



*Promoting Natural Resource Conservation and
Economic Stability in the Coquille Watershed*

December 20th, 2017

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

What a year it has been for the Coquille Watershed Association! Our accomplishments this year include: implementing the organization's first tidegate replacement and channel enhancement project on the mainstem Coquille River, surveying watershed conditions in the Sandy Creek and Steel Creek basins, serving on the Gorse Action Group and helping to launch the South Coast Cooperative Weed Management Area that encompasses Coos and Curry Counties! We are also very excited about where we are heading in 2018: bringing on new staff members, creating a Strategic Plan for the next 5 years, growing our Education and Outreach Program, and continuing to plan and implement high value, win-win restoration projects on working landscapes. Our accomplishments would not be possible without the generous support from people like you: landowners, community members, and project partners.

The 1,059-square mile Coquille River Watershed is the largest river system in Oregon to originate from the Coast Range and the watershed's 4 forks run through sections of Coos, Douglas and Curry Counties. The watershed is 1,000 sq miles in size and includes the cities of Powers, Coquille, Myrtle Point, Camas Valley and Bandon. The Coquille Watershed Association (CoqWA) was formed in 1993 by a group of local citizens who were concerned about the health of their watershed and its fish, wildlife and human resources. Their mission was clear; to coordinate the assessment of the watershed's conditions and to implement proven management practices that are designed to support environmental integrity and economic stability for the communities of the Coquille watershed.

From our humble beginning, the CoqWA has established a well-organized restoration program that is valued and supported throughout the watershed. We operate on a budget of approximately \$400,000 a year, and 90% of our funding remains in the watershed in the form of jobs through on-the-ground restoration projects and locally-purchased supplies & materials. CoqWA aims to accomplish voluntary restoration projects with willing landowners to enhance working lands, water quality, and salmon habitat. We have done this through many means including instream habitat projects, culvert and tidegate replacements, and riparian fencing and planting projects.

We are able to obtain funding for watershed projects by acquiring grants that pay for the implementation & administration of projects, but grants do not pay for additional organizational support, which is where our member drive is an important annual event for our organization. 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. Membership donations will be spent on equipment (such as weed eaters, GPS, etc.), informational brochures and educational materials. As a nonprofit 501(c)(3), donations to the CoqWA are tax-deductible, and our Tax ID number is 93-1171301. Please feel free to call me or Julie Huff, CoqWA Board President, with any questions, and thank you very much for your support!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Become a Member Today!

Support the stewardship, restoration and enhancement of the Coquille Watershed

There are three types of membership in the Coquille Watershed Association: Active, Executive Council and Board of Operating Officers. Any individual or organization supporting the purpose and mission of the Coquille Watershed Association can become an Active Member. To become an Active Member you must pay dues as established by the Executive Council, which are currently \$15.00/year. Each year at the January Executive Council meeting, present Active Members elect the Executive Council, and the Executive Council nominates and elects the Board of Operating Officers.

Becoming an Active Member entitles you to a mailed quarterly newsletter and email updates on meetings and other public events hosted by CoqWA!

Please complete the following form and enclose a check to the Coquille Watershed Association.

I am helping with the following:

- Tax-deductible \$15 Active membership dues
- Additional tax-deductible donation enclosed (Thanks!) Amount \$ _____
- Sharing this letter and form with friends and family – posted on the front page of our website:
coquillewatershed.org

Name(s): _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Postal Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____

Email: _____

a receipt of your tax-deductible donation will be mailed to the address listed above with the first quarterly newsletter

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