

## 2018 Washington County LWG

### **Date/Location:**

February 13, 2018; 6:30 pm

Tualatin SWCD 7175 NE Evergreen Parkway #400

Hillsboro, OR 97124

### **Introduction and Summary to NRCS Strategic approach**

Jeehye Lee went over Oregon's strategy and summarized the available CIS's including the Dairy-McKay RCPP, Tualatin Valley Irrigation District Improvement area, Forest Stand Diversity and the county wide Pinchot RCPP as well as the Organic/Transitioning Organic and High Tunnel Initiatives.

### **Feedback was sought on primary resource concerns**

Resource concerns listed from greatest importance were:

1. Invasive/Noxious Weeds
2. Soil Erosion
3. Inefficient use of Irrigation Water
4. Elevated Water Temperatures, Excess Nutrients in Water Runoff, Lack of Pollinator Habitat
5. Soil Compaction, Inadequate Water Storage, Soil Organic Matter Depletion
6. Soil Health

All of the top resource concerns are addressed in some way through the current CIS funding sources although some questions were raised about certain CIS's not covering a broader area.

### **Feedback was sought on possible barriers to program participation in the county**

Top barriers identified:

- Application and Eligibility paperwork
- Broader need of outreach regarding the different funding sources
- Need for a better understanding of restrictions during the length of contracts
- Incentive payments rates could be increased for some practices

### **What can we do to address these resource concerns more efficiently and lower barriers to participation?**

- Conduct more outreach meetings to promote funding sources (current CIS's and initiatives)
- More field tours to promote successful projects so landowners can hear from each other. These are viewed favorably by everyone.
- Promotion and outreach by partners
- Targeted mailings