

# Lakeview Soil and Water Conservation District

5-Year Business Plan

2020-2025



*Providing Local Solutions to Local Problems*

The Lakeview Soil and Water Conservation District takes the lead in soil and water conservation throughout Lake County by working with rural property owners, operators, Public Officials, various state and federal agencies, and private organizations. This District believes in the protection, conservation, and improvement of soil and water through our directors' and employees' abilities to plan, assist, and educate. It is our belief that concerns about water quality, water quantity, wetlands, soil erosion, and weed management can be addressed while simultaneously respecting the private property rights of owners and operators. These concerns are addressed through the adoption of this Plan and by maintaining agreements with the various agencies that work with this District.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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This five-year Business Plan (2020-2025) details the Lakeview Soil and Water Conservation District services, activities, resources, staffing, and finances currently available and planned to carry out its mission. The Business Plan also contains general information about the District and Lake County and guides the development of the District's annual work plan and budget.

This business plan provides a summary of the districts structure, identifies key natural resource issues and priorities and provides an overview of the services, programs, and assistance available to customers. It is also used to provide information to County government, state funding agencies and various partners that currently support conservation programs in Lake County.

The SWCD encourages public participation in its meetings, activities and business. The SWCD holds its regular monthly board meetings, which is open to the public, on the third Wednesday of each month at the USDA Agriculture Center, located at 17612 Hwy 395 in Lakeview. The meeting time is 6 p.m. You may contact the SWCD at the address above to be placed on the mailing list.

*Public Participation*

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This Business Plan was prepared by the Lakeview SWCD board members and staff, Goose and Summer Lakes Area Plan and Rules and the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

*Audience*

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This Plan is intended for Lake County residents, Lake County government officials, funding sources, legislators, and partner agencies.

**GEOGRAPHY AND AGRICULTURE**

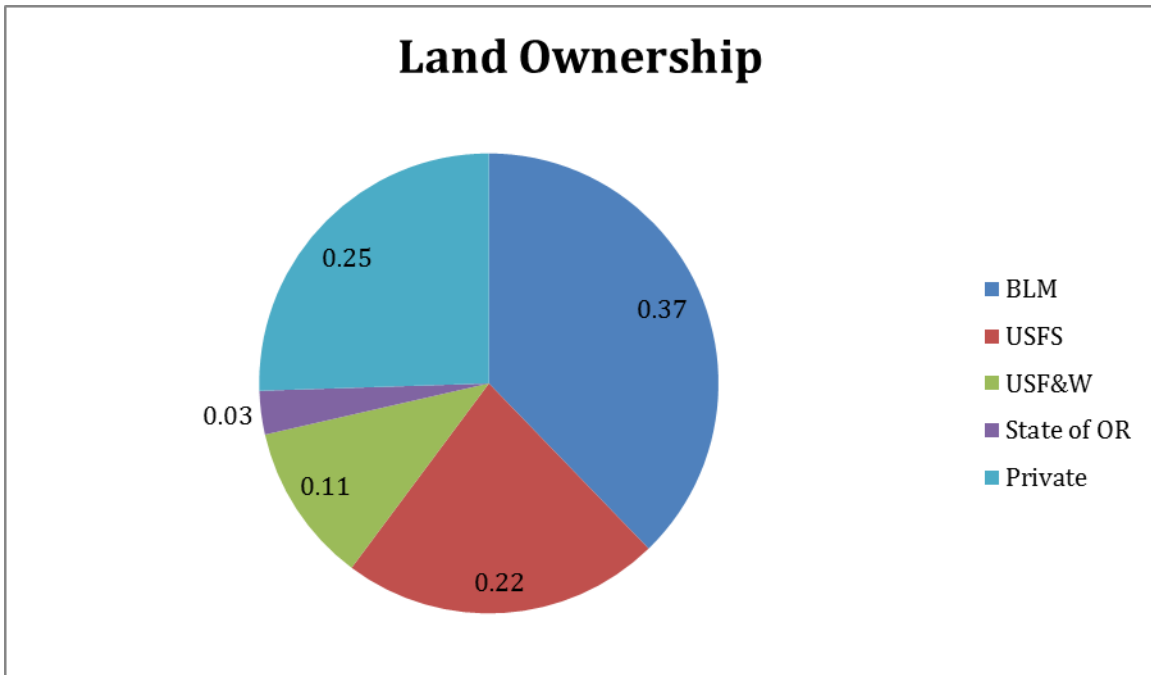
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*Topography*

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Lake County is settled in the heart of south central region of Oregon, 15 miles from the California boarder. It is 8,300 square miles or 5,350,352 acres with a population of 8,229. It is considered a high desert farming, ranching and timber community. In south Lake County approximately 73% of land is managed by government agencies. Ownership is as follows:

Private Ownership.....656,808 acres  
BLM.....949,352 acres  
US Forest Service.....575,542 acres  
US Fish & Wildlife.....278,750 acres  
State of Oregon.....71,566 acres



Lake County is in a high desert region known as the Oregon Outback, on the northwestern edge of the Great Basin. The County is generally divided between the communities around Lakeview and Paisley to the south and the communities around Silver Lake, Summer Lake, Christmas Valley, and Fort Rock to the north.

Its economy consists largely of agriculture and natural resource management. It is home to many large cattle ranches, hay farms, and timber holdings (both public and private), as well as several frontier towns and early 20th-century homesteads. Although lumber was once a primary economic driver in Lake County, today only one mill remains in Lakeview. In the 80's and early 90's, 4 of the 5 lumber mills closed, wiping out more than 800 jobs.

### *Land Use*

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Early agriculture was based on use of meadows in the open valleys for stock grazing. This is still the principal agricultural activity in the basin. Early settlers depended upon natural flooding of meadows to produce hay for winter forage. The major agricultural lands north of Goose Lake, in the southern part of the Warner Valley, at Paulina Marsh, and along the Chewaucan River once were marshes. Local farmers developed drainage and irrigation systems in the late 1800s and early 1900s to increase hay yields and improve pasture.

Lumber, government, and agriculture form the economic base for Lake County, which makes up over 90% of the Goose and Summer Lakes Basin.

Protecting property value takes planning. Homeowners and businesses alike need predictability in land use to make sound economic decisions. The Lakeview SWCD works to preserve and protect working resource lands throughout Lake County.

## STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

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### Enabling and Governing Legislation

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The Lakeview SWCD is one of 45 conservation districts in Oregon. Conservation districts are defined in Oregon law as political subdivisions of state government. Lakeview SWCD is not a state agency. Rather it is classified as a municipal corporation, a form of local government, which is required to follow many of the same laws that govern state agencies and special districts. It is specifically governed by [ORS 568.210 to 568.890](#) and [ORS 568.900 to 568.933](#). See Appendix A for the specific powers and authorities granted to districts. Appendix B lists other statutes and administrative rules to which Lakeview SWCD is subject.

The Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) that established and govern Oregon's SWCDs (except the federal tribal Tiicham Conservation District) was significantly revised by the 2009 Legislative Assembly under House Bill 2082. The origin of the House Bill was a collaborative effort among the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts, member Conservation Districts, and the Oregon Department of Agriculture. It was designed to address the evolving challenges and opportunities presented to today's SWCDs that were not envisioned when the Statute originated, and to eliminate antiquated provisions in the previous editions.

In addition to the general purpose of SWCDs under [ORS 568.225](#) in the previous editions, the following was added: **"promote collaborative conservation efforts to protect and enhance healthy watershed functions, assist in the development of renewable energy and energy efficiency resources"**.

### History

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The Lakeview SWCD was established July 31, 1947 to direct agricultural producers to technical assistance resources, such as our partners the NRCS. Since 1947, NRCS and the Lakeview SWCD have partnered to plan and implement conservation practices on private lands in the basin.

The boundaries of the Lakeview SWCD include Klamath and Harney Counties and Paisley. The SWCD's major focus is the wise use of renewable natural resources through locally led voluntary conservation. Much of the district's work involves coordinating government assistance with local conservation needs and influencing the County's farmers, ranchers, and woodland owners to adopt proven resource management systems and conservation practices.

### Leadership

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#### Directors

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A board of five directors governs the District. Directors are elected by the electorate of Lake County at the November General Election, which is held during even-numbered years. Director positions are elected in staggered terms to provide continuity on the board and maintain consistent operations. The Lakeview SWCD Board may appoint a person to fill a board vacancy between elections for the duration of that position's term. Three of the five positions are classified as zone positions and must meet the zone requirements and terms of office as specified in [ORS 568.560](#) as follows:



“Zone directors must own or manage 10 or more acres of land in the district, be involved in the active management of that property, reside within the boundaries of the district, and be a registered voter.”

An individual may serve as a zone director in lieu of land ownership or management requirements if the individual resides within the zone that is represented, has served at least one year as a Lakeview SWCD Director or Associate Director and has a conservation plan approved by the Lakeview SWCD Board. The other two positions are at-large positions. To qualify for an at-large position, a person must reside in Lake County and be a registered voter. No land ownership or management requirements are needed for an at-large position, which is also governed by [ORS 568.560](#).

**An individual director** has power only when acting as a part of the Lakeview SWCD Board. Individual board members may be delegated authority or power to act on behalf of the Board in specific, limited tasks. This authority or power is granted through board action (resolution, motion, policy, etc.) and must be recorded in the meeting minutes.

The Lakeview SWCD Board works cooperatively as a unit to plan and oversee implementing Lakeview SWCD programs. As a representative of the Lakeview SWCD Board, opinions expressed publicly by individual board members should be consistent with established board policy, not the individual’s personal agenda or opinions.

[ORS 568.560](#) requires all SWCDs to select a Chair and Secretary from among its directors. Lakeview SWCD may elect other officers as desired.

The **Chair** is granted the responsibility to represent the Lakeview SWCD with other districts, agencies, associations, partners, organizations, legislators, and property owners consistent with the policies, plans, and interests of Lakeview SWCD. The chair will also conduct regular and special meetings of the Board.

A **Vice-Chair** has been given the authority to act as the Chair in case of the absence or unavailability of the Chair.

The **Secretary/Treasurer** is the custodian of all Lakeview SWCD records, minutes, contracts, and other official documents.

**Committees** are an effective way for Lakeview SWCD to plan and implement the Lakeview SWCD functions. They can be comprised of board members, associate directors, and Lakeview SWCD advisors, representatives of cooperating agencies and associations, or interested citizens. Currently the Lakeview SWCD does not have any standing committees.

The Lakeview SWCD does not have various **ad hoc committees**, which are charged with specific tasks over a specific time period. Ad hoc committees are then disbanded after the assigned task and/or timeframe is completed.

### [Associate Directors](#)

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Associate Directors are non-voting members of the District Board. They are appointed by the Directors to serve as advisors and representatives. Associate directorship offers a way to educate potential directors, broaden community input to the District, and expand District programs.

## MISSION, VALUES, AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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### Mission

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The Lakeview SWCDs mission is to provide technical assistance to individuals, groups and other agencies for the purpose of managing and enhancing our natural resources, environment and economy.

### Vision

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The Lakeview SWCDs vision is to conserve and develop Lake County's soil, water and related resources for the economic and environmental benefit of the people.

### Values (and/or Guiding Principles)

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As an entity that represents the local public, the Lakeview SWCD has standards, moral values and guiding principles to operate by as follows:

- ✦ Be accessible to the general public for technical assistance and advice in planning conservation projects.
- ✦ See projects accomplished in a timely manner and benefit landowners' objective.
- ✦ Be accountable in all their endeavors.
- ✦ Strive for accuracy in all financial activities and fiscal responsibility with public funds.
- ✦ Achieve the highest quality of work standards it can.
- ✦ Comply with the Goose and Summer Lakes Water Quality Plan and Rules and partner with other agencies and entities for expertise and financial resources.
- ✦ Continue in all conservation efforts in Lake County as a part of our daily operation.
- ✦ Educate local young people concerning Lake County resources, resource concerns, good stewardship, soil and water conservation and water quality/quantity issues etc.
- ✦ Be effective in developing good relationships with landowners.
- ✦ Be helpful, courteous, and have prompt customer service.
- ✦ Commits to having well-trained staff committed to leadership and professionalism.
- ✦ Having voluntary, collaborative, local, non-regulatory approach to solving problems.
- ✦ Respects property rights, confidentiality, decisions and experience of all landowners.

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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The Lakeview SWCD works with agencies and individuals as partners in our efforts to achieve our vision. Various memorandums of agreement and/or understanding, working agreements, intergovernmental agreements and informal arrangements, formalize the partnerships. The agreements outline the responsibilities of each partner and identify the types of assistance, resources, and support each will provide to accomplish common conservation goals.

### Local Level

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#### *Landowners, Producers, General Public*

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The General Public utilizes the Lakeview SWCD as its primary point of contact for all District programs as well as those of the Oregon Department of Agriculture and the USDA's Natural

Resource Conservation Service. Landowners and agricultural producers can avail of technical assistance with natural resource concerns and assistance in securing grant or loan funding for an array of natural resource conservation projects.

### *Lakeview Soil and Water District*

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The District assists the general public with conservation planning, technical and financial assistance, farm bill program opportunities, and answers to conservation-related questions.

The District does not aim toward power. We work to bring about the widespread understanding of the needs of soil and water conservation. In addition, we work to activate the efforts of public and private organizations and agencies into a united front to combat soil and water erosion and to enhance water quality/quantity in Lake County.

It is the purpose of SWCD to instill in the minds of local people that it is their individual responsibility to do the job of soil and water conservation. SWCDs receive assistance from many sources, but with all this help; farmers, ranchers, communities and other individuals, must exercise a voluntary initiative in applying a conservation program compatible with their own objectives.

### *Lake County Cooperative Weed Management*

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The District maintains a working relationship with the Lake County Cooperative weed Management Area (LCCwMA) to address issues of invasive plants in Lake County.

### *Local Advisory Committee*

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The Local Advisory Committee is made up of landowners, agricultural producers, and an environmental representative whose charge was to develop an Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan. The Plan is used to meet the requirements of Senate Bill 1010 while placing the absolute minimum regulatory and economic burden on the landowner. The committee made it clear what part of the process is mandated by state law and the plan is based on voluntary compliance with a high degree of flexibility in how a landowner could approach the process. This voluntary program will achieve area plan goals, while maintaining a viable agriculture community.

### *Watershed Councils (WSC)*

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The SWCD works with the Lake County Umbrella Watershed Council assisting in technical assistance and monitoring of projects and partners in field day educational events. Councils under this umbrella include Goose Lake, Upper Sycan, Upper Chewaucan, Silver Lake and Warner Valley.

### *State Level*

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#### *Oregon Department Agriculture (ODA)*

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The Oregon Department of Agriculture's (ODA) Natural Resources Division provides administrative oversight, administrative and technical support funding and direction of work focus to the SWCD. The SWCD submits quarterly reports of work progress; Annual Reports of accomplishments, Annual Work Plans and Financial Status Reports for review and approval.

### *Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)*

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The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) provides financial resources through grants for habitat restoration and water quality improvement projects.

### *National Level*

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#### *USDA NRCS*

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The District maintains a Cooperative Working Agreement with the NRCS to provide office space and equipment and assistance with conservation planning and conservation practice implementation activities in Lake County. The District also from time to time enters into Contribution Agreements with NRCS to produce complete conservation plans. The NRCS provides technical assistance to the District and directly to County landowners and producers. The District is served through NRCS office in the Lakeview.

#### *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWF)*

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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service collaborates with the SWCD on wildlife habitat and restoration projects by providing financial resources through grants. The SWCD is now collaborating with the USF&W on the Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) for Sage Grouse. The CCAA is a formal agreement between U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and one or more parties to voluntarily address the conservation needs of proposed or candidate species before they become listed as endangered or threatened. The Service provides assurances that it will not assert additional restrictions or require additional actions above those the property owner voluntarily committed to in the CCAA.

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### *Revenue to the County Economy*

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Cattle ranching, hay farming, timber and wood products are the major economic enterprises in Lake County. Irrigated grass hay, pasture and alfalfa hay dominate the agronomic operations. Since the Soil and Water Conservation Districts started, the Lakeview SWCD has worked with state and federal government agencies to help landowners restore and enhance wildlife and fish habitats, and tackled water quality and quantity issues by seeking grant funds. **Over the past 5 years, the SWCD has underwritten ~~\$2,407,409~~ into Lake County.**

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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*Goal #1: Minimize water pollution from agricultural activities and soil erosion and achieve applicable water quality standards, where possible.*

**Objectives:**

1. Develop off-site stock water facilities.
2. Plant trees and/or cover crops over affected soil loss areas.
3. Riparian rehabilitation program.
4. Soil stability projects.

*Goal #2: Minimize conditions on agricultural lands that might contribute to reduced water quality.*

**Objectives:**

1. Proper prescribed grazing use.
2. Measurement and observation of the aquatic environment in order to define status and trends.
3. Minimize soil erosion through Best Management Practices on agriculture lands.

*Goal #3: Use the media and other educational methods to increase awareness of agriculture's efforts to maintain and improve water quality*

**Objectives:**

1. Create an awareness and understanding of water quality among the agricultural community and general public through education and technical assistance.
2. Show case successful projects in newsletter articles, local newspaper and conduct tours of project sites.
3. Conduct educational programs to promote public awareness of water quality issues and their solutions.

*Goal #4: Focus on education, not regulation*

**Objectives:**

1. Inform landowners of the Goose and Summer Lakes Area Plan and Rules.
2. Offer and provide site evaluations on any lands within the Management Area to assess conditions that may affect water quality.

*Goal #5: Wildlife*

**Objectives:**

1. Enhance and improve wildlife habitat.

## **NATURAL RESOURCE CONCERNS AND OUTCOMES**

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A natural resource concern is a condition that does not meet agreed-to or established criteria for a quality, sustainable resource. The resource concerns described below are intended to give a picture of the natural resource problems in Lake County and why they are important.

South Lake County resource concerns:

- Water Quality/Quantity
- Invasive Plants
- Soil Erosion

### **Resource Concern #1 Water Quality/Quantity**

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**Water Description:** Water is a precious resource in this semi-arid region of Oregon, thus water quantity and quality are major concerns. Most precipitation comes in the form of snow during the winter. Rainfall is in spring and early summer.

Irrigated agriculture in Oregon contributes significantly to the economy, food supply, the landscape, and to local communities.

Oregon's farms and ranches contribute significantly to Lake County's economy as well, providing jobs, related goods and services, and a tax base critical to the Lake County budgets.

The contribution of agriculture to Lake County's environmental health is not insignificant either. Many agricultural fields serve as a view shed of open, green landscapes, and can provide a sanctuary for migratory birds. Well-managed agricultural lands can support a variety of wildlife, providing food, shelter, and habitat. Irrigation can multiply these benefits, further contributing to

soil conservation, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, scenic vistas, watershed protection, flood control, and groundwater recharge.

Solar livestock watering system provides a reliable source of water for livestock and wildlife, while also improving rangeland and streamside health.

**Strategies:** Increase groundwater levels; protect farms, forestlands and other natural resources, to improve the well-being and prosperity of Lake Counties landowners and communities, to maintain and improve water quality and land resources in Lake County. Infrastructure for species and habitat, such fish screens and fish passage facilities. Provide incentives to improve riparian conditions, support fish screening, protect and restore in-stream habitat and habitat access for fish and wildlife.

**Intended outcomes:** To improve water quality and quantity within the District.

### Resource Concern #2 Invasive Plants

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**Invasive Species Description:** Invasive species and noxious weeds are a major concern on private and public lands. The Lake County Cooperative Weed Management Area (LCCwMA) encompasses the entire County and scouting continues to identify noxious weed infestations.

Annual grasses and western juniper continue to invade rangelands and decrease forage production and quality. This resource concern has been addressed to a minor extent in the past, but continued efforts need to be made to prevent the increased expansion of these species that would make rangeland unproductive. Poor rangeland health and pasture condition affects plant production and vigor. Implementing proper grazing and nutrient management are essential to increase plant productivity.

**Strategies:** (Plans) To establish beneficial groundcover by eradicating invasive weeds, prevent new introductions, and decrease the scale and spread of infestations.

**Intended outcomes:** To make recommendations concerning management options, commit to implementing the Pesticide Management Plan to make water quality programs in Lake County more consistent and resource efficient.

### Resource Concern #3 Soil Erosion

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**Soil Description:** Soil is a natural resource that is living and life-giving. It's important that we understand the basics and benefits of soil health. Improving the health of our soil is an important conservation responsibility.

Soil health management is essential in improving the health and function of our soil.

**Strategies:** Working with our producers providing technical and financial assistance and service to ensure landowners have success in production through Soil Best Management Practices.

**Intended outcomes:** Keeping our soil healthy and productive is vital to the successful production of our crops.

**Wildlife Description:** Threatened and endangered species.

**Strategies:** Implement management plans to improve wetlands and riparian areas for wildlife and to remove or reduce limiting habitat factors for a particular species, or group of species and address any other wetland wildlife habitat concerns.

**Intended outcomes:** The plan must provide adequate habitat to support the life requirements (food, water, shelter/cover and space) of the targeted wildlife for a particular season of use.

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## DISTRICT CAPACITY, NEEDS, AND STRATEGIES

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### Capacity

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#### Staff

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The current staff consists of 2 full time employees and 1 part time employee.

**Office Manager:** This position provides the overall management of the office which includes bookkeeping, payroll, minutes, reports and general administrative duties.

**Project Manager:** This position consists of assisting in site analysis, planning, design, natural resource consulting for landowners, being an NRCS Certified Conservation Planner and grant writer, along with project management over grant funded projects.

#### Board of Directors

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The Board of Directors consists of five members elected countywide by voters. The Board works on a volunteer basis to set policy, plan goals, and enact a yearly budget for the District. Individual Directors initiate and manage specific resource conservation projects through their involvement in watershed councils and non-profit organizations.

#### Volunteers

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Volunteers occasionally work on specific tasks for the District, but are not a large resource for accomplishing objectives.

#### Partnerships

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The District relies on partnerships with other local agencies and non-profit institutions to further its natural resource conservation goals. They include:

- Lake County Watershed Councils
- Fort Rock/Silver Lake SWCD
- Ducks Unlimited (DU)
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODF&W)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFWS)
- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)



## Facilities and Equipment

The Lakeview SWCD is housed with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in the USDA Ag Center. The SWCD does not own any land or vehicles. Office equipment includes one desk top computer, three laptops, two copy machines (one color), and two calculators.

Additional equipment includes 2 Rangeland Drills and 1 Aerator.

## Funding

The District office receives its funding from the following sources

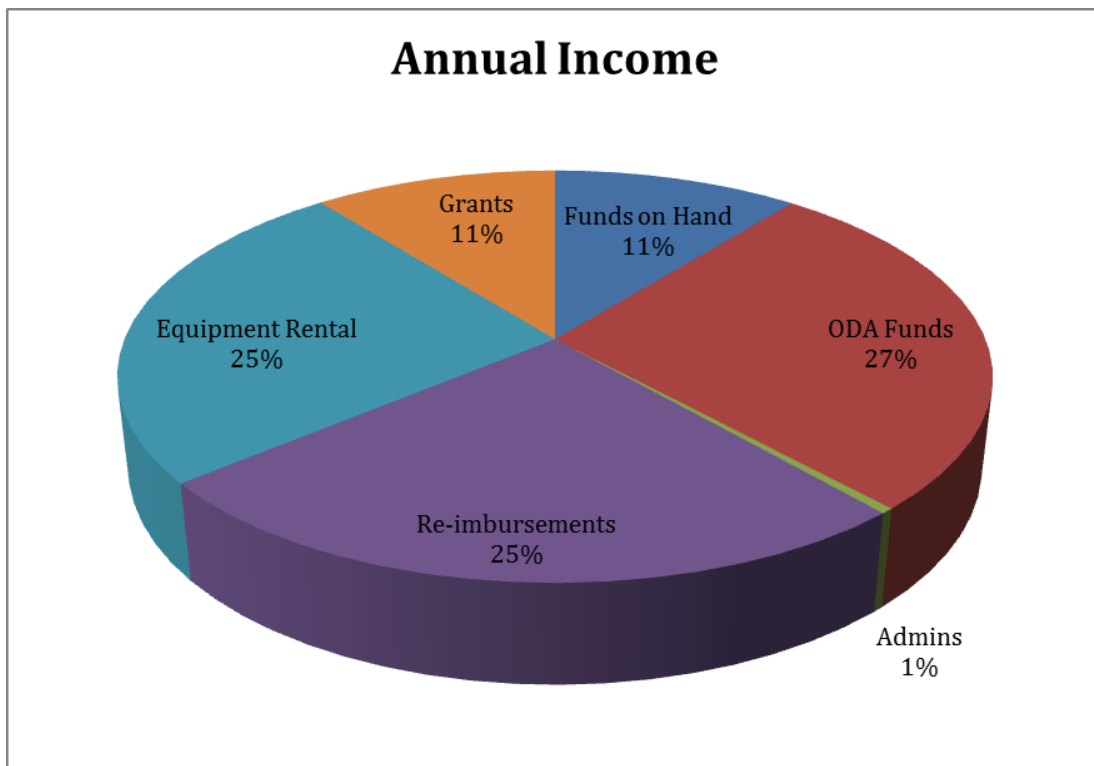
- Oregon Department of Agriculture
- Grant Administration and Project Management
- **Monitoring grants for the Watershed Council**
- Rental Equipment

Specific natural resource conservation projects are funded through grants from

- The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFW)
- **Ducks Unlimited (DU)**

The current fiscal year's budget is included in Appendix C.

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## APPENDIXES

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### Appendix A: General Powers of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors

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[ORS 568.550\(1\)](#). The board of directors of a soil and water conservation district has the following powers: [*Letters correspond to actual statute format.*]

- a. To secure surveys and investigations and do research relating to:
  - The character of soil erosion
  - The character of floodwater and sediment damage
  - All phases of the conservation, development, utilization and disposal of water
  - The preventive measures, control measures and improvements needed
- b. To conduct demonstrational projects on lands within the district upon obtaining the consent of the owner and occupier of such lands.
- c. To carry out preventive and control measures on lands within the district upon obtaining the consent of the owner and occupier of such lands.
- d. To enter into written agreements (*see specifics in [568.330\[\(d\)\]\[A\]&\[\(B\)\]](#)*)
- e. To obtain options upon and to acquire by purchase, exchange, lease, gift, grant, bequest or devise any property, real or personal or rights therein, (*see specifics in [568.330\[e\]](#)*)
- f. To borrow money and to mortgage personal property of the district as security (*see specifics in [ORS 568.330\[ff\]](#)*)
- g. To issue general obligation bonds of the district as provided in [ORS 568.803](#)
- h. To make available, on such terms as the directors shall prescribe, to landowners or occupiers within the district, agricultural and engineering machinery and equipment, fertilizer, seeds and seedlings and other material or equipment.
- i. To construct, operate and maintain such structures as may be necessary or convenient for performance of any of the operations authorized in [ORS 568.210 to 568.880 and 568.900 to ORS 568.933](#).
- j. To develop comprehensive plans and specifications for the conservation of soil resources and for the continued control of soil erosion within the district, and to publish such plans, specifications and information and bring them to the attention of owners and occupiers of the lands within the district.
- k. To take over, by purchase, lease or otherwise, and to administer, any soil conservation, erosion control or erosion prevention project, or combination thereof, located within district boundaries undertaken by the United States or any of its agencies, or by this state or any of its agencies.
- l. To manage, as agent of the United States or any of its agencies, or of this state or any of its agencies, any soil conservation, erosion control or erosion prevention project, or combination thereof, within district boundaries.
- m. To act as agent for the United States or any of its agencies, in connection with the acquisition, construction, operation or administration of any soil conservation, erosion control or erosion control project, or combination thereof, within district boundaries.
- n. To accept donations, gifts and contributions in money, services, materials, or otherwise from the United States or any of its agencies, or from this state or any of its agencies, and to use or expend such moneys, services, materials or other contributions in carrying on its operations.
- o. To sue and be sued in the name of the district, to have a seal, which shall be judicially noticed, to have perpetual succession unless terminated as provided by law, to make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of its powers, and to

make, and from time to time amend or repeal, rules not consistent with [ORS 568.210 to 568.808 and 568.900 to 568.933](#) to carry into effect its purposes and powers.

- p. To purchase liability or indemnity insurance, in such amounts and containing such terms and conditions as the board believes necessary for the protection of directors, officers and employees of the district against claims incurred in the performance of their duties.
- q. To place liens on real and personal property.
- r. To enter into written agreements with, coordinate activities with and provide assistance to landowners, managers and residents within the districts and federal, state and local governments, relating to natural resource issues, including but not limited to issues of:
  - Agriculture and forestry
  - Economic development based upon natural resources
  - Watershed management and ecosystem health
  - Invasive species
  - Alternate and renewable energy
  - Air Quality
  - Animal waste and nutrient management
  - Carbon sequestration
  - Access to market-based services and certification
  - Fuel reduction and wildfire planning and management
  - Preservation of agricultural, forestry and other lands
- s. To conduct outreach and conservation education activities.
- t. To provide financial assistance, including but not limited to loans and grants to implement activities and projects authorized under [ORS 271.715 to 271.795, 569.210 to 568.808 or 568.900 to 568.933](#).
- u. To hold patents, trademarks and copyrights.
- v. To hold conservation easements under [ORS 271.715 to 271.795](#).

[ORS 568.550\(2\)](#). As a condition to the extending of any benefits under [ORS 568.210 to 568.808 or 568.900 to 568.933](#) to lands or the performance of work upon lands, the directors may require contributions in money, services, materials or otherwise to any operations conferring such benefits, and may require landowners or occupiers to enter into and perform such agreements or covenants as to the permanent use of such lands as will tend to prevent or control erosion thereon.

[ORS 568.550\(3\)](#). In order to avoid duplication of activities under subsection (1)(a) of this section, the department may call upon other state and federal agencies for assistance and cooperation in their fields in accordance with memoranda of understanding to be signed by all cooperating agencies.

[ORS 568.550\(4\)](#). A district may not adopt land use regulations under [ORS chapter 197, 215 or 227](#). A district has the standing of an affected landowner to participate in the public process involving administrative rules, regulations, goals, guidelines, plans or other public body actions that may affect one or more properties within the district.

## Appendix B: Statutes and Administrative Rules

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The XXX SWCD is specifically governed by Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 568.210 through 568.890. In addition, the Clatsop SWCD is subject, but not limited to, the conditions of several statutes and administrative rules as follows:

- [ORS 568.900 through 568.933](#) (Agricultural Water Quality Management)
- [ORS 561.395](#) (Soil and Water Conservation Commission)
- [ORS 561.400](#) (Natural Resources Division)
- [ORS 44.320](#) (Oath of Office)
- Oregon Constitution, Article XV, Section 3 (Oath of Office)
- [ORS 190.003 through 190.110](#) (Intergovernmental Cooperation)
- [ORS 192.001](#) (Public Records Policy)
- [ORS 192.005 through 192.190](#) (Custody and Maintenance Records)
- [ORS 192.310](#) (Records and Reports)
- [ORS 192.410](#) (Inspection of Public Records)
- [ORS 192.610 through 192.710](#) (Public Meetings)
- [ORS 198.010 through 198.955](#) (Special Districts)
- [ORS 198.330 through 198.365](#) (Dissolution of Inactive Districts)
- [ORS 198.410 through 198.440](#) (Recall)
- [ORS 240.379 through 240.394](#) (Employment of Persons with Severe Disabilities)
- Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Equal Opportunity Employment/Sexual Harassment/Discrimination) (Federal)
- Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Hiring Persons with Disabilities) (Federal)
- [ORS 244.010 through 244.4000](#) (Conflict of Interest)
- [ORS 247.035](#) (Residency)
- [ORS 294.305 through 294.565](#) (Local Budget) (required of districts with a tax levy)
- [ORS 297.005 through 297.712](#) (Contracting)
- [ORS 297.405 through 297.485](#) (Municipal Audits)
- [ORS 542.750](#) (watershed Protection and Flood Prevention)
- [ORS 659.010 through 659.990](#) (Employment Practices)
- [ORS 659.405](#) (State Policy/Employment of Disabled Persons)
- [OAR 839-07-550 through 839-07-656](#) (Sexual Harassment Prevention)

## Appendix C: Acronyms used in this Business Plan

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| <b>AWQMP</b>    | Agriculture Water Quality Management Program             |
| <b>BLM</b>      | Bureau of Land Management                                |
| <b>BMP</b>      | Best Management Practices                                |
| <b>CAFO</b>     | Confined Animal Feeding Operation                        |
| <b>CREP</b>     | Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program                 |
| <b>CRP</b>      | Conservation Reserve Program                             |
| <b>CWMA</b>     | Cooperative Weed Management Area                         |
| <b>DEQ</b>      | Department of Environmental Quality (Oregon)             |
| <b>DSL</b>      | Department of State Lands (Oregon)                       |
| <b>EQIP</b>     | Environmental Quality Incentives Program                 |
| <b>ESA</b>      | Endangered Species Act (Federal)                         |
| <b>EWP</b>      | Emergency Watershed Protection Program                   |
| <b>FSA</b>      | Farm Service Agency (formerly ASCS)                      |
| <b>FTE</b>      | Full Time Equivalent Employee (2080 hrs/yr)              |
| <b>GIS</b>      | Geographic Information Systems                           |
| <b>HEL</b>      | Highly Erodible Land                                     |
| <b>LAC</b>      | Local Advisory Committee                                 |
| <b>LMA</b>      | Local Management Agency (Oregon SB1010)                  |
| <b>MOU</b>      | Memorandum of Understanding                              |
| <b>NACD</b>     | National Association of Conservation Districts           |
| <b>NOAA</b>     | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration          |
| <b>NMFS</b>     | National Marine and Fisheries Service                    |
| <b>NWMP</b>     | Northwest Weed Management Partnership                    |
| <b>NRCS</b>     | Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly SCS)    |
| <b>OACD</b>     | Oregon Association of Conservation Districts             |
| <b>OAR</b>      | Oregon Administrative Rule                               |
| <b>OCEAN</b>    | Oregon Conservation Employees Association Network        |
| <b>ODA</b>      | Oregon Department of Agriculture                         |
| <b>OFRI</b>     | Oregon Forest Resources Institute                        |
| <b>ORS</b>      | Oregon Revised Statute                                   |
| <b>OSU</b>      | Oregon State University                                  |
| <b>OSWB</b>     | Oregon State Weed Board (ODA)                            |
| <b>OWEB</b>     | Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board                       |
| <b>RC&amp;D</b> | Resource Conservation and Development                    |
| <b>RD</b>       | Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration) |
| <b>SCS</b>      | Soil Conservation Service (currently NRCS)               |
| <b>SDAO</b>     | Special Districts Association of Oregon                  |
| <b>SB1010</b>   | Agricultural Water Quality Management Act of 1993 (OR)   |
| <b>SWCC</b>     | Soil and Water Conservation Commission                   |
| <b>SWCD</b>     | Soil and Water Conservation District                     |
| <b>USDA</b>     | United States Department of Agriculture                  |
| <b>USFS</b>     | United States Forest Service                             |
| <b>WHIP</b>     | Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program                      |
| <b>WRP</b>      | Wetland Reserve Program                                  |

Appendix D: Current Fiscal Year Budget

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**Revenues:**

|                           |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Cash on Hand.....         | \$172,961.00        |
| ODA Funding.....          | \$ 70,930.00        |
| Income Reimbursement..... | \$ 76,486.00        |
| Admins.....               | \$ 4,700.00         |
| Money Mkt.....            | \$ 7,000.00         |
| Equipment Rental.....     | \$ 2,230.00         |
| Grants.....               | \$181,387.00        |
| <b>TOTALS.....</b>        | <b>\$515,694.00</b> |

**Expenditures:**

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Personnel.....          | \$134,170.00        |
| Production Costs.....   | \$ 35,478.00        |
| Grant Expenditures..... | \$182,457.00        |
| <b>TOTALS.....</b>      | <b>\$352,105.00</b> |

**Remaining Balance:.....\$163,589.00**