WEST MULTNOMAH
Soil & Water Conservation District

Open Position on Budget Committee
Fiscal Year 2018-2019

The West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (the District) conserves and protects soil, water and habitat for people, wildlife, and the environment in Multnomah County west of the Willamette River, all of Sauvie Island (including the Columbia County portion of the island) and the Bonny Slope area of the Tualatin Mountains in Washington County. We are a Special District of the State of Oregon and a local unit of government. The District receives its funding primarily from property taxes and grants. In 2006, voters in the District's service area approved a measure establishing a permanent property tax rate limited at $0.0750 (7.5¢) per $1,000 of assessed property value. Our classification as a public taxing entity requires compliance with Oregon Local Budget Law.

The Budget Committee is composed of the governing board (7 elected members) and an equal number of citizens appointed by the governing body.

The District is seeking candidates for the Budget Committee.

The Budget Committee appointed members:
- Must live and be registered voters within the District boundaries as described above;
- Cannot be officers, agents or employees of the District;
- Serve three-year terms; and
- May not receive compensation for services as a member of the Budget Committee.

The official duties of the Budget Committee are to:
- Meet publicly to review the proposed budget document and message;
- Provide an opportunity for public input and discussion on the proposed budget; and
- Approve the budget and the necessary property tax rate as proposed or as modified with all funds in balance.

Selection of public members of the Budget Committee is based on the ability of the applicants to:
- Consistently participate in the budget process;
- Reflect diverse public, landowner or community group interests in healthy soil, clean water and diverse habitats;
- Bring necessary skills and abilities to enhance the Committee's effectiveness; and
- Be committed to working as a team member with other members of the Committee.

To be considered for appointment to the Budget Committee, please complete the application below and submit by January 31, 2018, to Michele Levis, michele@wmswcd.org. If you prefer to mail your application, our address is: 2701 NW Vaughn St, Suite 450, Portland, OR 97210. The District is committed to continuously evaluating and updating our programs to better serve communities of color and welcomes and encourages applications from people of color. The District's goal is to welcome, engage and retain people of color in all facets of our organization. The District is committed to non-discrimination against any class or identity; our Statement of Non-Discrimination is available on our website or can be sent upon request. The District makes reasonable accommodations for events, educational materials and services. For more information, please see our website at www.wmswcd.org, and contact Michele Levis with questions at 503-238-4775, ext. 111, or michele@wmswcd.org. The first Budget Committee meeting will be on Wednesday evening, 4/11/18; a follow-up meeting, if necessary, is scheduled for 4/25/18.

Budget Committee Public Member Application

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

I certify that I am an eligible elector residing within the boundaries of the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, that I am not an officer, agent or employee of the District, and that I intend to serve on the Budget Committee for a full three-year term, if appointed. Further, I have reviewed the Budget Calendar and do not currently have conflicts with attending the scheduled Budget Committee meetings.

Signature _____ Date _____

Though not required, you may attach your resume.

List education, including degrees earned:

State reason for wanting to serve on the Budget Committee:

List relevant skills, knowledge, and work or volunteer experience:

Describe your understanding of the services provided by the West Multnomah SWCD and any ideas you wish to pursue through the District Budget process: