



*Promoting ecologic and economic resiliency in  
the Coquille watershed.*

December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The 1,059-sq mile Coquille watershed is the largest river system in Oregon to originate from the Coast Range and the watershed's 4 forks run through sections of Douglas and Coos Counties. The watershed's natural resources support our local industries including timber, agriculture, and tourism. The Coquille Watershed Association (CoqWA) was formed in 1994 by a group of local citizens who were concerned about the health of their watershed and its fish, wildlife and natural resources. Their mission was clear: to work collaboratively with landowners to develop and implement voluntary watershed restoration, enhancement, and engagement activities that promote healthy and resilient ecosystems and economies in the Coquille watershed. From our humble beginning, CoqWA has established well-organized programs that are valued and supported throughout the watershed. We're very proud of the fact that about 90% of the funding we receive remains in the watershed in the form of jobs through on-the-ground projects and locally-purchased supplies & materials.

In 2018, CoqWA recruited several new board members, we grew to include 4 rock star staff members, and we completed a five-year Strategic Plan. The Restoration Program implemented several in-stream habitat projects and coordinated the planting at the Winter Lake restoration project (over 80,000 native plants were planted!). The Noxious Weeds Program surveyed, mapped, and treated outlier populations of weeds and started knotweed control in the North Fork. Our Monitoring Program has taken off this year monitoring the Winter Lake restoration project and continuing several basin assessments. Lastly, our Education and Outreach Program is working with Coquille students and the community on watershed stewardship and science topics!

We are very excited about where we are heading in 2019. Our programs have secured over \$1.5 million in funding from multiple sources to expand or initiate new projects and outreach activities in 2019. Also, it's our organization's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary! We are currently planning several events to celebrate this significant milestone including a big party and fundraiser on September 21, 2019 (more details on that to come!). Most importantly, our accomplishments over the last 25 years would not be possible without the generous support from people like you: landowners, community members, and project partners. THANK YOU!

To close, we obtain funding for projects by acquiring grants that pay for the implementation of projects, but grants do not pay for additional and critical organizational support. Therefore, our member drive is an important annual event for our organization. Membership donations are spent on equipment and educational materials that will increase our capacity to achieve our mission. We hope you consider joining or renewing your membership and sharing our letter with friends and family! By becoming a member, you are supporting our work to build community around the shared values of enhancing the local economy and stewarding our natural resources. As a nonprofit 501(c)(3), donations are tax-deductible. Thank you very much for considering your support!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

*Mel Dunne*

Mel Dunne  
Executive Director

*Tom Jefferson*

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President – Board of Directors



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**Become a Member Today!**

**Support the stewardship, restoration and enhancement of the Coquille watershed**

***Active Members:*** Any individual, business or organization supporting the purpose and mission of the Coquille Watershed Association can become an Active Member. To become an Active Member you simply pay an annual due as established by the Board of Directors. Dues are currently \$20.00/year. Becoming an Active Member is an excellent opportunity to support *your* local watershed organization that is committed to improving our wonderful community and natural resources.

***Board of Directors:*** New Board members are elected by existing Board members and are generally Active Members before joining the Board of Directors. Board members also pay the annual Active membership dues. Board members assist with programming, oversight, and fundraising and have voting authority for organization decisions.

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Please complete the following form and enclose cash or a check made out to the Coquille Watershed Association.

I am helping with the following:

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*A receipt of your tax-deductible donation will be emailed to the email address listed above.*

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