



## West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District is seeking community members to join our Budget Committee

West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District is a local government public service district that provides resources, education, and expertise to inspire people to actively improve air and water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and soil health. Our service territory includes Multnomah County west of the Willamette River, all of Sauvie Island including the Columbia County portion of the Island, and a portion of the Bonny Slope region of the north Tualatin Mountains in Washington County (see [District map](#)). The District's operating budget for the General Fund is \$2.9 million which includes a \$1.0 million beginning fund balance, \$1.7 million in property tax revenues, and \$0.2 million in grant funding and other sources of revenue.

We are looking for people who reside and are registered to vote within the District to become citizen members of the District's Budget Committee. Meeting twice during the month of April, the Budget Committee annually reviews the District's proposed budget – as developed by staff – for the coming fiscal year (beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>). The Committee has the authority to make any changes it feels are necessary to fulfill the District's mission, and when finalized, approves a recommended budget to the District's elected Board of Directors. As such, Budget Committee members influence how to best allocate the District's cash and revenues during the upcoming fiscal year based on the unique perspectives they bring to the Committee. Service on the Budget Committee is voluntary and Oregon Budget Law prohibits the District from offering a stipend or other form of financial compensation for service.

We are especially seeking members who identify as Black, Indigenous, or other people of color, or are from organizations that represent or who otherwise identify as members of underserved, marginalized, or oppressed communities.

The Budget Committee has 14 members. Seven members are the District's elected Board of Directors, and seven are citizen members appointed by the Board of Directors. Currently two of the citizen member positions are vacant.

For 2021, the first Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>, from 6 to 8 PM. The second meeting, if necessary, is tentatively scheduled for April 27, 2021. Both meetings will be held virtually.

Appointed citizen Budget Committee members must meet the following requirements:

- Reside and are registered voters within the District's service territory.
- Willing to commit to serving a three-year term beginning in 2021.
- Demonstrate having an interest in the District's conservation work and the planning and budget process that supports this work.
- Demonstrate a commitment to working on a team.

An employee or someone directly benefiting financially from the District is not eligible to serve as an appointed citizen on the Budget Committee.

If you are interested in serving on our Budget Committee, please complete and submit online the Citizen Budget Committee Member Interest Form. You may also download and mail your form to: West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, 2701 NW Vaughn St., Suite 450, Portland Oregon 97210. Forms submitted by Monday, January 25, 2021 will be reviewed first. Following the deadline, forms will be reviewed on a rolling basis, as needed.

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Citizen Budget Committee Member Interest Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please describe your interest in the District’s conservation work and the planning and budget process that supports this work. Include relevant aspects of your background and experience that have shaped this interest.

2. Please describe the unique perspectives that you would bring to the Budget Committee and what you would like to gain from being a member.

3. Please describe what you feel are signs of successful teamwork and share any experiences you have had working on a team centered on conservation and natural resource issues.

I hereby certify that: (1) I live and am registered to vote within the service territory boundaries of the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, (2) that I am not an employee of the District or otherwise stand to directly gain financially from the District’s work, and (3) that I intend to serve on the Budget Committee for a full three-year term, if appointed.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_