

McKenzie Watershed Council News



For April's McKenzie Watershed Council Column

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The McKenzie Watershed Council

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The McKenzie Watershed Council's mission is to foster better stewardship of the McKenzie watershed resources through voluntary partnerships and collaboration. Residents of the watershed are encouraged to attend Council meetings for educational presentations, to make comments, address concerns and/or to ask questions. Meetings are held the second Thursday of every month in EWEB's Training Room, North Building at 5:30 p.m., where dinner is served.

Council Partners participate voluntarily and reach decisions collaboratively through a consensus decision-making process. Each Council Partner is given flash cards with numbers 1 through 7 on them to show the level of consensus on issues of substance. The levels of consensus include:

- 1=Wholeheartedly Agree
- 2=Good Idea
- 3=Supportive
- 4=Reservations
- 5=Serious Concerns
- 6=Cannot Participate in Decision
- 7=Recuse

The following is a list the Council's Partner organizations: City of Coburg, City of Eugene, City of Springfield, East Lane Soil and Water Conservation District, Eugene

Water & Electric Board, HYNIX Semiconductor Manufacturing America, Lane County, McKenzie Flyfishers, McKenzie Schools, McKenzie Valley Residents' Association, McKenzie Guides' Association, McKenzie River Trust, Mohawk Watershed Partnership, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Division of State Lands, Springfield Utility Board, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, Weyerhaeuser. Douglass Moser and Michael Kerrick are the two new At-Large Stakeholder Partners approved by the Council at the annual retreat in January 2004.

The Springfield-based McKenzie Watershed Council is a non-profit, non-partisan organization established in 1993 to promote collaborative projects to protect water quality and fish and wildlife habitat within the 1,300-square-mile McKenzie River basin.

For more information on the projects and activities of the McKenzie Watershed Council, contact watershed council coordinator Megan Finnessy at (541) 687-9076.