINE ORDERS ONLY**, to be picked up at the SWCD office in Mid-October (depending on the weather and our supplier). The 2017 Native Plant Sale will still have a host of native plants, but will not duplicate the species sold at the Native Bulb Sale.

We will be offering a limited selection, which is listed below. Please go to:

http://www.polkswcd.com/store/c1/Featured_Products.html to order.

\$1.50

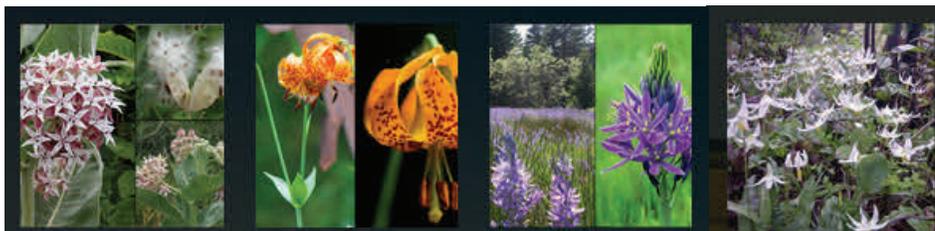


Pearly Everlasting Rhizome Narrow Leaf Onion Bulb Bleeding Heart Rhizome Chocolate Lily Bulb

\$1.75



Broad Leaf Shooting Star Rhizome



Showy Milkweed Rhizome Tiger Lily Bulb Great Camas Bulb White Fawn Lily Bulb



FREE Pesticide Collection

Free Agricultural Pesticide Waste Collection & Container Recycling Event

Saturday November 19th at Wilco's Whiteson Agronomy Center

14000 SW Highway 99W, McMinnville, OR 97128.

Call 503-474-1047 for more Information.

This anonymous pesticide waste collection event is for farmers, growers, and other agriculture-related operations. **Pre-registration is required for pesticide disposal. Forms will be available by October 1st, and must be submitted by November 5th. Registration is not required for recycling triple-rinsed empty containers.**



Items Accepted: Unwanted agricultural pesticides of any quantity, including unknown, current use, and legacy pesticides, Triple-rinsed HDPE plastic pesticide containers embossed with recycling symbol.

Items NOT accepted: Fertilizers and nutrients, oils and solvents, explosives, radioactive materials, medical wastes, certain poisons, very reactive wastes.

Luckiamute Watershed Council Update

Upper Price Creek Restoration Project



The old, undersized culverts were perched, preventing fish passage upstream.

The **Luckiamute Watershed Council's** Upper Price Creek Restoration Project was started in July 2016. The project was focused on the removal of two undersized culverts that were causing an increase in stream velocity, which resulted in stream bank erosion downstream. Additionally, channel scouring resulted in the culverts being perched about 2 feet from the streambed, which was a barrier for both adult and juvenile salmonids attempting to migrate upstream.

The replacement culverts will be much larger and sunken into the streambed, lowering stream velocity and allowing migratory fish to access upstream portions of their habitat.

A second component of the Upper Price Creek Restoration Project is the placing of 180 logs in the stream channel over a 2.4 mile reach. The accumulation of large wood will add complexity to this otherwise simplified channel -- which will help provide valuable fish habitat upstream. The Upper Price Creek Restoration Project is a part of a long-term strategy to facilitate the natural recovery of the Upper Luckiamute River, and facilitate the return of native salmon and trout populations to their historic range throughout the Upper Luckiamute River and its tributaries.



Placement of one of the new, larger culverts.



Polk SWCD Staff (L to R Marc, Stacey, Karin) examine the new, larger culverts which are sunken into the streambed, giving fish access to upstream rearing and spawning habitat.

The project was completed using funds from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Meyer Memorial Trust, and contributions from Sustainable Growth, LLC and Green Crow Corporation. Total project cost was approximately \$178,000.



Historic logging practices removed large conifers right to the edge of the creek, resulting in an over-story made up of alders and younger trees.



Placing large wood into the stream channel helps slow water velocity and restore the gravels needed for salmonid spawning.

Greater Yamhill Watershed Council Update

For more information or to register for any of the following, go to www.gywc.org, email info@gywc.org or call 503-474-1047.

Coho Salmon Spawning Survey Training Events: Free & Open to the Public. Learn how to help the Greater Yamhill Watershed Council track populations of Coho salmon. Training Events include 2 hours of in-classroom lessons, plus 2 hours of field sessions in a nearby creek/river (rain or shine). We provide wading gear and other equipment needed. Can't make it to a training? Let us know you are interested to participate and we will partner you with a trained volunteer.

Coho Survey Trainings Events October 2016:

Saturday October 15th, 9:30am-2:00pm, at Flying M Ranch Yamhill, OR

Saturday, October 22nd 9:30am-2:00pm also at Flying M Ranch Yamhill, OR

Pesticide Water Quality Sampling: One (1) Paid student position. September through Mid-October, Roughly two sample days per month, 4-5 hours each day. Up to \$200 Stipend. Must be enrolled in higher education program. Must have access to vehicle and proof of auto insurance.

Youth Education Program Assistants: Three (3) unpaid volunteer positions. September – December.

Outreach & Education and Monitoring & Assessment Committee Members Needed



Polk SWCD Board of Directors



Directors (left to right): Woods, McKibben, Simmons, Dalton, Crawford, and Pender

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At-Large / Vice Chair

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At-Large / Secretary

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Zone 5

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Lois Loop

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Judy Beebe
Mel Chase

Polk SWCD is an Oregon Special District administered by seven locally elected directors who serve without pay for four year terms. Five directors represent landowners from each of the 5 geographic zones outlined in the map of the county to the right, and two at large directors represent the entire district. Directors meet monthly to administer the business of the Polk SWCD. The Directors donate hundreds of hours on behalf of the residents of Polk County and its natural resources.

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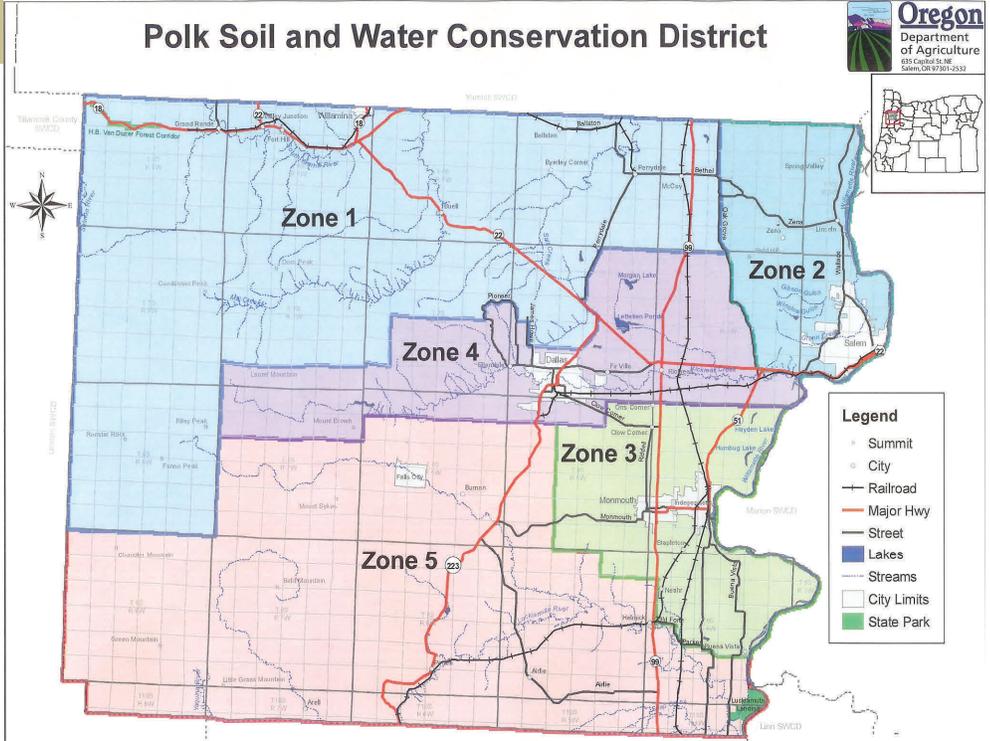
NRCS

Please note new direct lines!
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Marion-Polk County FSA
Farm Service Agency has a New Phone Number!

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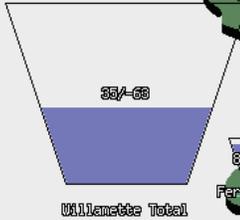
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The Willamette Basin

LEGEND

-  Storage Project
-  Run of River
-  Gage
-  No Alerts
-  Bank Full
-  Flood Stage

Overview



As of August 29, 2016

Conserve Water

Water is the foundation for our economies, communities, ecosystems, and quality of life.



Save for the future.



www.drought.oregon.gov



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CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Your local source of assistance in the wise use of natural resources, and conservation in Polk County since 1966!

The Polk SWCD is a local public source of information and education on natural resources. We provide a number of free services to help with responsible land stewardship such as:

- **Technical Assistance** - Plant ID assistance, soil and water information, invasive species controls, improvements and protection of wildlife habitat and water quality, manure management, and conservation practices.
- **Land Management** - Assistance in developing forestry, range, farm, wildlife, wetland, and small acreage management plans.
- **Funding Opportunities** - Grants, government programs, and coordinated efforts with other agencies are available to assist with habitat restoration and other natural resource related projects. Cost share programs are available to provide assistance with irrigation system improvements, forest stand improvement, and small farm assistance.