

COLUMBIA CONSERVATION DISTRICT VSP

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2024



THE SPRING TOUR IS BACK!

The spring tour is a widely loved tradition at CCD. For various reasons we have not been able to do a spring tour in the past years. No fear, the spring tour is back!

The spring tour will be held on Wednesday May 15th, 2024. There will transportation provided to move between areas. The tour will end with a BBQ at Dayton City Park.

Do you have an innovation or interesting topic you would like shared on the spring tour? Please contact us:

districtmanager@columbiacd.com

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

We are excited to be partnering with NRCS and WSU extension to get financial and technical assistance with the next phase of our soil pH study!

This year The District will be working to apply lime at a larger scale than in the past. Lime and other nutrients will be applied to an average of 130 acres on 10 fields. Due to the large economic burden we hope learn the extent of benefits for soil health and crop production while providing financial assistance within Columbia County.

The Voluntary Stewardship Program is currently accepting new projects. VSP projects must protect critical areas and promote agricultural viability.

This winter VSP has helped fund riparian fence, pasture restoration, and livestock watering facilities.

Please reach out to The District to learn more about potential VSP projects!

ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting was held Jan 24th. Information was presented on soil health, rangeland management, and NRCS programs.

For information about these presentations and copies of the slides please reach out to The District!

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tye Knebel was re-elected to the board of supervisors during our annual meeting. His term will continue through 2027.

Tye has served on the board for many years and we are thankful for his continued commitment!

There is still one open board position and CCD is seeking interested applicants to fill it!

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GREENHOUSE COLABORATION WITH DAYTON SCHOOLS

Spring and Summer of 2023, The District worked with Dayton School District to renovate the greenhouse. The first round of plants grown in the greenhouse consisted of 1,400 plants in gallon sized pots that were placed on the Tucannon River.

The Conservation District has now started the second round consisting of 1,200 plants that will be grown from plugs to gallon sized pots this year and planted on the Tucannon this fall! We anticipate to have a few thousand more ready to go before the fall.

Dayton School District and FFA have also received plants that will be used for the FFA plant sale this year!

Columbia Conservation District has worked hard to provide education to the Dayton School District Ag classes about the role of conservation districts. This has included two monthly lessons about agriculture and natural resources.

We are excited to keep working with the next generation of farmers, ranchers, and foresters!

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VAL IS OFFICIALLY RETIRED

Val Turner has worked at the Columbia Conservation District in Spring of 2003. After almost 20 years, she has transitioned to a well deserved retirement!

What started as an agreement to do burn permits turned into 20 years of serving Columbia County farmers, ranchers, and foresters. Val has headed up the burn program and rainfall collection program. Those who come into our offices at the Post Office are very used to seeing Val's smile greeting them, likely with a joke or story ready to go.

We will miss Val in the office but she greatly deserves the extra time that will be spent with her family, friends, and farm animals!

