



# Soil and Water Conservation Commission Minutes

DATE	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
February 27, 2024	Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) 7175 NE Evergreen Pkwy, Unit 400, Hillsboro OR 97124	1:03 PM	4:30 PM

CHAIR	COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT	ABSENT
Barbara Boyer	Jerry Ward, Stan Dean, Tim Kerns, Al Hrynyshyn, via Teams: Robin Vora	Jim Bob Collins

## OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (ODA) STAFF PRESENT:

Kevin Fenn, Agricultural Water Quality Program Manager; Sandi Hiatt, SWCD Grants Administrator; Eric Nusbaum, SWCD Operations Specialist; Karin Stutzman, SWCD Program Lead, and Renita McNaughtan, Administrative Specialist (via Teams)

## VISITORS:

Aaron Shaw, Lacey Townsend, Tualatin SWCD; via Teams - Whitney Collins, Baker SWCDs; Brenda Sanchez, Marion SWCD

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The regular quarterly meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM by Chair Barbara Boyer on February 27, 2024. Chair Boyer thanked the Tualatin SWCD for hosting the Commission. Jerry Ward also welcomed everyone to the Tualatin SWCD bragged on the leadership staff of Aaron Shaw, Lacey Townsend, and Introductions were started around.

## TUALATIN BASIN HABITAT CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP

**Aaron Shaw** is the director of natural resource and presented on the NRCS (RCCP) regional conservation partnership program. Awarded the Aquatic Organism Passage and Habitat Improvement Projects, RCCP 2023-2037. This project is focused mostly on habitat to create and enhance habitat conditions for salmonids. Focusing on specific part of the Tualatin – Gales Creek sub-basin; removing barriers to provide access for native migratory fish for spawning and rearing. Partnering with Tualatin River Watershed Council, Clean Water Services, NRCS and additional ancillary partners; Oregon Dept of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Dept. of Forestry, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde.

## IN PERSON TOUR OF PROPOSED COFFEE AND FINGER CREEK AQUATIC ORGANISM PASSAGE AND HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

**Aaron Shaw** led a tour of the of the proposed Coffee and Finger Creek Aquatic Organism Passage and Habitat Improvement Projects.

**WRAPUP and ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 4:30PM.**