



WEST MULTNOMAH
Soil & Water Conservation District

Welcoming community members to 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. The District's operating budget is \$2.7 million.

We are looking for people who reside and are registered to vote within our district to become citizen members of our 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 1st). 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 one of the citizen member positions is vacant.

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.
- 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 the Citizen Budget Committee Member Interest Form on the next page. Send completed forms to info@wmswcd.org or mail to: West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, 3236 S Kelly Ave, Suite 200, Portland Oregon 97239.

Forms will be reviewed on a rolling basis, as positions open.

