

Greetings Fellow Oregon SWCSers!

In February we informed you of our efforts to get the Oregon Chapter of SWCS back up and running after the loss of the majority of the Board of Directors due to life changes (retirement, relocation, etc.). While we are not back to our previous level of activity we have not been idle.

Agroforestry Workshop

Last month along with Oregon State University we sponsored an Agroforestry Workshop. Eighteen participants learned about the science behind agroforestry, and saw first-hand many of the practices at work in the Willamette Valley. Thanks go out to the NRCS West National Technical Support Center, the National Agroforestry Center, Oregon Department of Forestry, and the Benton SWCD for recruiting the presenters, and to Peter Kenagy (Benton County farmer) for allowing us to tour his property and for spending half of a day with us discussing Agroforestry lessons learned.
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Ray William led an ActionGram exercise to conceptualize feedback loops and system resiliency.

Annual Meeting November 24

The Board of Directors will hold our annual meeting Monday, November 24th at 1 PM Marion SWCD Office
338 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem, OR

The annual meeting is open to all SWCS members. During that meeting we will discuss plans for 2015, review our budget and solicit comments from the membership as to how we can better fulfill our society duties and obligations to encourage and facilitate professional enrichment. Join the annual meeting in person or via teleconference. Teleconference participants please email Russ Hatz by November 19th so we can arrange to have adequate lines available.

USA Toll-Free: 888-844-9904
Access Code: 1501128

Financial Report

Checking \$3,576.78
Savings \$1,000

We will continue to use these funds as seed money to support training.

Oregon Chapter Mission

To foster the science and art of natural resource conservation through a combination of research, education, and advocacy.



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Clean Water
For Life

"My Sediments"

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Join the Board!

The next Board meeting will be in early 2015. We would love to have two or three additional dedicated members on the Board to help plan and facilitate events that will add value to your SWCS membership. Please contact any of the Board members if you are interested in helping or if you have suggestions for future training.

You are welcome to attend Board meetings in person or via teleconference. Email tmatteson@bentonswcd.org to be added to the Oregon SWCS Board announcement list.

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Agroforestry Resources

Pacific Northwest Agroforestry Working Group
<http://www.forestry.oregonstate.edu/pnw-agroforestry/pacific-northwest-agroforestry-working-group>

Agroforestry Workshop presentations are posted on the Oregon Chapter website oregonswcs.org/

Agroforestry Workshop Continued



Kenagy's Farm tour included lessons from a timber harvest and extensive use of native shrubs in wetland enhancement and alley cropping.

