



## OVERVIEW: Soil and Water Conservation District Director Eligibility Criteria

There are forty-five Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD's) throughout Oregon's the thirty-six counties. Each SWCD is governed by a five or seven member board of directors comprised of "Zone" directors, and two "At-large" directors\*.

Examples:

- The East Multnomah SWCD has a five-member board consisting of three zone directors and two At-Large directors.
- The West Multnomah SWCD has a seven-member board consisting of five zone directors and two At-Large directors.

### SWCD At-Large Director Eligibility:

1. Be a registered voter, **AND**
2. Reside within the boundaries of the SWCD, (no 10-acre management requirement)

### SWCD Zone Director Eligibility: Two Options

#### Option One

1. Be a registered voter, **AND**
2. Reside within the zone that is being represented, **AND** Actively manage 10 or more acres within the *district* boundaries, **OR**
3. Actively manage 10 or more acres within the *zone* boundaries being represented, **AND** reside within the *district* boundaries

#### Option Two; "In-lieu" option:

1. Be a registered voter, **AND**
2. Reside with the *zone* that is being represented, **AND**
3. Have served at least one-year as a director or an associate director of an Oregon SWCD, **AND**
4. Have a conservation plan approved by the SWCD.

#### **\*568.560 Number of directors; director qualifications; officers; election; terms; vacancies.**

(1) The local governing body of the soil and water conservation district shall consist of a board of either five or seven directors elected or appointed as provided by law. To ensure proper representation of all the people in the district and to facilitate district functions, the State Department of Agriculture shall provide for the zoning of each district, and shall provide each time directors are elected or appointed for the proper and equitable representation for each zone.

(2) Two director positions shall be at-large positions. At-large directors must reside within the district and be registered voters.

(3) Zone directors must own or manage 10 or more acres of land in the district, be involved in the active management of the property, reside within the boundaries of the district and be registered voters. Zone directors may either reside within the zone that is represented or own or manage 10 or more acres within the zone that is represented and be involved in the active management of the property....

**\*\*568.560(3)**...An individual may also serve as a zone director when the individual, in lieu of the other requirements specified in this subsection, resides within the zone that is represented and indicates an interest in natural resource conservation as demonstrated by serving at least one year as a director or associate director of a district and having a conservation plan that is approved by the district. Candidates nominated for director from a specific zone shall be voted on by all electors within the district.

