



Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District

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Let me know if you want to be ADDED or TAKEN OFF this email list or have something to add: ellen.hammond@jeffswcd.org

August 25, noon-1:30pm

Jefferson SWCD Board Meeting
COAREC *temporary change of location*

Learn what the SWCD is doing for you. Contact [Kate Haarberg](#) for an agenda and to RSVP for lunch! Agendas and approved minutes are posted on our [website](#) as soon as available.

ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SWCD

On November 3, 2026, an election will be held to elect board directors to the following positions for the JCSWCD:

- Zone 1: Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (2-year term)
- Zone 2: North of Culver area (4-year term)
- Zone 4: Trout Creek/Ashwood area (4-year term)
- At Large #2 (4-year term)

Zone boundaries, eligibility requirements, and copies of the required elections forms may be obtained at the SWCD Office located at 625 SE Salmon Avenue #6, Redmond, OR 97756. Please call 541.208.2207 in advance to set up an appointment or have the forms mailed to you. Election forms and information may also be found at: <http://oregon.gov/ODA/SWCD/services.shtml>

Each candidate must file a "Declaration of Candidacy" and a "Petition for Nomination Signature Sheet" with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Division. The filing deadline is 5:00 PM on August 25, 2026. The filing deadline for an elected incumbent district candidate seeking re-election to the same office is 5:00 PM on August 18, 2026.

DROUGHT

Let your legislators know your concerns about drought!

The SWCD Board submitted the attached letter to our Legislators. They need to hear from you about YOUR concerns and what you want them to do! I am also attaching economic info for NUID if that helps your appeal.

Julie Fahey, Speaker of the House Rep.JulieFahey@oregonlegislature.gov
Rob Wagner, Senate President Sen.RobWagner@oregonlegislature.gov

Water Caucus co-chairs

Sen. Todd Nash Sen.toddnash@oregonlegislature.gov
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Rep. Mark Owens Rep.MarkOwens@oregonlegislature.gov

Local legislators (click on [Find Your Legislator](#))

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Rep. Greg Smith Rep.GregSmith@oregonlegislature.gov
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Rep. Vicky Breese Iverson Rep.vikkibreeseiverson@oregonlegislature.gov



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WILDFIRE



Staff from 7 SWCDs (Wasco, Sherman, Jefferson, Gilliam, Wheeler, Crook, and Deschutes) and 3 Watershed Councils (Mid Deschutes, Mid John Day, and Crooked River) are meeting in August to coordinate requests for immediate assistance and hopefully start long-range planning to address wildfire recovery and resiliency for North Central Oregon. We will keep you posted!

NRCS is putting together a list of landowners that need wildfire assistance. Call Emma at (541) 620-3701 to get on the list.

\$ PROJECT FUNDING \$



Project examples include: seeding bunchgrass in burned areas and planting aspens in wet areas.



The Middle Deschutes Watershed Council is seeking applicants for the OWEB Small Grant program, which reimburses up to \$15,500 for activities that restore habitat and/or improve water quantity and quality in streams. Please reach out if you have a project idea: coordinator@middledeschuteswc.org, 541-699-8458.

A project that could have qualified for the Small Grant program but was funded through different means: restoring a local creek through livestock exclusion fencing (*before and after*).

