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Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, July 15th 2026

Attendees

Directors: John Estill, Diana Woodward, David Briggs, Brenda Epp | **Employees:** Maggie Begoun, Cindy Bright | **Partners:** Bradley Stokes (NRCS)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, David Briggs at 5:02pm.

Agency Report:

Bradley Stokes reports that there have been 12 approved Environmental Quality Incentive Program Applications (EQIP). These include 5 Forest Management Plans, 3 Regenerative Pilot Plans, and 3 Oak Restoration Plans. There have also been 1 approved Conservation Stewardship Program Application (CSP) approved for Pasture Improvement. There are currently 105 active contracts in the district.

> The State Office has directed a pause on non-application work which includes helping the district with engineering needs. Bright will need to find a replacement for the time being. There has also been a directive to prioritize reducing fraud,waste, and abuse which has been added work to the district. Future work will involve sending deferral/ineligibility letters, reviewing contracts, cancelling contracts, and catching on site visits.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Dir. Woodward motions to approve the minutes of the June Board Meeting & FY24-25 Annual Meeting.

> **Discussion:** N/A

For: Woodward, Briggs, Estill, Epp | **Against:** N/A. | **Absent:** Hendy | **Abstain:** N/A.

The motion passed.

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Financial & Admin Report – Please see attached reports.

Documents presented to the board:
June Expense Report, FY25-26 Expense & Budget Reports

Audit Update: Audit should be complete in the next week or two. It took a long time to get through because the auditor was trying very hard to work with our bookkeeper and our QuickBooks to no avail. They ultimately decided to use my expense report documents because they tie easily and directly to our bank statements. Begoun did ask the auditor what this means for our QuickBooks and the auditor said he'd get back to me on that when they had the audit completed. They did recommend getting a bookkeeper that is in the state and had one in mind for us that they will pass along contact information for. This person does books for other SWCDs and has good rapport with these auditors for having great books. Please note this is the FY24-25 audit, and we will probably want to re-engage them quickly for the FY25-26 audit.

IRS: Reminder that the letter the IRS sent said that they'd assign someone to our case again in July. There's been no word from them yet.

Budget: Dr. Briggs asks if the positive unrestricted funds and additional grants are because of better grant writing/more grants coming in. Begoun answers that it could be, but the additional unrestricted funds are actually more that in FY24-25 we started finished out more grants and received admin funds because of it. Most of the grants we have a 2-3 year lifespan, besides the Class A Weeds grant that typically gets fully spent down in one summer.

Policy: Begoun notes that the district really needs to approve a contracting policy as well as finish up the personnel policy.

Grants: Pumpchance grant came through and work has begun. The oak habitat engagement grant will have its decision of award on July 29th. This past Monday, Begoun submitted a $15mil oak habitat Focused Investment Partnership grant with the Umpqua Oak Partnership, but we won't hear back on that one until January 2027. This project involves doing work on public "anchor sites" at the beginning and then using those anchor sites to show private landowners best management practices and engage them in doing the same type of restoration on their lands with our help. The priority areas that were lined out by NRCS in their oak habit Conservation Investment Strategy for private land investment include Oakland, North Bank, Myrtle Creek, and S. Umpqua areas. The focus of the grant is to use our local partner crews to do weeds work, conifer thinning, and burn prep. The district is also involved in a FIP that Partnership for Umpqua Rivers submitted involving riparian and water quality work.

> Question- What is the MIT fund? The PacificCorp Hydropower Mitigation Fund. This grant is only available to organizations that work directly with the USFS or BLM to do restoration work in their powerline corridor. Question- What do we do for the pumpchance grant? We are collecting data on the quality of the pumpchances and

helping the BLM determine what work needs to be done to improve them, if any. They need to know that in the middle of summer, those pumpchances are still holding water and what types of engines can get in/out of those areas. We are also contracted to do some brushing work and procuring/installing new signage.

Elections: Reminder that people can start sending their documents to ODA starting tomorrow until mid August to get on the ballot for elections. The signature document does need to be verified by the county clerk before that is done though.

Next Meeting: The board decided that their next meeting will be September 16th, 2026. Begoun notes to keep an eye on emails, as she will be sending policies to review before that meeting's workshop.

Conservation Technician Report – Please see attached report.

Dir. Woodward asks why the district is doing projects outside of the SIA. Bright answers that our Capacity Grant is what funds those projects. Two-thirds of the capacity grant funds are specifically for agricultural water quality project outreach and technical assistance district-wide and not just in our SIA.

Mildred Kanipe - Bright is meeting with Sustainable NorthWest and the Campbells who run their cattle out there to discuss the viability of virtual fencing. This is a great opportunity to bring virtual fencing to western Oregon and it has a lot of partner support from OWEB and The Wild Salmon Center. Virtual fencing involves collaring cattle and using satellites to create a virtual fence. Everything but the cattle can pass through it as the collars vibrate and then shock the cows when they get too close to the designated "fence" area. Because they can track the cows with the collars, the ranchers can actually note if the cattle are moving oddly and at what time because the public has historically been messing with the cows out there despite the fences.

Pheasant Creek - The bridge is finally getting worked on. This would be a great site to bring the board out for a visit soon.

Buckhorn Creek - The springbox has been installed, next is the solar system set up. Blackberry removal and fencing will be starting soon after.

Little River - Small Grant application submitted. ***Huntley Creek -*** Small Grant application to be submitted soon.

SIA Work - Weaver Creek has equipment staged for work to begin on the spring development. Stinger Gulch will be starting soon when the contractor becomes available.

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Director Reports

Dir. Epp notes that she is resigning from the board due to moving out of state. This will be her last board meeting. Begoun will contact ODA to update them and see if they require any follow up.

Dir. Woodward notes she will be missing the September meeting due to vacation.

Conclusion of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02pm.

The board will be meeting at **4:00pm** for a **policy workshop** which will be followed by the **regularly scheduled board meeting** on **Wednesday, September 16th @ NRCS.**

Submitted by Maggie Begoun for Diana Woodward, District Secretary/Treasurer.

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Statement Summary			Unrestricted	Restricted	DO (25-27)	SOW (25-27)	SIA (23-25)	ODA Weeds "A" 2026	Weaver SG	Beals SG	Morgan SG	Applegate SG
LGIP Account June 1st	**$**	**187,184.37**										CLOSED
Checking Account June 1st	**$**	**22,817.59**	$ 35,700.68	$ 174,943.26	**$ (3,158.08)**	**$ (5,341.72)**	**$ 8,309.82**	**$ 47,700.88**	**$ 311.54**	**$ 0.00**	**$ 0.00**	**$ 0.00**
June Deposits:												
SIA	$	-										
319 Grant (DEQ)	$	-										
Capacity Grant 21-23 OWEB	$	-										
ODA Capacity Grant	$	-										
ODA State Weed Board	$	-										
BLM	$	13,573.76										
OWEB	$	39,868.15										
Contracted Payment	$	2,118.39										
Interest	$	3.04	$ 561.64									
Refund												
Office Building Sale Transfer	$	24,976.00										
Total Checking Deposits	**$**	**80,539.34**										
June Debits:												
Transfers	$	-										
Personnel Services												
Wages	$	9,087.61	$ (432.74)		$ (1,730.97)	$ (3,091.02)	$ (1,390.96)		$ (278.19)			
PERS Retirement	$	1,977.20	$ (94.15)		$ (376.61)	$ (672.52)	$ (302.63)		$ (60.53)			
Payroll Taxes	$	3,720.97	$ (177.19)		$ (708.76)	$ (1,265.64)	$ (569.54)		$ (113.91)			
Worker's Compensation Ins.	$	698.56			$ (698.56)							
Total Personal Services	**$**	**15,484.34**										
Materials & Services												
Bank Fees	$	19.32	$ (19.32)									
Accounting & Legal	$	-										
Advertising	$	-										
Contracted Services	$	27,109.00										
Dues & Membership	$	561.47			$ (561.47)							
Insurance	$	-										
Materials	$	10,893.22				$ (63.99)			$ (258.12)			
Monitoring	$	-										
Office Supplies	$	18.49				$ (18.49)						
Office Rent	$	95.00				$ (95.00)						
Staff Travel & Training	$	381.62				$ (285.92)						
Telephone	$	127.03				$ (127.03)						
Utilities	$	21.98				$ (21.98)						
Total Materials & Services	**$**	**39,227.13**										
Total Checking Charges	**$**	**54,711.47**	$ (723.40)		$ (4,076.37)	$ (5,641.59)	$ (2,263.13)	$ -	$ (710.75)	$ -	$ -	$ -
Grant Balances					**$ (7,234.45)**	**$ (10,983.31)**	**$ 6,046.69**	**$ 47,700.88**	**$ (399.20)**	**$ 0.00**	**$ 0.00**	**$ 0.00**
Checking Account June 30th	**$**	**48,645.46**								CLOSED	CLOSED	
LGIP Account June 30th	**$**	**162,770.01**										
			Unrestricted	**Restricted**								
			$ 31,282.99	$ 180,132.48								

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Fund Balance																
	Pheasants SG + DEQ	DCWAB	Beals Trib SG	Bland Branch SG	Doerner SG	Stinger Gulch SG	Buckhorn Creek (Rest.)	Fall Creek (Rest.)	BLM GNA + MIT	BLM Pumpchance	SURCAT	DERBY	UNPP NWL
$	**(0.00)**	**$ 2,226.01**	**$ (1,586.50)**	**$ (349.31)**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ (807.66)**	**$ (905.63)**	**$ (4,079.77)**	**$ -**	**$ (843.19)**	**$ 3,000.00**	**$ (2,160.89)**
									$ 12,400.00	$ 1,173.76			
				$ 33,853.24			$ 6,014.91						
											$ 674.24		$ 1,444.15
			$ (216.37)	$ (309.10)		$ (92.73)			$ (1,329.14)				$ (216.37)
			$ (47.08)	$ (67.25)		$ (20.18)			$ (289.18)				$ (47.08)
			$ (88.59)	$ (126.56)		$ (37.97)			$ (544.22)				$ (88.59)
				$ (22,109.00)			$ (5,000.00)						
				$ (9,878.12)					$ (692.99)				
									$ (95.70)				
$	-	$ -	$ (352.04)	$ (32,490.04)	$ -	$ (150.88)	$ (5,000.00)	$ -	$ (2,951.24)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ (352.04)
$	**(0.00)**	**$ 2,226.01**	**$ (1,938.55)**	**$ 1,013.90**	**$ -**	**$ (150.88)**	**$ 207.25**	**$ (905.63)**	**$ 5,368.99**	**$ 1,173.76**	**$ (168.95)**	**$ 3,000.00**	**$ (1,068.78)**
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LGIP Account July 1st 2025	**$**	**282,248.42**										
Checking Account July 1st 2025	**$**	**29,788.84**	$ 21,052.70	$ 290,984.56	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 32,516.41**	**$ 54,139.21**	**$ 22,113.88**	**$ 6,719.88**	**$ (165.75)**	**$ 3,555.68**
Deposits:												
SIA	$	10,910.50	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 10,910.50	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
319 Grant (DEQ)	$	4,017.50	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Derby	$	3,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
ODA Capacity Grant	$	106,303.00	$ 5,141.00	$ -	$ 38,581.00	$ 62,581.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
ODA State Weed Board	$	79,929.50	$ 14,582.96	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 65,346.54	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
BLM	$	104,850.12	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
OWEB	$	122,535.85	$ 5,096.33	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 25,681.40	$ -	$ 7,076.86	$ 1,069.67
Contracted Payment	$	2,478.89	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Interest	$	31.80	$ 8,496.70	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Refund	$	844.07	$ 844.07	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Transfer	$	258,029.68	$ 18,762.82	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ (2,111.11)	$ -
Total Deposits	**$**	**692,930.91**										
Debits:												
Transfers	**$**	**130,079.02**	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ (313.59)	$ -	$ -
Personnel Services												
Wages	$	109,657.33	$ (11,302.65)	$ -	$ (21,389.32)	$ (37,824.47)	$ (16,383.57)	$ (1,854.40)	$ (986.37)	$ (1,284.04)	$ -	$ (452.05)
PERS Retirement	$	22,519.41	$ (2,198.69)	$ -	$ (4,475.71)	$ (8,020.65)	$ (3,145.71)	$ (438.05)	$ (201.28)	$ (303.15)	$ -	$ (32.90)
Payroll Taxes	$	83,253.82	$ (5,644.85)	$ (31,405.00)	$ (9,395.24)	$ (17,176.08)	$ (8,287.84)	$ (1,078.95)	$ (464.54)	$ (709.42)	$ -	$ (396.30)
Worker's Compensation Ins.	$	1,567.86	$ -	$ -	$ (1,567.86)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Personal Services	**$**	**216,998.42**										
Materials & Services												
Bank Fees	$	210.60	$ (188.57)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Accounting & Legal	$	4,907.12	$ -	$ -	$ (1,653.37)	$ (3,253.75)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Advertising	$	-	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Contracted Services	$	257,243.08	$ -	$ -	$ (439.50)	$ (1,245.00)	$ (9,275.44)	$ (68,155.35)	$ (28,727.50)	$ (3,000.00)	$ (4,000.00)	$ (3,700.00)
Dues & Membership	$	1,198.13	$ -	$ -	$ (1,198.13)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Insurance	$	3,570.00	$ -	$ -	$ (3,570.00)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Materials	$	48,809.58	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ (916.48)	$ -	$ (258.12)	$ (17,814.79)	$ (1,109.67)	$ (800.00)	$ -
Monitoring	$	-	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Office Supplies	$	656.67	$ -	$ -	$ (443.32)	$ (213.35)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Office Rent	$	1,140.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ (1,140.00)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Staff Travel & Training	$	4,948.95	$ (1,904.82)	$ -	$ -	$ (1,844.82)	$ (287.66)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ (44.10)
Telephone	$	1,263.01	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ (1,263.01)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Utilities	$	3,049.71	$ -	$ -	$ (1,683.00)	$ (666.71)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Materials & Services	**$**	**326,996.85**										
Total Checking Charges	**$**	**674,074.29**	$ (21,239.59)		$ (45,815.45)	$ (73,564.31)	$ (37,380.22)	$ (71,784.87)	$ (48,194.48)	$ (6,719.88)	$ (4,800.00)	$ (4,625.35)
Grant Balances					**$ (7,234.45)**	**$ (10,983.31)**	**$ 6,046.69**	**$ 47,700.88**	**$ (399.20)**	**$ 0.00**	**$ -**	**$ 0.00**
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	$ (1,745.49)	**$ 2,226.01**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 8,685.60**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 12,227.89**	**$ (5,316.55)**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**
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	$ 11,100.50	$ -	$ 7,866.86	$ 33,853.24	$ 4,651.40	$ -	$ 6,014.91	$ 20,124.68	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
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	$ (854.44)	$ -	$ (761.50)	$ (366.57)	$ -	$ (92.73)	$ (336.42)	$ (146.48)	$ (13,316.39)	$ -	$ (495.18)	$ -	$ (1,767.19)
	$ (168.36)	$ -	$ (178.36)	$ (77.73)	$ -	$ (20.18)	$ (73.98)	$ (19.62)	$ (2,628.06)	$ -	$ (117.65)	$ -	$ (413.17)
	$ (626.74)	$ -	$ (308.68)	$ (149.81)	$ -	$ (37.97)	$ (139.14)	$ (99.63)	$ (6,361.00)	$ -	$ (230.36)	$ -	$ (724.98)
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	$ (9,755.00)	$ -	$ (7,400.00)	$ (22,109.00)	$ (13,337.00)	$ -	$ (5,000.00)	$ (19,946.00)	$ (61,153.29)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
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	$ (259.00)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ (519.25)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 31.90
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	$ (11,663.54)	$ -	$ (9,805.41)	$ (32,839.34)	$ (13,337.00)	$ (150.88)	$ (5,807.66)	$ (33,258.20)	$ (87,990.82)	$ -	$ (843.19)	$ -	$ (2,873.43)
	$ 686.66 CLOSED	**$ 2,226.01**	**$ (1,938.55)**	**$ 1,013.90**	**$ -** CLOSED	**$ (150.88)**	**$ 207.25**	**$ (905.63)**	**$ 5,368.99**	**$ 1,173.76**	**$ (168.95)**	**$ 3,000.00**	**$ (1,068.78)**

Douglas Soil And Water Conservation District
Budget 2025-2026

		Yearly Budget		As of June 30th 2025			
Checking Account July 1 2025		**$**	**25,000.00**	**$**	**29,788.84**	Unrestricted:	$21,052.70
LGIP Account July 1 2025		**$**	**200,000.00**	**$**	**282,248.42**	Restricted:	$290,984.56
Resource (Inflows):							
Project Income - Federally Funded		$	70,000.00	$	104,850.12	150%	
Project Income - State Funded		$	391,500.00	$	323,696.35	83%	
Project Income - Other Sources		$	-	$	5,478.89		
Project Expense Reimbursement		$	-	$	-		
Donations		$	10,000.00	$	-	0%	
Interest Income		$	10,000.00	$	8,528.50	85%	
Total Deposits		$	481,500.00	$	442,553.86	92%	
Amount Available for Appropriation		**$**	**706,500.00**	**$**	**754,591.12**	107%	
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):							
Personnel Services							
Wages (+Tax, Fringe)		$	170,400.00	$	183,621.53	108%	
Worker's Compensation Ins.		$	350.00	$	1,567.86	448%	
Total Personal Services		**$**	**170,750.00**	**$**	**185,189.39**	108%	
Materials & Services							
Legal Fees		$	5,000.00	$	4,741.25	95%	
Advertising		$	75.00	$	165.87	221%	
Bookkeeping (include QBO)		$	6,250.00	$	6,950.75	111%	
Contracted Services		$	242,000.00	$	250,292.33	103%	
Dues & Bank Fees		$	500.00	$	1,198.13	240%	
Insurance (Liablilty + Vehicle)		$	3,500.00	$	3,570.00	102%	
Materials		$	35,000.00	$	48,809.58	139%	
Monitoring		$	20,000.00	$	-	0%	
Office Supplies		$	1,000.00	$	656.67	66%	
District Vehicle		$	1,500.00	$	1,904.82	127%	
Staff Travel & Training		$	2,000.00	$	3,044.13	152%	
Telephone		$	1,236.00	$	1,263.01	102%	
Rent (Storage)		$	1,140.00	$	1,140.00	100%	
Other Utilities		$	2,000.00	$	3,049.71	152%	
Total Materials & Services		**$**	**321,201.00**	**$**	**326,786.25**	102%	
IRS Payment from LGIP		$	148,800.00	$	31,200.00	21%	
Total Charges to Appropriations		**$**	**640,751.00**	**$**	**543,175.64**	85%	
End of Year Total	7/1/2025	**$**	**65,749.00**	6/30/2026	**$ 211,415.48**		
Checking Account	7/1/2025	$	50,047.83	6/30/2026	$ 48,645.46	Unrestricted:	$31,282.99
LGIP Account	7/1/2025	$	15,701.17	6/30/2026	$ 162,770.02	Restricted:	$180,132.49

July 2026 Admin Report

July 2026 Board Meeting
7/15/26 - 5pm - 6pm at Roseburg NRCS

1 hour meeting

AUP - Big Update:
I have been working a lot with the auditor. They have been having trouble this entire time tying anything back to our QuickBooks and are basing their audit off of my documents that easily tie directly to our bank accounts and grant balances. They should be done very soon with everything. Two things of note:

-Our QuickBooks really just seem unsalvageable to them. They are going to explore options that may allow us to start clean or something as similar as is allowed/legal.

-They've recommended using someone in the state for our books, and preferably not using QuickBooks Online (despite Intuit ending support for the desktop version). They will be contacting me with the information of a local-ish bookkeeper that 1) does other books for SWCDs and 2) they believe does very clean and accurate bookkeeping.
Hopefully this person would take us on as a client, it's not guaranteed.

Policy - We will be getting back into our personnel and contract policies for review in September. If there are other policies you think we may need, please let me know. I'm sure the auditors may have some ideas too.

Grants Project Updates -

<u>USFWS Partner's Program</u>

- They finally received some funding that they are sending our way to help with oak habitat restoration. $40k for on-the-ground contracting and admin. It's basically like OWEB's small grant program. I believe we should see this in the Fall.

<u>Pumpchance</u>

- Grant agreement received! $250k ready for distributions. I've got everything ready to go . PUR has already started going out and I'll start this week too.

<u>GNA (CWMA)</u>

- Discussing viability of a local gravel pit weed free certification program with BLM/county. Will be contracting ODA to certify BLM gravel pits while I consider a more local approach.
- Next meeting will probably be late summer/early fall.

MIT Fund (N. Bank)

- Meeting with BLM in the next week or two to discuss what's left for this fund of money and what we may look at for the next fund. We still need to procure native seed and do some follow up weeds treatments in the burn area.

Class A Weeds

- Contractors are actively working through distaff thistle treatments. I will be checking on them periodically over the next few weeks.

OWEB NWL

- I will be doing some follow up vegetation surveys throughout June and getting a report in for July 1st.

UOP

- Focused Investment Partnership Grant (FIP) SUBMITTED July 13th.. Much of my work has gone into helping to write this application. We have asked for $14.5 million dollars for oak habitat restoration in Douglas County.
- Our landowner oak habitat engagement grant ranked #1 in the region for the engagement category! That would be $40k for my salary if awarded (Won't know for sure until July 29th)

July 2026 Cindy K. Bright
Conservation Technician/Project Manager

NRCS
The computer saga continues. My link pass expired while I was locked out. It should have automatically been shipped out in May, but we have not received it. So, we are tracking it down.

SIA/ODA:
The new South Umpqua SIA II Myrtle/Willis has been decided. The area will include the sub-watersheds of upper and lower north Myrtle, upper and lower south Myrtle and Willis creek watersheds. ODA will begin the remote GIS assessment evaluation followed by the field evaluations. The SIA grant is due in November. So, I will begin working on it soon. Once accepted we will begin building the monitoring plan. The overall grant amount has been reduced to $100,000 with $25,000 to go towards monitoring. So I will also work on the next Ag Water Quality grant that opens in January, to help add funds for the outreach for the new SIA and additional funds for monitoring.

SURCAT:
We have signed the letter of participation and MOU. We reviewed the projects and which quarters to place them. Our projects Days Creek projects will occur in the first and second quarters if we receive funding.

MURCAT:
We have begun gathering data of what is currently known of the middle Umpqua sub-watersheds and will begin analyzing in the next meeting, TBA.

ODA/Complaints:
No new complaints.

OWEB:
I submitted a small grant application for the Little River Project. So far it has passed the first review with approval and will now go forward for the second OWEB review.
I'm now working on the Huntley Creek restoration project proposal to submit by the end of the month. I will send out the draft to the board next week.
I'm also considering a larger OWEB restoration grant for BDA work, but it is due in August, so I am not sure I will have time.

ODFW:
The PFA grant that was not awarded was sent forward to another ODFW funding request and was not approved for funding in this round. The proposal was for instream work in the SIA area. But I am now adding it to the SIA small grant for installation labor. The Derby grant funding is to purchase the supplies.

DERBY grant:
I am still working on accumulating BDA material supplies.

KANIPE PARK:
I had a very exciting meeting with Kirk with ODFW, Dallas with Sustainable Northwest, and Sam and Dan Camble, the cattle couple leasing the park. We are working on the information to be able to fund the virtual fence piolet project. I discussed it with ODA, and they are excited for the project as well. We have a lot of work to do and hope to have a proposal by 2027. It will be at least a $100,000 proposal.

PUR:
Joe is submitting a proposal for water quality monitoring in the SIA area. The funding will help to extend their current monitoring efforts in the area and on our SIA projects.

Outreach:

DCLA:
I have been too busy to participate in the last meeting so maybe Dr. Hendy can update us at the board meeting. The education grant proposal I wanted to go for would have been more feasible if the event were to take place on a weekend when youth could attend so I will not be pursuing it at this time.
Agency coordination for outreach:
I am still thinking of going for a partnership grant with other organizations to create a big public event where we can all showcase what we do and can offer for our community, but it will have to wait until my workload eases up a bit.
Douglas County Fair:
I will be compiling some SWCD outreach materials to display at the sheep info booth in the sheep barn and PUR may have a fair booth as well that I will help with and also have SWCD info on it.
Training:
Nothing planned at this time.
June/July work plan:
I'll be working on projects in progress, continuing with project proposals to submit and compiling outreach materials for the fair. I will be busy at the fair but will dedicate half time teleworking or be at info booth. I will be taking AL the rest of the time and show day off.

Projects in progress at a glance, Ag water quality projects:

Pheasant Creek_Hackett/Ducan:
I will be going out to assess this winter's damage on the BDAs and add additional willow weaves. And I'm assisting the landowner with additional plantings. The bridge work is in progress and should start the instream work window, July 15th.
Upper Pheasant Creek_Piscapo:
I will begin pulling this proposal together to hopefully submit in August/September.
Fall Creek_Monarich:
Next phase is to plant additional native shrubs next fall/winter.
Buckhorn Creek_Hendy:
Blackberry removal and the spring development is in progress.
Doerner Creek_Gayner:
The blackberry removal has begun.
Little River_Tilcott:
The proposal has been submitted and awaiting final approval.
Bennet Creek_Booher:
I still need to touch base to see if they are ready for BDAs and will assist with the placement and permitting.
Huntley Creek_Clough:
I'm preparing a project proposal to submit by end of July.
Riddle Ag Ponds_Martinez:
I hope to start a proposal soon to help with the lower pond water quality issue.
Other Ag water quality projects that were on hold: I have not heard back from landowners for Lookingglass and Callahan. These were projects that I wanted to join with PUR doing the instream work but given the stream conditions at these sites the liabilities as of the March 2024 flood have increased, and PUR is not willing to do now.

Callapooia Creek:

Discussions have begun with other agencies, PUR and ODFW, and the city of Oakland on how to approach this large project. And we need to contact the train company for help with engineering because of the train bridge. I've been very busy and need to touch base back with everyone.

South Umpqua SIA projects:

The next SIA project grant window will open in December and close in February.

Weaver Creek_Sherman:
Phase V approved. This project is set to begin once the Buckhorn project is completed.

Woods/Days creek_Michales Ranch LLC:
Did not get approved, but submitting in the SURCAT FIP grant. And I may resubmit to the next SIA grant too.

Stinger Gulch_Michaels:
Approved and beginning planning with the contractor to start blackberry removal.

Bland Branch_TorS Ranch LLC:
Working on getting seed ordered and new BDA materials.

Tiller Trail Hwy_Three Cluff LLC:
On hold for now. The land manager has not heard back from the landowners on the scope of the project and how much match they can contribute.

Days Creek_Arp:
The NRCS engineer is still not available to complete the design work. Then I can consult with contractor for bid to determine which grant to go for. This project proposal is also on the SURCAT FIP list.

O'Shea Creek:
The landowner is due to return in July then can discuss restoration and stream protection options. This landowner may only need guidance and can fund the project themselves.

Days Creek_Eichman:
I need to touch base again with the land manager to see if the landowners are ready to move forward. I did include this area in the SURCAT FIP grant.

Vacation:
I plan on taking some vacation time to spend with my long-time girlfriends starting July 23rd and returning July 28th.