



**Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

**Annual Meeting Report**



# Board Directors

## July 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 - June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Sean  
Negherbon**

Current Chair  
At Large 1

**David Briggs**

Current Vice-Chair  
Zone 3

**Brenda Epp**

Current Treasurer  
At Large 2

**Scott Hendy**

Current Director  
Zone 2

**Walt Barton**

Current Associate  
Director

**Terry Westfall**

Former Chair  
Zone 2

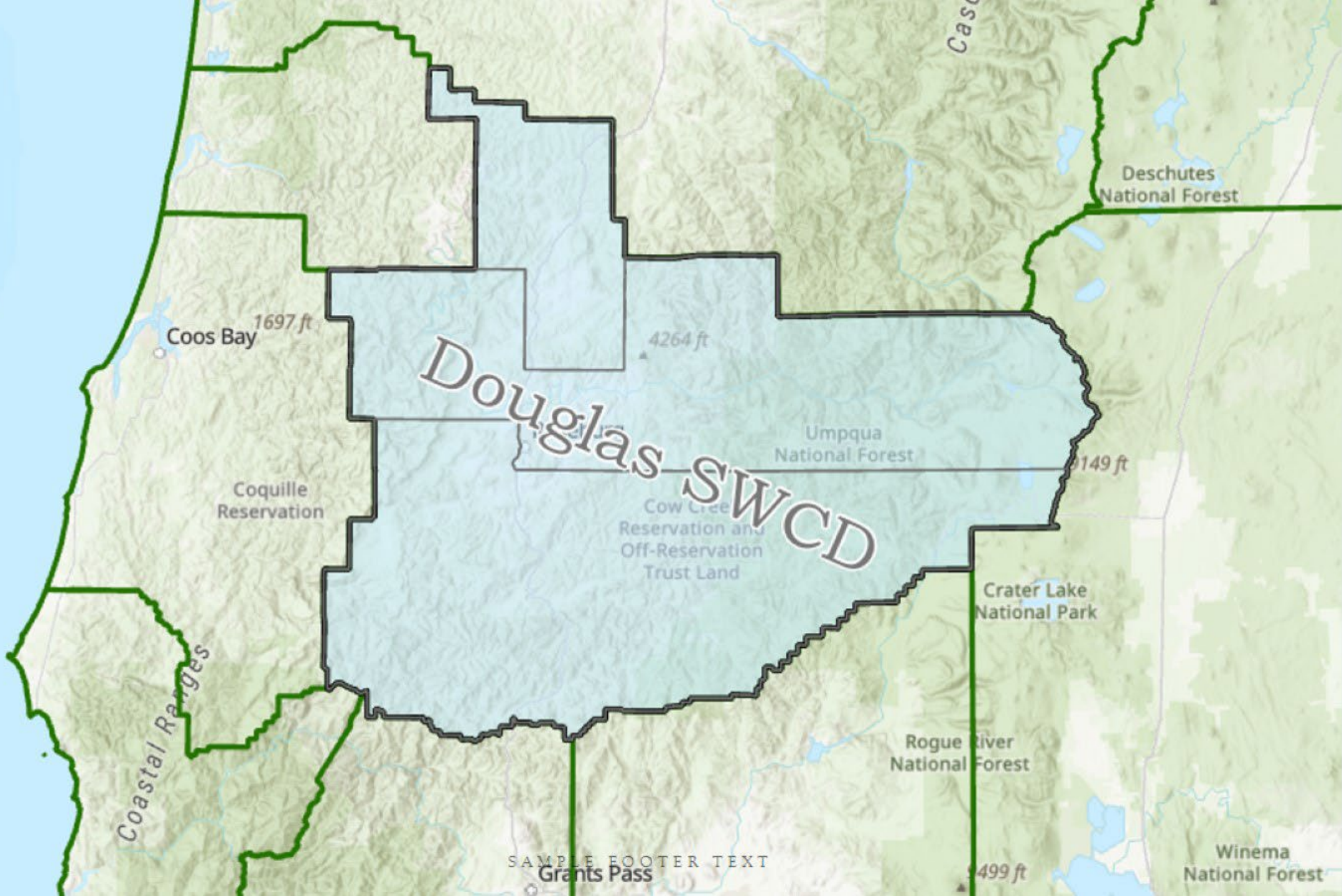
**George  
Seonbuchner**

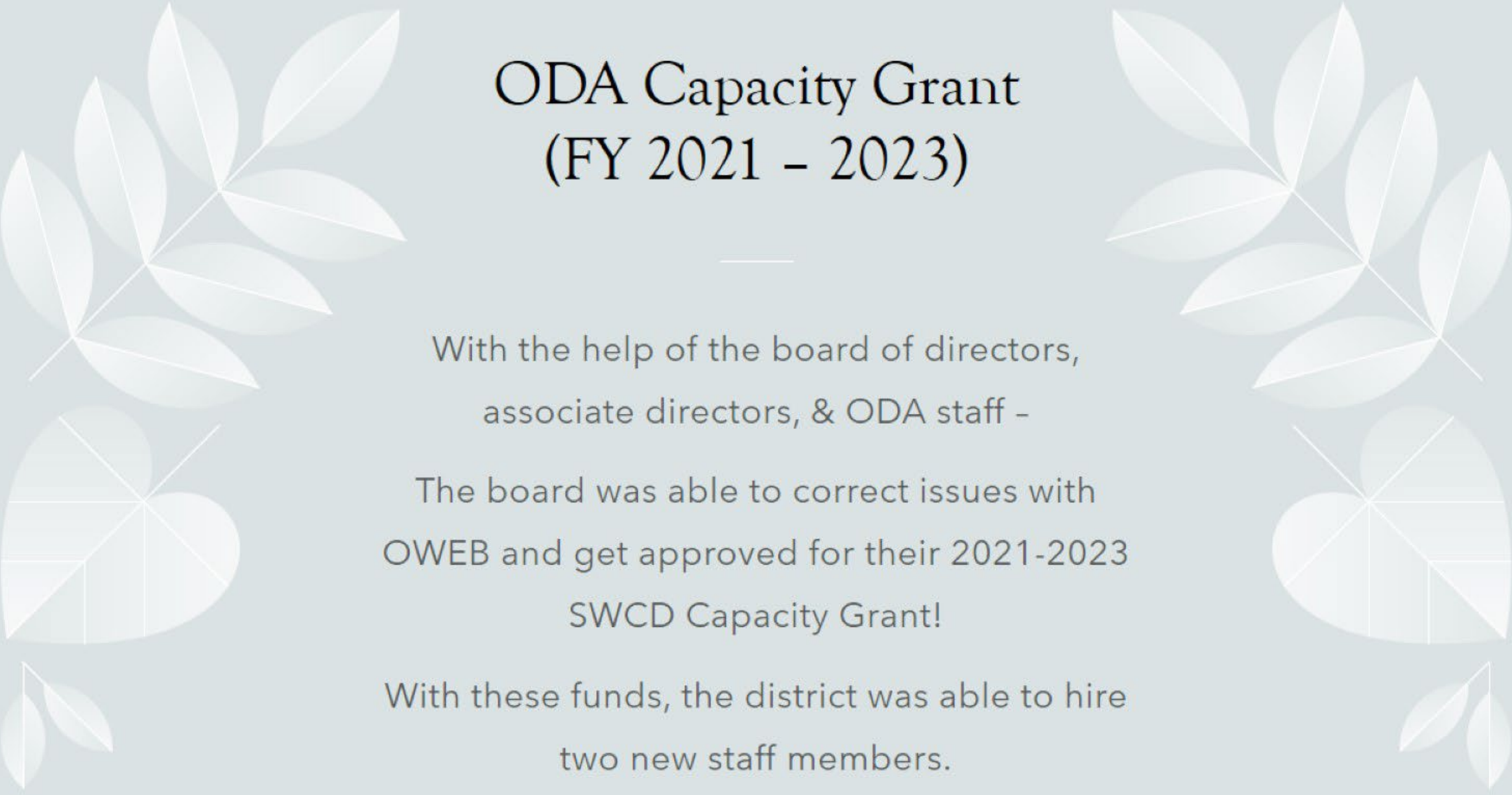
Former Treasurer  
Current Director  
Emeritus

**Cindy Johnsrud**

Former Director  
Zone 1







# ODA Capacity Grant (FY 2021 - 2023)

With the help of the board of directors,  
associate directors, & ODA staff -

The board was able to correct issues with  
OWEB and get approved for their 2021-2023  
SWCD Capacity Grant!

With these funds, the district was able to hire  
two new staff members.



# New Staff!

July 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 – June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023



**MAGGIE BEGOUN**

**(DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR)**

**START DATE: NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 2022**



**CINDY K. BRIGHT**

**(CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN)**

**START DATE: DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 2022**

# Administrative Accomplishments



Maggie Begoun

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 - June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023





### **Staff Equipment:**

Laptops, Office Supplies, Cellphones, Software, Printers, etc.

### **Technology:**

Data transfers completed, Website created, Staff registered, District email addresses

### **Trainings:**

Public Employee Orientation, Public Records & Law Training, Fiscal Management Orientation, Meetings with other SWCDS, SDAO Live & Record Webinars





### **Capacity Grant:**

Reporting & Reimbursement requests made back to July 2021 and continued until final reporting and requests made in June 2023. Applied for new grant end of 2023.

### **Bookkeeping:**

Switched banks from Wells Fargo to USBank (Lower fees, more options for special districts).

New credit card acquired for easier procurement.

Switched bookkeeper from D&S to PUR.



## **Building:**

Building cleared out, loan paid off.


Sold! (technically in the following FY).

Rental unit acquired, all remaining moved to unit.

## **CWMA:**

Cooperative Weeds Management Area Meetings restarted. First meeting after many years held in March 2023. Attended by USFS, BLM, USFWS, UOP, PUR, Cow Creek, LR Timber, ODOT, County, and more! Partnerships and project ideas created.





# Financials

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Please review the  
QuickBooks Report,  
Expense Report, &  
Capacity Grant Final  
Report as presented to  
you.



*Conservation Technician  
Accomplishments*



**Cindy K. Bright**

**Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 - June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023**



# Landowner Engagement Goals 2022-23

- ✓ **Develop simple district website to provide district contact information, services, links to resources, and meeting agendas and minutes.**
- ✓ **Develop district fact sheets and brochures with contact information, services, and explanation of Area Plan and Rules. Distribute.**
- ✓ **Develop and implement one (1) workshop related to water quality concerns of importance to local landowners and producers.**
- ✓ **Presentations to OSU Ext, DCLA, Granges. Host booth at Saturday Farmer's Market and Sportsmen's group. Write articles for local newspaper and radio.**



## Landowner Engagement Numbers

<b>Landowner Engagement Summary Data</b>	<b>Quarters 1-6</b>	<b>Quarter 7</b>	<b>Quarter 8</b>	<b>Total</b>
# of events that actively engage landowners (workshops, demonstrations, tours)	0	7	4	<b>11</b>
# of landowners participating in active events	0	70	165	<b>235</b>
# of landowners provided with brochures / fact sheets / mailings, etc.	0	70	78	<b>148</b>



# *Landowner Engagement Achievement Details*



**Materials  
Developed/printed:  
500 SWCD Ag  
water outreach  
hangers printed.  
100 SIA flyers  
printed for future  
SIA. 100 Small  
lands management  
brochures and  
more.**



**Education/outreach booths:  
DC Livestock Assoc. Spring conference, Canyonville farmers market, Bloom & Butterfly festival, on water quality, and on other landowner ODA & FSA programs two radio spots submitted.**



# Technical Assistance Goals 2022-23

## **Respond to landowner requests for assistance.**

- ✓  Provide at least 2 consultations and 2 site visits with landowners regarding Ag Water Quality.

- ✓  **Develop water quality and resource management plans.**

- ✓  **Respond to water quality complaints received by ODA to assist landowner meet requirements of Area Plans and Rules.**

## **Write grants to implement water quality and resource management plans.**

- ✓  Submit at least one grant application by the end of Q8.



## Technical Assistance Numbers

<b>Landowner Technical Assistance Summary Data</b>	<b>Quarter 1-6</b>	<b>Quarter 7</b>	<b>Quarter 8</b>	<b>Total</b>
# of landowners provided with one-on-one technical assistance (e.g., phone, walk-in, booth, email, event, or site visit)	2	10	50	<b>60</b>
# of on-site technical assistance visits	0	8	15	<b>23</b>
# of fund applications submitted for landowner projects	0	0	2	<b>2</b>
# of fund applications awarded for landowner projects	0	0	1 awarded 1 pending	<b>1</b>
# of conservation plans written	0	12 in progress	3	<b>3</b>
# of acres in conservation plans that were written	0	0	7.5	<b>7.5</b>



## *Technical Assistance Achievement Details*

**Completed Grants 22-23: ODA Ag Water Quality grant, DEQ 319 Grant**

**Future Grants 23-24: ODA Strategic Implementation Area grant, Pacific Forest Accord grant and an OWEB small grant submitted.**

**5 more Ag water quality grants near completion to submit.**

**Includes 1 mile stream improvement/protection and 11 ac. of riparian restoration.**

**Landowner Ag water quality project funding Total approximately \$104,511.00 for...**

**Fall creek, Buckhorn creek, Pheasant creek, Morgan creek, Doerner creek, and an additional initial planned SIA target of 5 miles of stream protection and 42 acres of riparian restoration to improve Ag water quality and an additional target of 18 miles of stream/riparian Ag water quality projects with in the SIA.**



# *Site Visit Resource Concerns.*

**Invasive weeds and eroding banks**





# *Ag water availability, quality and stream protection*





# *Hard use areas and manure management*





# *Failing and eroding culverts*







*Non-functioning and non-connected flood plains*



# *Grant funded projects include:*

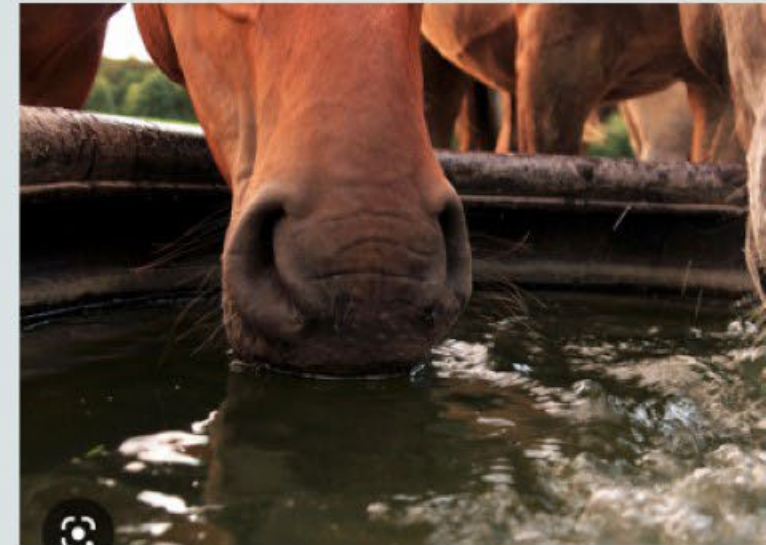
**LIVESTOCK FENCING**



**RIPARIAN  
RESTORATION**



**LIVESTOCK WATER**





# *Hard use areas and manure management*

**FEEDING &  
WATERING PADS**



**HARDENED CROSSING**

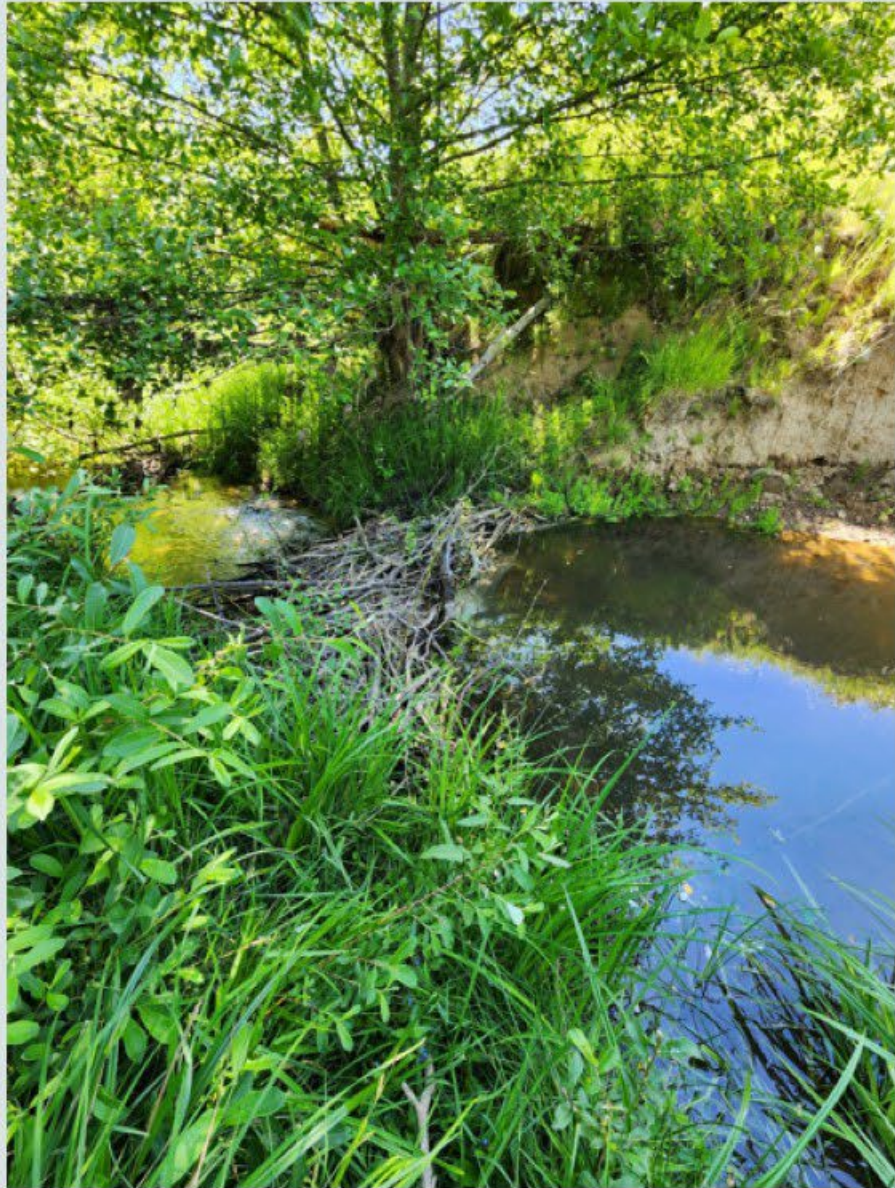


**BARN GUTTERS**





# *Beaver assisted habitat improvement*





*Project extension assistance with ODFW & Elk Creek Watershed Council for BDAs and failing culvert replacements.*

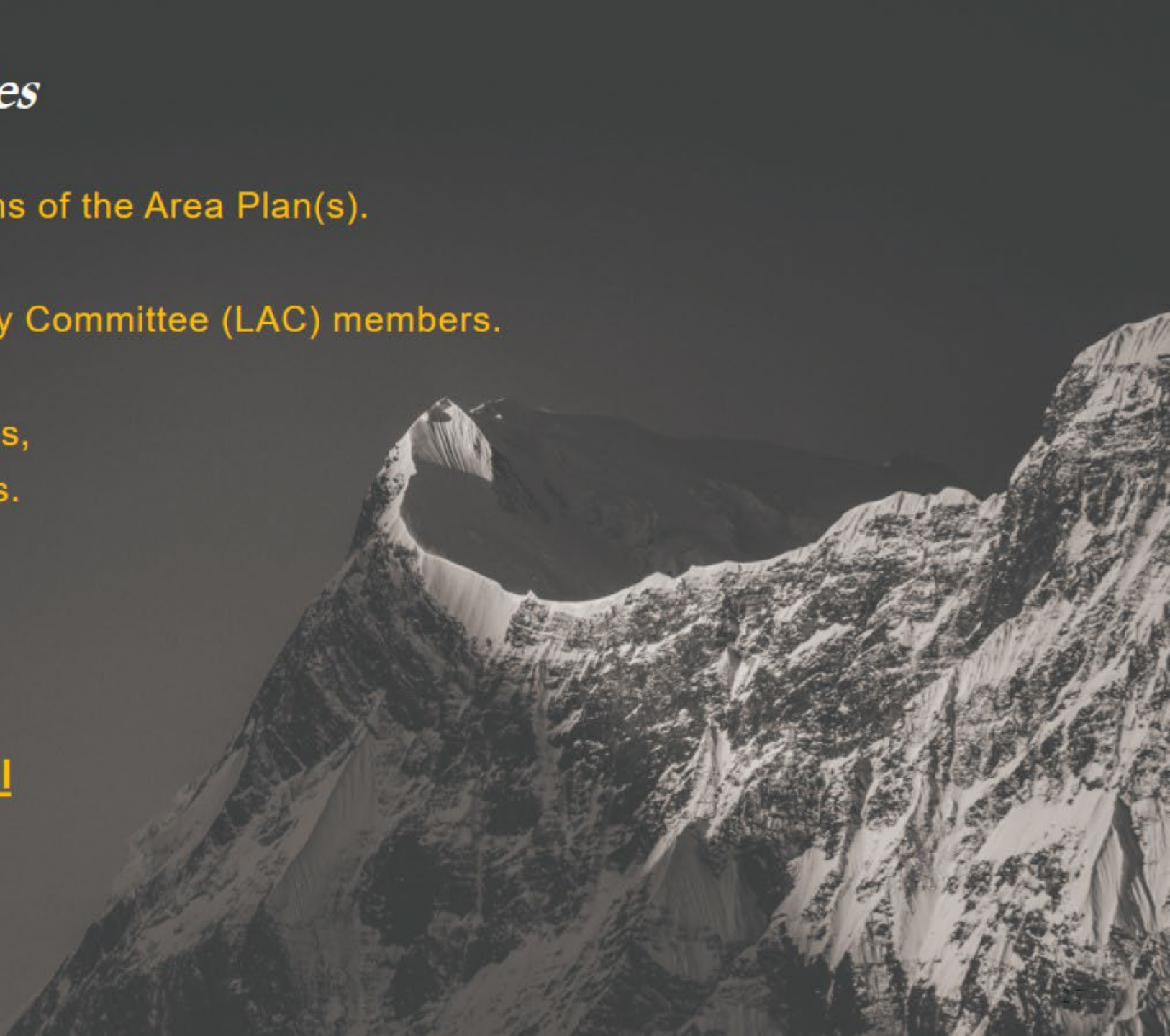





# *Biennial Review Activities*

- ✓ Review and contribute to revisions of the Area Plan(s).
- ✓ Communicate with Local Advisory Committee (LAC) members.
- ✓ Assist with notetaking at meetings, meeting refreshments, presentations.
- ✓ Work with ODA to recruit new LAC members, as needed

**Umpqua AgWQMA Light Biennial Review was held in March 2023.**







## *Partnership Engagement Goals*

- ✓ **Reconnect and develop partnerships with local conservation groups including Elk Creek Watershed Council, Partnership for Umpqua Rivers and the Cow Creek Tribe.**
- ✓ **Partner with ODFW, USFWS, ODF, NMFS, NRCS, USFS, and other state, federal and local agencies to engage local landowners and develop projects.**
- ✓ **Participate in NRCS Local Working Group. At this phase, the Douglas SWCD has and continues to reach out to all available applicable partners in their District and will continue throughout the rest of the biennium.**



## *Partnership Engagement*



**As part of the South Umpqua Coho Coordination Group and involvement in other agency coordination meetings we have reconnected to federal, state, county and city governments as well as with watershed groups and organizations involved in water quality and improving habitats for humans and wildlife.**

**This has helped to leverage funding, develop projects and work with other entities to expand all our efforts for soil, water conservation and wildlife habitat conditions.**



## *Trainings Attended:*

- Restoring natural resources
- Instream work permitting
- Various trainings on water quality
- Grant writing
- Planning projects for Climate Change.





## *Other Accomplishments:*



**Involvement with the Douglas County Livestock Association to better connect with Ag landowners and managers to be better able to assist with natural resource concerns.**



Thank you!

- **We are so happy to be back as a district. Please look forward to great things in the near future.**

