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

Attendees

Directors: Scott Hendy, John Estill, Diana Woodward, Brenda Epp | **Employees:** Maggie Begoun, Cindy Bright

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Board Chair, John Estill at 4:12pm.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Dir. Woodward motions to approve the minutes of the February Board Meeting & Workshop.

> **Discussion:** Upon reviewing the February meeting notes, Dir. Woodward asks Bright if there is any follow up with the NRCS trainings. Bright answers that she has signed up for the trainings that are June-July to become a certified soil surveyor for NRCS's new program. NRCS would directly contract Bright through the District for the work.
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> Dir. Woodward asks where the district is at with getting a grant writer. Begoun explains that she got in touch with Barbara Grant upon Eric Nusbaum's recommendation. Grant has talked with Dir. Briggs, Begoun, & Bright now and is offering to help us for a free - but for planning out and editing grants – not actually writing them. While Begoun thinks this is extremely helpful, she thinks the district still needs a grant writer to actually take on the work of grant writing as that was supposed to relieve some pressure on the staff.
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>> Bright notes that their meeting with Grant was a good one and she's willing to run with the agricultural outreach idea that was discussed. Bright would like to write a grant that helps DCLA fund their conference and go bigger with outreach that could help draw more members for them. Dir. Hendy notes that DCLA should become a registered 501(c)3, and that Begoun should contact Wildlife Safari's grant writer to see if she's interested in helping.

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

The motion passed.

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Financial & Admin Report – Please see attached reports.

Documents presented to the board:
February and March Expense Report, March QuickBooks Reports, 26-27 Draft Budget

Budget: The board goes over the draft budget for next fiscal year. The budget reflects the district maintaining the same hours for staff with the grants that are known to be coming through. There is a note at the bottom of potential grants that will bolster the district and potentially allow for an increase in capacity once we know if they are awarded.

> Bright adds that the second SIA planning will be starting next week. We are guaranteed this SIA and the technical assistance grant that comes with it. While we can backbill to July 1st, 2026 - we won't receive the funds until Spring 2027.
>
> Begoun speaks to the Umpqua Oak Partnership's Focused Investment Partnership grant application. The steering committee met for this grant on Monday to begin planning this multi-million dollar application to bring funds to the Umpqua for oak restoration. Main partners include DSWCD, CCTribe, DFPA, ODFW, BLM, & USFWS. The committee decided they would like DSWCD to be the fiscal administrator. We would receive the admin funds for this grant as well as funds for the weeds program and ag program.

March QB: Dir. Hendy asks why there is a negative number in the deposited funds on the March Quickbooks Balance Sheet. Begoun will ask the bookkeeper and also schedule another meeting with her for the board to ask questions about the status of financials/reading the reports. Dir. Woodwards adds it might be because the grants are entered into liabilities. Begoun notes they are working on closing out multiple grants and how that will be logged in the QuickBook as well.

IRS: Begoun updates the board that the IRS has sent a letter to our bookkeeper who was given POA (and probably our lawyer who has not contacted me) that the IRS plans to contact us in July about the most recent Offer we put in with them. Begoun notes that the biggest thing to keep in mind is that we have not received notice of the first offer getting rejected and we have not received our first offer's payment back yet.

AUP: Our auditor, Grimstad CPA, let me know they were backed up tax work until April 15th. They promised to get our AUP out to us quickly after - so be on the lookout for that. Dir. Woodward asks if the auditor would be willing to go over it with the board - Begoun will ask. She notes that all previous audits, financial reviews, and in-lieu-of audits can be found on the Secretary of State's website. Once the board receives this AUP, it will probably be time to ask them to do our next one for FY25-26 and our budget accounts for this through our district capacity grant (not our building/IRS fund).

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FY24-25 Annual Meeting:

> **Resolution:** Board Resolution #2026-01 is presented to the board for the district to hold its annual meeting at 4:00pm, Wednesday, June 17th at the NRCS Roseburg building. The board agrees to the resolution and for the chairman to sign the resolution.

Weeds Work: Begoun has a contractor lined out for three separate projects, all to start as soon as the rains stop. This includes spraying meadowknapweed & blackberry at Ford's Pond (City of Sutherlin), spraying distaff thistle around the county (mostly private lands), and spraying blackberry at North Bank Habitat Management Area (BLM)

Elections: All board members besides Dir. Briggs are up for election this November. Between July 16th and August 18th, board members that are going to re-run for their positions needs to submit two documents to ODA: Declaration of Candidacy & the Signature Petition (that must be certified by the Douglas County clerk first). Begoun will send out these documents to the board and recommends that they also spread the word for potential new board members. Dir. Epp notes that she will not be running for re-election.

Conservation Technician Report – Please see attached report.

NRCS: Bright is working with Stokes for the agenda on the Douglas County Working Group meeting planned for Wednesday May 6th, 2026. This is the annual meeting where NRCS describes to agencies and landowners what programs they offer and gets feedback from the public on where NRCS should be focussing their efforts. The SWCD will also present on programs they offer the public. Bright encourages the board to reach out to organizations and invite landowners to this meeting.

SIA #2 Planning: Bright met with PUR to discuss priority watersheds. They recommended the Cow Creek Watershed area. Bright and Begoun will be meeting with ODA next week to kick-off planning and see where ODA should focus its pre-project analysis efforts.

SURCAT: This group is also applying for a Focused Investment Partnership grant that will focus on in-stream restoration in the South Umpqua. They've narrowed down their projects and are now deciding which are the most shovel-ready for the first biennium of work.

Future Projects: Bright has been working with a new landowner on Pheasant Creek to extend restoration efforts in that watershed. She is also working with a new landowner on Huntley Creek. Those landowners are signing up for the county emergency funds - which should be noted that those funds are coming through an organization in Glide that was designated the executor of those funds. Bright recommends contacting the county about the SWCD becoming an executor of their emergency funds in the future.

> Three out of four SIA restoration grants (Bland, Stinger, Weaver - $30k each) were awarded, and one regular small grant (Doerner - $20k) is likely to be awarded soon.

ODFW: The PFA ranked highly, but it is below many much more expensive projects so it is likely that it won't get funded just due to lack of funds. However, ODFW submitted the SWCD's PFA project to a different funding source that shows potential for award.

Field Tours: Bright would like to get the board to visit some of her project sites this May, but if that's too close of deadline - the board should plan on going for site visits in the Fall. Bright has completed many projects now and would like to share their success.

ECWC: Elk Creek Watershed Coalition is kicking off their Middle Umpqua Strategic Action Planning next week which Bright will be a part of.

> Susan Applegate and John Estill have asked the board if they would sign their petition to the county commissioners to allow the Coalition to be designated as an official Watershed Council. Upon discussion, it was decided to table this decision until the board could receive clarification on why the commissioners rejected this designation the first time, and what the Coalition is doing to address the commissioner's concerns.

Planning Workshop - Annual Work Plan Review (attached)

Begoun notes that she did not change anything on the AWP from last year. She recommends the board go through it considering condensing the plan to our main yearly focuses. This would involve removing partners/goals we have not been working with/towards and making sure we highlight partners/goals that we would like to support the most. Examples would be the district's close work with DCLA, DSWA, & UOP. Things considered for removal: NRCS' CREP program (they don't have one), USFWS' Partners program (they don't have one), etc.

> Begoun notes that the AWP is a requirement by ODA to receive our Capacity Grant but the district has full control of what goes into the plan. The plan is a way for the district to set goals and expectations for itself each year.

Bright recommends highlighting SURCAT and their Focused Investment Partnership, adding the 2nd SIA, as well as the Middle Umpqua SAP. Begoun recommends highlighting UOP and their Focused Investment Partnership. Begoun recommends the board think about between now and next meeting who and what they want to support this coming fiscal year.

> Dir. Epp asks how UOP is funded. Begoun answers that there is just one coordinator that is funded through PacificBirds & Ducks Unlimited. UOP is a working group so it cannot directly receive funds. The working group however is made up of probably around 50 partners that support oak restoration. Dir. Epp notes that she is skeptical of oak restoration and that OWEB will have enough money to dole out for the FIP grant. Bright explains the importance of oak restoration for biodiversity, agricultural management, and wildfire protection. Begoun explains that OWEB will continue to get more competitive over time as money dwindles, but for now they have the money that they can offer this grant with. Begoun adds that the potential for the district to grow and be funded for 6-10 years with this grant shouldn't be ignored.

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Dir. Woodward asks about the status of our Rough Popcornflower Property. Begoun notes that it is ODA and not really USFWS who maintain the rules on sensitive species, especially in the case of the SWCD. From our meeting with their plant specialist, Jordan Brown, it was noted that as long as we don't do anything to harm the popcornflower population, we are in the clear. They consider selling the property to someone who will not manage the population as doing harm and would likely take action against us. They do NOT consider the lack of management (ex: weeds work) due to the lack of funding as harm to the population though

> Dir. Epp asks about the SURCAT group. Bright notes that this is the South Umpqua River Coho Action Team and it has a lot of organizations attached to its partnership. Almost any agency you can think of, as well as local salmonid protection groups.

Dir. Epp asks about any effort to grow Coho salmon locally at any hatcheries. Bright answers that while this isn't a focus of the SURCAT group, there is movement with ODFW on re-opening the hatchery built on Rock Creek. They also have another acclimation area for Coho in the Canyonville area on Cabin Creek. The Coastal Resilience Team that recently formed has more of a focus on that type of effort.

> Dir. Epp how the team goes about finding Coho locations. Bright answers that data is brought in from all the agencies that track them along with those that analyze their habitats. The team, especially those more familiar with certain areas of the watershed, discuss the quality and priority ranking of those habitats for restoration. They also analyze for gaps in the data and what is causing major stressors if there are any.

Dir. Epp asks about her property's stream that previously there was nothing recorded for salmon habitat, but now there is. Bright recommends Epp speak with ODFW on their findings and how they designate certain creeks and watersheds.

Conclusion of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47pm.

The board will be meeting at **4:00pm** for a **District Planning Meeting** which will be followed by the **regularly scheduled board meeting** on **Wednesday, May 20th** @ NRCS Roseburg.

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

Douglas Soil And Water Conservation District
Feb-26

Statement Summary			Fund Balance											
			Unrestricted	Restricted	DO (25-27)	SOW (25-27)	SIA (23-25)	ODA Weeds "A" 2025	Weaver SG	Morgan SG	Applegate SG	Pheasants SG + DEQ	DCWAB
LGIP Account February 1st	**$**	**190,780.14**											
Checking Account February 1st	**$**	**34,639.31**	$ 31,254.85	$ 194,164.60	**$ 3,572.51**	**$ 5,945.95**	**$ 19,187.12**	**$ 10,000.00**	**$ (4,038.42)**	**$ (165.75)**	**$ (1,069.67)**	**$ (35.19)**	**$ 2,226.01**
February Deposits:													
SIA	$	-											
319 Grant (DEQ)	$	-											
ODA Capacity Grant	$	-											
ODA State Weed Board	$	-											
BLM	$	36,056.52											
OWEB	$	25,216.56							$ 17,082.20	$ 7,076.86		$ 1,057.50	
DCWAB	$	-											
Interest Earned	$	2.74	$ 601.38										
Refund	$	107.45	$ 107.45										
Transfer	$	8,711.40											
Total Checking Deposits	**$**	**70,094.67**											
February Debits:													
Transfers	$	8,711.40											
Personnel Services													
Wages	$	9,073.06	$ (432.05)		$ (4,197.06)	$ (1,357.87)	$ (833.24)		$ (277.75)				
PERS Retirement	$	1,977.20	$ (94.15)		$ (914.62)	$ (295.91)	$ (181.58)		$ (60.53)				
Payroll Taxes	$	3,722.85	$ (177.28)		$ (1,722.13)	$ (557.16)	$ (341.89)		$ (113.96)				
Worker's Compensation Ins	$	-											
Total Personal Services	**$**	**14,773.11**											
Materials & Services													
Bank Fees	$	22.03											
Accounting & Legal	$	-											
Advertising	$	-											
Contracted Services	$	22,699.50			$ (439.50)				$ (6,140.00)	$ (4,000.00)			
Dues & Membership	$	-											
Insurance	$	3,570.00			$ (3,570.00)								
Materials	$	6,940.00							$ (6,140.00)	$ (800.00)			
Monitoring	$	-											
Office Supplies	$	-											
Office Rent	$	95.00				$ (95.00)							
Staff Travel & Training	$	82.65											
Telephone	$	103.30				$ (103.30)							
Utilities	$	1,344.98			$ (1,323.00)	$ (21.98)							
Total Materials & Services	**$**	**34,857.46**											
Total Checking Charges	**$**	**58,341.97**	$ (703.48)		$ (12,166.32)	$ (2,431.22)	$ (1,356.71)	$ -	$ (12,732.24)	$ (4,800.00)	$ -	$ -	$ -
Grant Balances					**$ (8,593.81)**	**$ 3,514.73**	**$ 17,830.41**	**$ 10,000.00**	**$ 311.54**	**$ 2,111.11**	**$ (1,069.67)**	**$ 1,022.31**	**$ 2,226.01**
Checking Account February 28t	**$**	**46,392.01**						CLOSED					
LGIP Account February 28th	**$**	**191,378.78**						Match for 2026					
			Unrestricted	**Restricted**									
			$ 27,076.91	$ 210,693.88									

	Beals Trib SG	Bland Branch SG	Fall Creek (Rest.)	BLM GNA + MIT	SURCAT	DERBY	UNPP NWL
	$ 1,433.01	**$ (349.31)**	**$ (805.13)**	**$ (1,775.31)**	**$ (267.42)**	**$ 3,000.00**	**$ (748.60)**
				$ 36,056.52			
	$ (61.72)		$ (61.72)	$ (1,543.04)	$ (92.58)		$ (216.03)
	$ (13.45)		$ (13.45)	$ (336.26)	$ (20.18)		$ (47.08)
	$ (25.33)		$ (25.33)	$ (633.14)	$ (37.99)		$ (88.64)
	$ (2,200.00)			$ (9,920.00)			
				$ 29.00			$ 53.65
	$ (2,300.50)	$ -	$ (100.50)	$ (12,403.43)	$ (150.75)	$ -	$ (298.09)
	$ (867.49)	**$ (349.31)**	**$ (905.63)**	**$ 21,877.77**	**$ (418.17)**	**$ 3,000.00**	**$ (1,046.69)**

Douglas Soil And Water Conserv

Mar-26

Statement Summary			Unrestricted	Restricted	DO (25-27)	SOW (25-27)	SIA (23-25)	ODA Weeds "A" 2025	Weaver SG
LGIP Account March 1st	**$**	**191,378.78**							
Checking Account March 1st	**$**	**46,392.01**	$ 27,076.91	$ 210,693.88	**$ (8,593.81)**	**$ 3,514.73**	**$ 17,830.41**	**$ 10,000.00**	**$ 311.54**
March Deposits:									
SIA	$	-							
319 Grant (DEQ)	$	-							
ODA Capacity Grant	$	-							
ODA State Weed Board	$	-							
BLM	$	-							
OWEB	$	3,202.16	$ 2,005.00						
DCWAB	$	-							
Interest Earned	$	3.17	$ 574.01						
Refund	$	-	$ -						
Transfer	$	31,405.00	$ 3,133.42						
Total Checking Deposits	**$**	**34,610.33**							
March Debits:									
Transfers	$	-							
Personnel Services									
Wages	$	8,730.36	$ (685.96)		$ (1,933.15)	$ (1,933.15)	$ (2,463.21)		
PERS Retirement	$	1,883.04	$ (147.95)		$ (416.96)	$ (416.96)	$ (531.29)		
Payroll Taxes	$	34,950.58	$ (278.58)	$ (31,405.00)	$ (785.09)	$ (785.09)	$ (1,000.36)		
Worker's Compensation Ins.	$	-							
Total Personal Services	**$**	**45,563.98**							
Materials & Services									
Bank Fees	$	20.03	$ (20.03)						
Accounting & Legal	$	-							
Advertising	$	-							
Contracted Services	$	10,148.00				$ (600.00)			
Dues & Membership	$	-							
Insurance	$	-							
Materials	$	-							
Monitoring	$	-							
Office Supplies	$	140.87			$ (140.87)				
Office Rent	$	95.00				$ (95.00)			
Staff Travel & Training	$	97.40				$ (66.95)			
Telephone	$	103.30				$ (103.30)			
Utilities	$	30.97				$ (30.97)			
Total Materials & Services	**$**	**10,635.57**							
Total Checking Charges	**$**	**56,199.55**	$ (1,132.52)		$ (3,276.07)	$ (4,031.42)	$ (3,994.86)	$ -	$ -
Grant Balances					**$ (11,869.89)**	**$ (516.69)**	**$ 13,835.55**	**$ 10,000.00**	**$ 311.54**
Checking Account March 31st	**$**	**24,802.79**						CLOSED	
LGIP Account March 31st	**$**	**160,544.62**						Match for 2026	
			Unrestricted	**Restricted**					
			$ 27,948.72	$ 157,398.69					

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	Fund Balance										
	Morgan SG	**Applegate SG**	**Pheasants SG + DEQ**	**DCWAB**	**Beals Trib SG**	**Bland Branch SG**	**Fall Creek (Rest.)**	**BLM GNA + MIT**	**SURCAT**	**DERBY**	**UNPP NWL**
	$ 2,111.11	**$ (1,069.67)**	**$ 1,022.31**	**$ 2,226.01**	**$ (867.49)**	**$ (349.31)**	**$ (905.63)**	**$ 21,877.77**	**$ (418.17)**	**$ 3,000.00**	**$ (1,046.69)**
					$ 836.66						$ 360.50
	$ (2,111.11)		$ (1,022.31)								
					$ (311.80)			$ (1,028.94)	$ (93.54)		$ (280.62)
					$ (67.25)			$ (221.93)	$ (20.18)		$ (60.53)
					$ (126.63)			$ (417.87)	$ (37.99)		$ (113.97)
								$ (9,548.00)			
								$ (30.45)			
	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ (505.68)	$ -	$ -	$ (11,247.19)	$ (151.70)	$ -	$ (455.11)
	$ 0.00	**$ (1,069.67)**	**$ (0.00)**	**$ 2,226.01**	**$ (536.50)**	**$ (349.31)**	**$ (905.63)**	**$ 10,630.59**	**$ (569.87)**	**$ 3,000.00**	**$ (1,141.30)**
	CLOSED		CLOSED								

Douglas Soil And Water Conservation District
Budget 2026-2027

Checking Account July 1 2026	**$**	**40,000.00**	Unrestricted - $25,000
LGIP Account July 1 2026	**$**	**190,000.00**	Restricted - $205,000
Resource (Inflows):			
Project Income - Federally Funded	$	189,000.00	GNA + MIT + Pumpchance
Project Income - State Funded	$	389,000.00	Class A Weeds + Restoration Grants + Small Grants + New SIA
Project Income - Other Sources	$	7,500.00	UNPP NWL
Project Expense Reimbursement	$	-	
Donations	$	-	
Interest Income	$	7,200.00	
Total Deposits	$	585,200.00	
Amount Available for Appropriation	**$**	**815,200.00**	
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):			
Personnel Services			
Wages (+Tax, Fringe)	$	189,840.00	
Worker's Compensation Ins.	$	800.00	
Total Personal Services	**$**	**190,640.00**	
Materials & Services			
Legal/Audit Fees	$	18,500.00	Lawyer fee + 25-26 AUP
Advertising	$	75.00	
Bookkeeping	$	4,500.00	
Contracted Services	$	250,000.00	Project Work, Grant Writer
Dues & Membership	$	750.00	
Insurance (Liablilty + Vehicle)	$	3,600.00	
Materials	$	55,000.00	Project Materials
Monitoring	$	-	
Office Supplies	$	1,000.00	
District Vehicle	$	1,500.00	
Staff Travel & Training	$	5,000.00	
Telephone	$	1,236.00	
Rent (Storage)	$	1,140.00	
Other Utilities	$	3,323.00	
Total Materials & Services	**$**	**345,624.00**	
IRS	**$**	**118,800.00**	
Total Charges to Appropriations	**$**	**655,064.00**	
End of Year Total	**$**	**160,136.00**	
Checking Account June 30 2027	$	36,336.00	Unrestricted - $45,000
LGIP Account June 30 2027	$	123,800.00	Restricted - $115,136

Date: _____

District Chair Signature:_____

Possibly additional grants: Oak Habitat FIP (~few $mil), Oak Engagement ($90k), NBHMA Restoration (~$150k)
PFA Grant ($120k), County Weeds (~$40k)

April 2026 Admin Report

April Board Meeting:
4/15/26 - 4pm - 6pm at Roseburg NRCS

Annual Work Plan

Agenda

Minutes

Financials

Recent Grant Applications

Cindy's Report

Annual Work Plan - Please review the FY26-27 annual work plan. We must have a new one ready to go by the end of June (alongside our FY26-27 budget and proof of our FY24-25 annual meeting)

AUP - Lars Fineman of Grimstad CPA has let me know that the AUP probably won't be finished until after April 15th, as they are quite busy with tax season. **We should still set up our FY 24-25 annual meeting for either May or June.**

IRS - Offer in Compromise #2 was received by the IRS & and they sent a confirmation letter to Amity (our bookkeeper) who let me know t**hey except to get started on it in July.** We will just have to wait until then when they assign an agent to know our next steps, and the status of our first Offer.

Grants Project Updates -

GNA (CWMA)

- Working with Lane County Haz Waste disposal to make a flyer for Douglas County residents to use their facilities. (Still waiting to hear back from Jackson County, and Josephine does not allow Douglas to participate there).
- Prep for Noxious Weed info booths at the Glide Wildflower Show, and MG Plant Expo
- Planning a noxious weed exhibit for the Roseburg Library for Sept-Oct this year!
- Discussing viability of a local gravel pit weed free certification program with BLM/county.
- Cooperative agreement submitted to the County Commissioners to allow Douglas SWCD to be the local designated weed authority. One commissioner is on board, they

will discuss and sign off at their next board meeting. This allows DSWCD to qualify for alternative ODA weed grants.
- Meeting 4/7/26 with BLM to discuss updates and future work.

MIT Fund (N. Bank)
- Brushing has completed for the season. BLM & OCC installed willowstakes + bare root shrubs into the riparian areas. They are also working on getting the paperwork together to allow my contractors to begin spray treatment hopefully in April, maybe May.
- Putting together a native seed procurement list with the help of their botanist.
- Starting work on putting in an OWEB Restoration Grant to continue this work into 2027-28.

Class A Weeds
- Grant awarded! I will be getting the paperwork (land use & grant agreement) whenever ODA gets back to the awardees. Treatment should begin in April and continue through August..
- I have had a few outreach follow up calls with new landowners that need distaff treatment on their land in the Dixonville/Glide areas.

Pumpchance
- Still no word from the state/head office on approval of the grant agreement. Prep work delayed until there is word from them. Hopefully this doesn't come down to the wire.

OWEB NWL
- Vegetation surveys are complete and we've moved on to what this year's treatment is going to look like. Of all the sites, it looks like Ford's Pond's meadow knapweed infestation needs the most help. All three sites are going to be prepped for an October 2026 burn (Ford's Pond, Yew Creek, & Elkton Reserve)
- Ford's Pond is potentially going to be sprayed, particularly for meadowknapweed and blackberry in late April or Early May.

UOP
- Mildred Kanipe: The "Friends" group got a grant to do some treatment. Meeting scheduled for the end of April to start planning .
- Focused Investment Partnership (OWEB): Kick off meeting 4/13 for the Umpqua Oak FIP grant. This is an opportunity to get a lot of funds to Douglas county for the express purpose of restoring oak habitat throughout the county. This includes weed work, prescribed burning, and outreach.
- Umpqua Prescribed Burn Assoc: First meeting in a year or two to take place 3/9. The district needs to be involved in burning, especially as a tool for integrated weed management in oak habitat.

April 2026 Cindy K. Bright
Conservation Technician/Project Manager

NRCS
I will be working on working group meeting this month to invite other agencies, organizations and landowners to come and give input.
I won't have access to engineers until July for livestock water designs etc.
I will be meeting next week with NRCS IT to get ArcPro back on my computer.

SIA/ODA:
The SIA review team met to review grants submitted. Eight grants were submitted, four were ones I submitted and only half the funds available were requested so hopefully ours will be all funded.
The remainder of the funds will be forwarded to next the next round next year.
I will be meeting with ODA April 22nd to begin discussions and analysis for the next SIA.

SURCAT:
The next meeting is planned for April 10th to continue to discuss proposed projects to fund with the FIP grant.

DEQ:
The next meeting for the RAC TMDL team is April 29th. We will be going over our comments and suggestions that we thought should be addressed.

ODA/Complaints:
No new complaints.

OWEB:
I submitted the Doerner phase two project for an OWEB small grant. Not sure yet when we will hear back.

ODFW:
The PFA grant ranked high, but it may still be below the cut-off point where funds run out do to the largest multi-million-dollar projects ranking at the top taking up most of the funds.
However, there is a new funding source coming down to ODFW from Monsanto so they were looking for shovel ready projects to submit and so they forwarded our PFA grant submission to that funding source so it may still be funded.

DERBY grant:
I will begin looking for sources to purchase BDA materials with the $3000 from the Derby grant soon and will be able to purchase smaller willow posts from a planning contractor.

PUR:
SIA water quality monitoring to begin mid-April.

Outreach:

DCLA:
The conference was a success. Preliminary attendees were over 100 people. The presentations were well attended, and we had lots of discussions with new people at our table. Next year it will be on a Saturday, and we will work towards bringing in mor of the public and more exhibits.
Maggie and I met with Barbara Grant and discussed her helping us with a large grant to do outreach and engagement to help pay for me working more and the annual Ag and conservation event. I need to attend the next DCLA board meeting to discuss and get their approval.

Training:
I will be attending the July Agronomy class for soils training at UCC and NRCS will cover the cost.

March/April work plan:
Following up with photo points on projects for reporting.
Checking in on projects in progress.

Working with contractors for beginning projects on Buckhorn and Bland Branch.
I need to get out and assist with bird box installations on projects.
At next board meeting I need feedback on what you would like to see for a project tour, when a good time would be and how much time you would like to spend out on a tour.

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

Pheasant Creek: I have a new project to develop with more landowners interested. First, I need to get back out to site with ODFW for stream input for possible BDA placements.

Pheasant Creek_Hackett/Ducan:
Project completed but follow up on BDAs will need to be done. The beaver dam washed out, and so additional willow stakes will be added to the BDA sites. The bridge will be installed this summer so phase II planning below the bridge will begin.

Morgan Creek_Briggs:
Done except needs bird box installations and updating photo points for reporting.

Elk Creek_Applegate:
Completed and going out April 9th to update photo points for reporting.

Fall Creek_Monrich:
The landowner finished spraying so we put off planting additional vegetation when conditions are good. But they have requested additional willows to plant outside of the project area across the ranch in the stream and pond areas. This landowner is also assisting with getting landowners on Fall creek involved to furth improve fish habitat and access.

Buckhorn Creek_Hendy:
The project is planned to begin soon. I'm seeking a waver from ODFW to start spring box installation before July 15th do to no fish in that portion of the stream.

Doerner Creek_Gayner:
Phase II riparian restoration proposal has been submitted.

Little River_Tilcott:
I requested a different contractor bid for the project to get a more realistic cost.

Bennet Creek:
The project area looks amazing. I procured 300 trees from BLM and took them out to plant and gave instructions for additional willow stake placements.

Ag water quality projects in assessment: On hold for now until more information on funding sources and when my time allows. I will review these project area and prioritize which to work on first.
~Callahan X 3, Lookingglass, Huntley, Riddle Ag ponds. I will be going out to Huntley to reassess what we can do before PUR can do the instream work.

South Umpqua SIA projects:

Weaver Creek_Sherman:
Phase V submitted and awaiting approval.

Beals creek tributary_Stafford:
I need go out and meet with landowners and update photo points for reporting.

Woods/Days creek_Michales Ranch LLC:
Submitted SIA grant proposal.

Stinger Gulch_Michaels:
Submitted SIA grant proposal.

Bland Branch_TorS Ranch LLC:
~Phases I and II to begin soon.
Submitted SIA grant proposal for Phase III. Landowner has replaced all failing culverts above and is eager to begin the next phases up Bland Branch.

Tiller Trail Hwy_Three Cluff LLC:
I met with land lessor to discuss alternatives to do project. I need to go out with contractor to site to discuss alternatives.

Days Creek_Arp:
Delayed do to no NRCS design yet but will take out contractor for input.

O'Shea Creek:
Landowner is out of state and won't be back until July. Then we will meet to discuss creek improvements. Beth with ODA talked with landowner and said he is very interested in doing whatever he can to improve stream conditions.

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Resolution of the Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District

Resolution #2026-01

A Resolution Establishing the Date of the Douglas SWCD's Annual Meeting whereas Oregon Revised Statute 568.580 states that by resolution of the board, by giving due notice, the board of directors shall call an annual meeting of the landowners in the district to present an annual report and audit; therefore,

Be It Resolved that the Annual Meeting of the Douglas SWCD will be held on **June 17th 2026, beginning at 4:00pm** at the Roseburg Natural Resource Conservation Service (**2593 NW Kline St #1662, Roseburg, OR 97471**) and,

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Directors of the Douglas SWCD authorize the District staff to plan and execute all necessary tasks to plan and present the Annual Meeting.

Signature of District Chair

4/15/26
Date of Board Action

Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District
2026-2027 Annual Work Plan

Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District is a local government of the State of Oregon formed under ORS 568 to 210 ORS 568.890.

Mission Statement: To advance the management of land and water by aiding in the conservation and restoration of our natural resources.

We advance our mission by providing technical, financial, and educational resources to local natural resource managers (ranchers, farmers, industrial timber owners, small acreage landowners, rural residents, public land managers) within the district boundaries in Douglas County, OR.

26-27 Priority Natural Resource Issues

Water Quality	Water Availability	Wildfire Management
a. Improve on Bacteria, Sediment, Nutrients, Metals/Toxins based on ODA's Umpqua Basin Agricultural Water Quality Management Plan	a. Create Beaver Dam Analogs b. Improve Spring Developments c. Use of off channel livestock watering facilities	a. Increase Water Availability b. Reduce Fuels c. Encourage Prescribed Burning d. Maintain farm & fire ponds
Fish Habitat	**Wildlife Habitat**	**Soil Conservation**
a. Add in stream structure b. Increase fish access/ Reduce fish barriers c. Increase cold water refugia	a. Increase habitat for riparian/beaver/ pollinators/migratory birds species b. Use uplands/grass filters c. Increase wetlands / floodplain reconnection	a. Help Streambank Erosion/stabilization b. Improve Upland Stabilization (Livestock Mgt & Forest Mgt) d. Increase invasive weed management

26-27 Priority Community Provisions

1. Education	2. Technical Assistance for Landowners
a. Direct Technical Assistance to Landowners b. Outreach Booths c. Workshops/Tours d. Educational material e. Website	a. Site Visits/Resource guidance b. Surveying / Monitoring c. Project Development d. Project Management e. Assist with funding sources
3. Partnership	**4. Economic Stimulus**
a. Work with Local. State, & Federal Agencies b. Work with Non-Profit and Volunteer Organizations	a. Project Funding via Grant Writing a. District Employment b. Contracted Work

26-27 District Priority Areas:

South Umpqua Strategic Implementation Area (SIA #1) & Upcoming, New SIA (#2)
SIA #1: Days Creek, Shively Creek, O'Shea Creek, St. John Creek & SIA #2: TBD

Agricultural Water Quality Projects (Outside of SIA) in Progress
Other watersheds in Douglas SWCD not meeting the Umpqua Basin Agricultural Water Quality Management Plan

Cooperative Weeds Management Areas
Class A Noxious Weed Areas, Umpqua Oak Restoration Priority Habitats, and additional areas highlighted by the DC-CWMA Partnership

26-27 District Priority Objectives

Objective 1. Work to Improve Watershed Health & Agricultural Viability through Technical Assistance.

Key Partners: ODA, NRCS, OSU Extension Service, Douglas County, ODFW, USFWS, PUR, ODF, DFPA, DEQ, NOAA, SURCP, Beaver Coalition, Salmon Coalition, and the South Umpqua River Coho Action Team

A. Provide direct support to local landowners through voluntary site visits as appropriate and staff able.
   1. Provide technical recommendations to improve resource concerns.
   2. Provide information that is appropriate for the application.

B. Support landowner participation in programs (as appropriate for the needs of the landowner and the District)
   1. Present funding options to private landowners as needed.
   2. When not possible or cost effective to work within a fund, direct landowners toward other program/agency representatives (

C. Assist with project design, completion and monitoring on private lands that conserve natural resources, improve watershed health, soil conservation, and promote agricultural sustainability.
   1. Participate in programs that meet the annual and long-term goals of the district. Focus projects on above listed priorities, particularly in the Strategic Implementation Area (South Umpqua).
   2. Provide technical support at an appropriate level to those individuals not interested in receiving grant/program funding.
   3. Engage partner agencies on the behalf of a willing landowner to provide further technical assistance (
   4. Assist ODA with complaints as appropriate.
   5. Write grants that support project implementation.

Objective 2. Work with Other Agencies and Organizations to Promote Common Interests

A. Work with the Oregon Department of Agriculture on Agricultural Water Quality Programs & Weeds Programs.
   1. Whenever appropriate, be present during ODA site visits within the Douglas SWCD.
   2. Assist with the Biennial Review of the Umpqua Basin Agriculture Water Quality Area Management Plan.
   3. Help with any projects relating to the South Umpqua Strategic Implementation Area.
   4. Work with ODA on the SIA monitoring team and monitoring protocols for water quality monitoring.
   5. Focus district funds toward landowners in the chosen SIA for improvement of the agricultural water quality there.
   6. Work with ODA on Class A Noxious Weeds treatments and other projects resulting from Oregon State Weed Board funding.

B. Work with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on the fish and wildlife aspects of projects.

1. Seek input and permits from ODFW staff on projects whenever applicable.
2. Seek funding through ODFW when appropriate.

C. Provide support to Douglas County and its affiliates.

1. Provide fiscal management for Douglas County Weed Advisory Board.
2. Act as the county-designed Weeds Authority
3. Provide technical assistance and input when requested.
4. Represent DSWCD at the annual DC Fair.
5. When possible, partner on projects that promote water quality. and weeds removal projects.

D. Continue our working relationship with USDA-NRCS.

1. Evaluate any appropriate role the District may have in supporting USDA programs.
2. Refer landowners to USDA whenever appropriate.
3. Support County Working Lands Conference, Support Soil Survey Program, Support Regenerative Agriculture Program

E. Continue/expand our working relationship with the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

1. Continue to work with agency representatives to implement projects utilizing Partners for Wildlife Program funding.
2. Coordinate projects utilizing specialized technical professionals from USFWS whenever appropriate.
3. Work with USFWS and ODA on management of the Rough Popcorn Flower population at the District's Southside Road property and The Nature Conservancy Popcorn Swale property.

F. Continue to expand our working relationship with Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers.

1. Continue to develop joint projects.
2. Utilize Council staff whenever appropriate.
3. Participate in the Umpqua Basin Partnership in the development of the Umpqua Basin Action Plan.
4. Work with staff in the water quality monitoring of the SIA area.
5. Work with staff on county-wide Pumpchance monitoring and restoration efforts.

G. Continue work with OSU Extension Service to provide Douglas County with technical assistance and education.

1. Partner on educational workshops.
2. Partner on outreach events i.e. booth at a community event.
3. As possible/appropriate develop and partner on a landowner assist program.

H. Continue and foster work with other groups including but not limited to:

1. The Beaver Coalition, The Salmon Coalition, South Umpqua Rural Community Partnership,
2. Oregon (Youth) Conservation Corps, Umpqua Native Plant Partnership, Douglas Small Woodlands Assoc.

3. Dept. of Environmental Quality, Oregon Dept. of Forestry, Bureau of Land Management, Cow Creek Tribe,
4. Douglas Forest Protection Agency, Cities of Douglas County, USDA-USFS

I. Continue work the South and Middle Umpqua River Coho Action Teams

1. Coordinate with the partnerships to collaborate on projects together, highlighting the importance of agricultural lands and water quality.
2. Support strategic action plans and grant applications efforts (Including Focused Investment Partnership grant).

J. Continue work with the Umpqua Oak Partnership

1. Coordinate with the UOP partnership to collaborate on projects together, highlighting the importance of noxious weed removal and education in oak habitats.
2. Support strategic action plans, grant applications efforts, particularly with the Focused Investment Partnership grant.

K. Continue work with the Douglas County Livestock Association

1. Support and help grow the Spring Livestock Conference & Ag Expo
2. Represent the district at their meetings
3. Help grow their capacity through grant writing and outreach efforts.

Objective 3. Work to Improve Watershed Health & Agricultural Viability through Outreach & Education

Key Partners: ODA, NRCS, OSU Extension Service, UNPP, DEQ, Douglas County, Oregon Youth Conservation Corps, Umpqua Oak Partnership, Pacific Birds, DCLA

A. Develop Outreach Materials that are Accessible to a Variety of Diverse Landowners

1. Develop website to easily show and provide contact, program, project, partnership, and event information.
2. Distribute information through appropriate locations (meetings, workshops, mailings, etc.).
3. Develop thematic Power Point presentations for public presentations at workshops, conferences, and seminars.
4. Expand all displays and create interactive materials to engage the public.

B. Conduct Educational Workshops/Tours on Current Issues, Technologies, and Practices in Agricultural Water Quality Management and Invasive Species Management.

1. Partner with agencies and local organizations to educate local landowners about manure management, mediating streambank erosion, oak habitat restoration, rotational grazing practices, soil conservation, and much more.
2. Partner with agencies and local organizations to educate local landowners about invasive species management techniques.
3. Promote sound resource management practices that align with ODA rules and regulations.

4. Make presentations geared toward youth groups about natural resource issues. Provide training that helps to certify (youth) conservation corps in a variety of environmental specializations.
5. Work with and encourage involvement of interest groups and organizations.
6. Help show the connection between appropriate conservation practices and profitable changes.

C. Host Booths/Tables/Kiosks at Local Events

1. Communicate effectively and provide accurate, relevant information that is accessible to a variety of diverse landowners and stakeholders in the community.
2. Booths to be held at Douglas County Livestock Association Spring Livestock Conference and Ag expo, Glide Wildflower Show, Butterfly & Blooms, Farmer's Markets, Youth Ag Show, County Fair, and many other community events as appropriate.

D. Attend community-based meetings as appropriate to stay informed about local viewpoints and needs. These include but are not limited to: Producer groups, local advisory committees, livestock advisory boards, farm bureau committee, etc.

E. Increase Public Awareness of District Activities

1. Publicize projects ongoing and completed by the District.
2. Create lawn signs for landowners wishing to advertise the district's restoration efforts on their properties.
3. Invite public on tours to completed project areas to showcase resource conservation whenever possible.
4. Assist people to understand the similarities/differences between SWCDs, Watershed Councils, ODA, FSA, & NRCS.
5. Circulate pre-printed literature produced by each agency whenever possible.
6. Advertise board meetings and other events related to district activities.

Objective 4. Improve Efficiency of the District Operations & Expand Programs

A. Investigate stable long-term funding solutions for District operations.

B. Offer training opportunities to assist staff and board directors in human resources, risk management, project development/management, safety protocols, certifications and more.

C. Organize all financial records, reconcile any outstanding issues relating to district finances, complete 25-26 audit or financial review report.

D. Continue to update district policies and procedures.

E. Seek funding to expand current programs and create new ones to further assist in the District goals.

F. Continue to research solutions to rebuild the weed program and an herbicide cost-share program.

G. Consider the development of a volunteer program.