

Annual Report: July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

A YEAR OF TRANSITION

The North Santiam Watershed Council (NSWC) underwent significant organizational changes during the 2017-2018 calendar year. After numerous strategic planning discussions, the council realized in order to more effectively implement its programs and to grow as an organization becoming a tax exempt 501c3 non-profit was a necessary next step. The NSWC was formed in 1995 and was recognized by both the Marion and Linn County Commissioners in 1998. However, since its beginnings the NSWC has not been a true “non-profit organization.” The council has been an all-inclusive group of volunteers that functions like a non-profit by contracting a recognized non-profit 501c3 as its fiscal sponsor and employer of record. Since its beginning, the NSWC contracted with Cascade Pacific RC&D, a tax-exempt entity that provided the NSWC with administrative, accounting, fundraising and legal services. However, after a thorough organizational self-assessment the council approved in the fall of 2017 to become a stand-alone nonprofit. With capacity funding provided by Meyer Memorial Trust, the NSWC contracted the Center for Nonprofit Law to help it through the organizational transition. With legal guidance and training provided by Director and Attorney David Atkin and his staff the NSWC accomplished the following:

- Incorporated with the State of Oregon as a legal nonprofit on October 19, 2017.
- Held its first Organizational meeting on January 11, 2018.
- At the January 2018 meeting the NSWC voted in a Board of Directors, an Executive Committee, adopted new organizational by-laws and began the adoption of new organizational and fiscal policies.
- In the spring of 2018, filed for IRS nonprofit tax exemption. The IRS determination letter was received in the fall of 2018 with nonprofit 501c3 tax status retroactive to October 19, 2017.

Through this transition the NSWC’s mission and purpose has gone unchanged. The NSWC will continue to enhance its well-established programs focused on: Landowner Restoration, Collaborative Planning and Partnership Building and Community Engagement and Education; all tailored toward protecting and restoring the watersheds natural resources as described in the North Santiam Watershed Council Action Plan (draft 2014) and the North Santiam Resiliency Action Plan (draft 2018).



North Santiam Watershed Council 2017-2018 Members/Volunteers

Board of Directors

Brad A. Nanke - (President) City of Salem
 Brent Stevenson - (Vice -President) Irrigation District
 John Caruso - (Treasurer) Marion County
 Jan Irene Miller - (Secretary) Bird Haven Landowner
 Jon Tucker - Lower North Santiam Subbasin
 Suzette Boudreaux - Little NF Santiam Subbasin
 Bill Sanderson - Economic & Recreation
 Dave Carpenter - Aquatic Resources

Staff

Rebecca McCoun - Executive Director
 Tyler Pedersen - Project Manager (Until January 2018)

Technical Advisors

Debbie Paul - Linn SWCD
 Lawrence Schwabe - Grand Ronde Tribe
 Tim Ernster - US Army Corps of Engineers
 Darrin Neff & Others - US Forest Service
 Brandin Krempasky - City of Salem

Interns/Volunteers

Heather Anderson-Westbrook - OSU Intern
 Beth Tanner - Volunteer Technician
 Debbie Ku - Willamette University MBA Intern
 Tim Appelbaum - Willamette University MBA Intern

THANK YOU!



2017-2018 Accomplishments at a Glance

Members of the North Santiam Watershed Council are local volunteers who share an interest in improving the health of the watershed in partnership with interested landowners and land managers. Utilizing scientific assessments and best management practices, the council facilitates projects, partnerships and actions that improve watershed health.

The North Santiam Watershed Council meets the second Thursday of every month (except December) from 6 to 8 pm at the Stayton Community Center. All are welcome.

HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECTS

- ◆ During the 2017-2018 fiscal year the NSWC worked with its partners on project development, riparian, wet prairie and oak restoration, in-stream habitat enhancement, and water quality protection and conservation. We worked with over 54 landowners on 11 tributaries, 4 side channels and 4 mainstem locations; with funding provided by 1 state agency (OWEB), 2 foundations/non-profits (BEF, MMT), 2 cities (City of Albany, City of Salem), 2 federal agency programs (BLM Title II Grant & Drinking Water Partnership Grant) and 3 private donors.
- ◆ 2018 Winter Planting Season: Planted over 10,700 native trees & shrubs along the following tributaries: Dieckman Creek, Valentine Creek, Stout Creek, Bird Haven Slough, Snake Deford Creek & along the mainstem Lower North Santiam River
- ◆ 2017-2018 Plant Establishment activities took place at 18 sites: (4 on Bear Branch Creek, 4 on Valentine Creek, 6 on Stout Creek, 1 on Snake Deford Creek, 1 on Dieckman Creek, 1 on Bird Haven Slough, 1 on the Lower North Santiam).
- ◆ Upper Idanha Side Channel Reconnection Alternatives Analysis OWEB TA Grant Implementation: Held two technical advisor meetings in winter & spring of 2018. Contractor and technical team identified a preferred alternative.
- ◆ Bear Branch Creek instream large wood placement: 107 pieces of large wood were placed across 15 sites, 8/2017.
- ◆ South Valentine Creek (West) riparian restoration site prep: Marion County SEP Mitigation Project funded inmate crew labor to assist with the removal of invasive plants in a 9.7 acre riparian area, 2/2018.

COLLABORATIVE PLANNING & PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

- ◆ Assisted local and regional partners with obtaining cash match and gathering stakeholder input for Phase 1 of Building a Business Case for Investing in Watershed Resiliency fall 2017 & Spring 2018.
- ◆ Partners of the North Santiam released their draft North Santiam Resiliency Action Plan 6/2018.
- ◆ Co-Hosted with City of Salem the 8th Annual North Santiam Basin Summit, 5/2018.
- ◆ Assisted with the writing and implementing the Marion County Weed Board OSWB Grant, Invasive Plant 101 training for road crew and yellow flag iris treatments, 6/2018 & 9/2018.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & EDUCATION

- ◆ The NSWC was awarded the City of Salem and Travel Salem first “Ripple Effect Award” for assisting with the North Santiam Drought Planning effort, 9/2017.
- ◆ NSWC held booth at River2 Ridges Environmental Fair, 9/2017.
- ◆ Assisted Marion SWCD staff with Salmon Watch & Native Plant Sale 9/2017 & 3/2018.
- ◆ Bird Haven Tree Farm Small Woodlands Association Tour, 10/2017.
- ◆ Heather Westbrook OSU Intern assisted the NSWC volunteering 421.25 Hours, Fall 2017.
- ◆ Jan Irene Miller & Jim Bayuk received the 2018 Land Steward award from Straub Env Center for their floodplain, oak, prairie and pollinator habitat restoration and for their community engagement efforts, March 2017.
- ◆ NSWC and Partners Summer Picnic held at Bird Haven Tree Farm hosted by Miller & Bayuk, 6/2018.



July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018 Financial Summary

Revenue		Expenses	
Federal	\$ 57,379.90	Salaries	\$ 95,540.28
State	\$ 166,884.53	Operating Costs	\$ 9,906.77
Foundation	\$ 27,820.00	Project Costs	\$ 186,604.61
Donations/Fundraising	\$ 756.20	Total Expenses	\$ 292,051.66
Total Revenue	\$ 252,840.63		



Cascade Pacific Resource, Conservation & Development, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was the North Santiam Watershed Council’s Fiscal Sponsor until 12/2018 & Employer of Record 9/2018
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