

Siuslaw Watershed News

January 2003

Message from the Executive Director

Greetings

Watershed Friends!

As the New Year begins to unfold here in the Siuslaw, with wonderful calm sun-filled days and storms filled with winter's fury expected here on the Oregon coast, it seems that exciting and busy days lay ahead for all of us at the Siuslaw Watershed Council.

Recently, on January 16-17, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board held their quarterly meeting here in the Siuslaw in Florence. The OWEB Board was invited to our community by the SWC in the hope that our members, partners, and community residents would have an opportunity to meet and interact in meaningful ways with both the OWEB Board of Directors and with OWEB staff. The board meeting, reception and dinner with SWC members and OWEB were a great success. Members and partners within our watershed were able to gain a better understanding of the world of OWEB, and through our SWC and partners presentation to the Board, and

one on one interaction throughout the evening, we were all able to share and get to know each other in settings previously unavailable. I would like to extend a warm "Thank You" to the OWEB Board of Directors, to OWEB Staff, and to all of our members, partners, and community participants who helped to make this board meeting and associated events a truly worthwhile experience.

Within this newsletter we will begin the first of a six part series that will feature a reprinting of the story, "The Man Who Planted Trees" by Jean Giono. This amazing story, about the humble, solitary, peaceable Sheppard Elzeard Bouffier who dedicated his life to planting trees and producing happiness,

In Memory of

Larry Beers

*Siuslaw Watershed Council
Member and Lifetime resident of
the Siuslaw Watershed*

is an inspiration to many of us who believe that through the simple act of planting a tree, each of us can contribute today toward creating a better world tomorrow. I hope that each of you will enjoy reading this story as it unfolds in coming newsletters; it's a great story to read aloud with friends or to the children in your midst.

Speaking of tree planting, the SWC Riparian Restoration Project, managed by SWC Board Member Nancy Nichols, will unfold February 22, the date when the free trees and native shrubs will be distributed at sites throughout the watershed. This year the Mapleton distribution site will not

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Watershed Volunteer Opportunities

The Siuslaw Watershed Council is a community supported non-profit group and there are many ways that YOU can help and participate as a volunteer. Volunteers are needed to help at our office in Mapleton with general office activities, with set-up and take-down at our regular meetings, and with special event activities. Contact the Council office for volunteer opportunities, 268-3044.

USFS Siuslaw Stewardship Pilot Update

The Community Monitoring Team that is forming to work with the USFS in association with the Siuslaw Stewardship Pilot (an innovative program to thin overcrowded national forests in order to diversify species composition and promote overall forest health) will meet on Tuesday February 4, 2003, 9:30 AM, at the SWC office. The Community Monitoring Team, an innovative aspect of the USFS National Pilot Program, provides the opportunity for concerned citizens to get involved with helping to shape the future health of their watershed. For more information call Pete at the SWC office soon!

Election Time is Here!

Each year the Siuslaw Watershed Council elects a Leadership Board and an Executive Committee and the time has come for nominations toward these important positions. Talk to your friends and neighbors, partners and fellow SWC members about volunteering for a position and plan to attend this important meeting prepared to make your nominations. We will finalize nominations at our January meeting and will hold our elections that evening also. Please review the current Leadership Representatives on page 3.

Present Leadership Board members who cannot attend the January meeting should please let the SWC know of their interest in continuing as a Leadership Board member or not.

Tech Team Project Proposal Review

The following projects are being submitted for the February OWEB grant cycle. If you would like more information now on any of these proposals, please call the Council office and you will be directed to the person who has the answers. Four projects that were initially reviewed, Assessment of Riparian and Water Quality Conditions Beneath Power Lines, Knotweed Removal, Ames Creek Restoration Project and Beaver Creek Restoration Project, were withdrawn by the sponsors of those proposals.

- **Shady Creek Restoration Project**
 - **Stream Team**
 - **Material Acquisition**
 - **Roach Creek Restoration**

2002 Siuslaw Watershed Council

Community Leadership Board Representatives

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chair: Dave Eisler

Vice Chair: Steve Elliot

Treasurer: Nancy Nichols

Secretary: Paula "Cricket" Crowder

Reps: Bill Cirino

Al Pearn

Cindy Chambers

Jim Grano

Past Chair: Noland Huntington

SUB-BASIN/REPRESENTATIVE

Indian Creek: Dick & Thane Beers

North Fork: Noland Huntington

Wolf Creek:

Lower Siuslaw: Dave Rankin

Hayden Sears

Upper Siuslaw: Steve Elliot

Lake Creek: Edd Steinhauer

Mike Bellmore

Deadwood Creek: Nancy Nichols

Bill Cirino

Wildcat Creek: Dave Eisler

Alt: Marvin Denmark

At Large: Cindy Chambers

Kandie Watt

INTEREST GROUP/ REPRESENTATIVE

Academic/Scientific:

Tom Steinberg

Alt: Paul Burns

Commercial Fishing:

Bill Mumpower

Alt: Marvin Stainbrook

Federal Land Management:

Diana Bus, BLM

Alt: Johan Hogervorst, USFS

City of Florence:

(appointed)

Lane Co. Government:

(appointed)

Resource Recreation:

Ron Caputo

Public Education:

Jim Grano

Alt: Cricket Crowder

Small Woodlot:

Al Pearn

Alt: Vernon Van Curler

Tribes CTCLUS:

Isaiah Ursprung (appointed)

Siuslaw SWCD:

Ray Kinney

Alt: Johnny Sundstrom

Agriculture/Ranching:

Bill Cirino

Alt: Lorne Phelps

Industrial Timber:

Paul Chapman

Environmental:

Mike Running

Port of Siuslaw:

Ken Miller

State Government:

Bob Johnson, ODF

Ecosystem Workforce:

Lori Robertson

**Siuslaw Watershed Council
General Meeting Agenda
January 29, 2003
Mapleton Grange Hall
6:30 p.m.**

- 6:30-6:40** **Welcome and Introductions**
- 6:40-7:10** **PRESENTATION:** *Johnathon Soll, Nature Conservancy, Manager of Sandy River Preserve, will discuss the threat of non-native Knotweeds on riparian habitats. He will share information on dispersion, potential for spread and experiences of control trials and strategies on the Sandy Preserve.*
- 7:10-7:25** **Break**
- 7:25-8:05** **Final Nominations, Review of Leadership Board and Executive Committee Responsibilities and ELECTIONS.**
- 8:05-8:15** **Reports and Updates**
- 8:15-8:30** **Open Mic**
- 8:30-8:35** **Announcements**
- 8:35** **Adjourn**

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be at our office but rather we will set up in “downtown” Mapleton on the vacant lot next door to the Me-n-U Market. This will be an exciting morning of free tree distribution and we are hopeful that this more visible and public location will enable the general public a glimpse into the world of the SWC. Volunteers are needed at this site to help distribute plants as well as to network with the public, so if you would like to help on Saturday the 22 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon, or if you have a portable shelter or canopy that we could set up on site for this event, please call the SWC office soon! Please look inside our newsletter for more details on this ambitious project from Nancy!

Hope to see each of you at a Council meeting soon!
Peace to All,

Pete Barrell

Treasurer's Report

Nancy Nichols, Council Treasurer

DECEMBER 2002

Beginning Cash	\$71,452.95		
	DECEMBER(+)	(-)	YEAR TO DATE
INCOME			
Dues	\$190.00		\$870.00
Federal Grants			\$49,500.00
State Grants	\$43,970.57		\$336,144.67
Interest Income	\$104.04		\$1,361.85
Donations & Misc.	\$55.23		\$5,815.23
Administrative Funds	\$69.00		\$6,090.70
Other			
TOTAL INCOME	\$44,388.84		\$399,782.45
EXPENSES			
Grant Expenses		\$7,438.64	\$396,061.28
Other		\$2,295.50	\$15,345.47
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$9,734.14	\$411,406.75
Ending Cash	\$106,107.65		

Schedule of Events

January 29– Siuslaw Watershed Council General Meeting: 6:30 pm, Mapleton Grange, East Mapleton Road.

February 3– Siuslaw Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting: 7:00 pm Port of Siuslaw, 1499 Bay Street, Florence.

February 6- SWC Technical Team Meeting: 9:30 am, Upper Compound, Mapleton.

• **February 12– SWC Executive Committee Meeting: 5:30 pm, Upper Compound, Mapleton.**

• **February 22- Council Tree Give-A-Way call Nancy, 964-3020, for time and a location near you!**

• **February 26– Siuslaw Watershed Council General Council Meeting: 6:30 pm, Mapleton Grange, East Mapleton Road.**

• **Volunteer Estuary Monitoring Program: February 5 and February 19, call the Council office, 268-3044, for meeting time and place.**

Grass -vs- Trees

Most people think it is easy to convert pasture to a forest. All you need to do is throw some trees in the ground and stand back. Unfortunately, in the Coast Range we contend with grasses that routinely grow to over six feet tall and out-compete little trees for water. Trees are both shaded by tall grass falling over them and stressed due to lack of water in the soil. Normally, it takes three to four years before the tree roots are deeper than the grass roots. During that time, the landowner should keep the grass cleared so that the young trees “see the sun”. After that, the trees are taller than the grass around them and are able to fend for themselves.

If you will be planting trees in an area that is currently grassy, it is important to remove grass from around each tree. The larger the area, the better; a five-foot radius is ideal. If you will be planting this winter, it is best to clear the planting spots ahead. Start now as grass clearing is often a bigger job than planting the trees.

Nancy Nichols, Project Manager, Siuslaw Riparian Restoration Project

Siuslaw Watershed Council Mission Statement

The Siuslaw Watershed Council supports sound, economic, social and environmental uses of natural and human resources in the Siuslaw River Basin. The Council encourages cooperation among public and private watershed entities to promote awareness and understanding of watershed functions by adopting and implementing a total watershed approach to natural resource management and production.

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What's Happening In Your Watershed?