

MEETING NOTES - RESULTS

David Ferguson, District Conservationist first presented general information about the 2018 Farm Bill and its conservation programs. Discussed past LWG discussions, priority resource concerns, current NRCS activities and planned activities.

Adjustments to resource concerns and priorities/roles are shown below. Update to NRCS long-range plan will incorporate these adjustments:

| Resource | Importance | Priorities, Roles |
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| Human | Medium | Increase awareness; working with partners to provide technical expertise and individual technology transfer |
| Soil | Low | Reduce sediment through expanding buffers, improving livestock management in areas with water quality concerns |
| Water | High | Reduce runoff through implementation of BMPs for irrigation, nutrient, residue & livestock management, reduce forest fire risk, reduce bank erosion – Attendees emphasized South Umpqua water quality, reduced summer flow; noted that recent hemp increase requires more water from rivers, streams |
| Air | Low | Reduce agricultural contributions to air quality problems, reduce fire danger – Attendees emphasized summer air quality due to wildfire |
| Energy | Low | Reduce energy use through conservation practices and equipment upgrades – Attendee noted that power outages are common, landowners to consider off-grid backup plans |
| Plants | High | Develop and maintain habitat for sensitive species, reduce risk of fire, restore oak woodlands – Attendees added pollenating species are important |
| Animals | High | Develop and maintain aquatic and terrestrial habitat for sensitive species, reduce risk of fire, restore oak woodlands – Attendees noted that Monarch butterfly is in decline, as well as river beaver |



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Douglas County Local Working Group Meeting USDA/NRCS and the Farm Bill

January 21, 2020, 4 PM
ODFW Conference Rm. 4192 N. Umpqua Hwy. Roseburg

Meeting Purpose: Provide a forum for NRCS to communicate with landowners and conservation partners on NRCS and Farm Bill assistance and address concerns/work in Douglas County.

Objectives: Discuss common and priority resource concerns and share ideas about how the new Farm Bill and NRCS can address them. Set goals for communicating and coordinating fire strategy in Douglas County.

Time

- 5 min. **1. Welcome, introductions & meeting purpose**
- 15 min. **2. USDA/NRCS and the Farm Bill**
- 10 min. **3. Ongoing activities in Douglas County**
- 5 min. **4. How planning and project development occurs with NRCS in Oregon**
- 10 min. **5. Planned activities and projects in Douglas County**
- 15 min. **6. Participant feedback**
- 5 min. **7. Closing & next steps**