2023 Polk County Local Working Group Meeting Agenda

Friday, January 27, 2023, 9AM – 12PM

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215 Doaks Ferry Road NW

Salem, OR 97304

***OR***

Zoom – Online

**Registration** - [Local Work Group Meeting - POLK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (polkswcd.com)](https://www.polkswcd.com/local-work-group-meeting.html)

**Purpose:** To build and expand partnerships, evaluate resources, and collaboratively prioritize and improve identified resource issues.

**Objectives:**

1. Review top 3 priorities and funding opportunities under the current NRCS Long Range Plan
2. Discuss new highlights
3. Present outreach updates and resources offered by the Polk SWCD

**Opening:** 9:00-9:10

Welcome (Morgan)

* Welcome
* Zoom protocols (muted)
* Review Meeting Purpose and Agenda/Objectives
* Save questions for end
* NRCS Staff Introductions
* Polk SWCD Staff Introductions
* Polk SWCD Directors
* Role of Directors
* Introductions
* Participant Intros (name and organization/farmer) – **ONLY IF IT’S A SMALL GROUP**

**Priorities:** ­ 9:10-9:40

1. Soil Health & Water Quality Principles (Evelyn)

* CREP Program overview and updates (Marc)

1. Forest Resiliency in the face of Climate Change (Evelyn)
   * Forest Practices Act (Dave Thompson, ODF)
2. Oak Restoration for Wildlife (Marc)
   * RCPP, Oak Meadow

* Variety of funding opportunities

**New Highlights:** 9:40-10:10

* Climate Change and Resiliency for Ag Producers – (Evelyn)
* Video clip
* New Technology Opportunities in Agriculture – (Kevin)
* Conservation Innovation Grant Funding – (Evelyn)
* Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program – (Marc)
* OSU Small Farms Program – (Hayley)
* Small Farms Program overview
* Small Farms Conference
* Mention SPARK NW

**Resources and Outreach Offered by Polk SWCD:**  10:10-10:15

* Resources for everyone (Morgan)
  + Native Plant Sale
  + Barn Hall Meetings
  + Conservation Spotlight
  + Conservation Crew
  + Partnerships
  + Scholarship?
  + Internship?

**Time for Questions:** 10:15-10:30

Zoom Participants will enter questions into the chat

* Morgan will ask questions from the chat and keep an eye on time

**(optional) Networking and Brunch:** 10:30-12:00