

Spring 2010

Energy Program to Develop Pilot for BPA

The Cascade Pacific Energy Program is working with Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to develop and manage an Agricultural Energy Efficiency Pilot program in western Oregon.

The program goal is to develop projects that will decrease agricultural energy use by 10 percent.

CPRCD is working in collaboration with Wy'East RC&D, which will develop and manage the pilot program in northcentral Oregon.

The Energy Program will continue assisting agricultural producers and rural small businesses with renewable energy projects, as well as energy efficiency projects that are not powered by BPA.

For information, contact Terry Johnson, Energy Program Manager, at 541-760-6444 or terry@casco.net.



Strategic Plan Meetings Scheduled

CPRCD is asking residents of its service area to suggest community-improvement projects at a series of public meetings.

County commissioners will join CPRCD representatives to host public meetings in each of CPRCD's six counties -- Benton, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion and Polk. See the schedule of meetings below.

The information gathered at these meetings will be used in the development of a five-year strategic plan which may include future CPRCD projects.

For more information, contact Karen Strohmeyer, RC&D Coordinator, Cascade Pacific RC&D, at Karen.Strohmeyer@or.usda.gov

Public Meeting Schedule

- Lane County: Wednesday April 28, 5:30 to 7:00 PM
Eugene Water & Electric Board Training Center, North Building
500 East 4th Avenue, Eugene
- Linn County: Thursday, April 29, 6:30 to 8:00 PM
Linn County Fairgrounds, Albany
- Marion County: Monday, May 3, 7:00 to 8:30 PM
Senate Hearing Room, Courthouse Square
555 Court Street NE, Salem
- Benton County: Thursday, May 6, 5:30 to 7:00 PM
Corvallis-Benton County Public Library
645 NW Monroe Avenue, Corvallis
- Polk County: Tuesday, May 11, 7:00 to 8:30 PM

2010 Calendar

CPRCD Strategic Plan Public Meetings

Benton, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion & Polk Counties
See schedule at left

CPRCD Full Board Meeting

Suilsaw National Forest
4077 SW Research Way, Corvallis
April 15, 1-3 pm

OARCD Annual Meeting

Redmond
April 22-23, 2010

[see www.cascadepacific.org](http://www.cascadepacific.org)

Monmouth Public Library meeting room
168 S. Ecols Street, Monmouth

- Lincoln County: Tuesday, May 18, 6:30 to 8:00 PM
Central Lincoln People's Utility District
2129 N. Coast Highway, Newport

CPRCD Executive Board Meeting
Tangent/Conference Call
May 19, 10 am-noon

CPRCD Executive Board Meeting
Tangent
June 16, 10 am-noon

OARCD Annual Meeting ~ April 22-23

The upcoming annual meeting of the Oregon State Association of RC&D Councils (OARCD) will be held April 22-23 in Redmond.

The theme of this year's meeting is "Water - Oregon's Most Valuable Resource." Presentation topics include water rights, the Water Restoration Certificate Program, ecosystem service markets, and much more. For information, visit www.cascadepacific.org.

Birding Trail Guide Available

The Willamette Valley Birding Trail Guide is now available in paper form.

The 51-page Guide includes extensive maps and self-guided adventures for birdwatchers traveling by car, bicycle or public transit. Illustrated with beautiful photos of Willamette Valley birds, the Guide highlights 138 birding hotspots from the northern tip of Oregon to south of Cottage Grove.

To receive a copy of the Willamette Valley Birding Trail Guide, contact Debbra at 541-967-5925 x102 or debbra@cascadepacific.org. The Guide is also available online at www.willamettebirding.org.

Red-breasted Sapsucker. Photo by Jim Norton



Local Food Connection Keeps Growing

The fourth Local Food Connection was held at Lane Community College on February 1, 2010 with attendance at 241 participants, a 29% increase over last year. One of the major themes of the conference was the introduction of Ecotrust's Food Hub, an online marketing tool where farmers, fishermen and ranchers can sell their locally grown products to restaurants, hospitals, food stores and school districts. Several training opportunities on the Food Hub were provided by Ecotrust staff.

Other workshops included: Understanding Food Certifications, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for Farms and Rural Businesses, Social Media, Food Safety, The Latest News on GMOs, Growing Local Markets for Beans and Grains and Butchering a Lamb.

One of the major draws to the event is a flavorful, nutrient-rich lunch buffet with fresh ingredients donated by local farmers and ranchers. The event was sponsored by CPRCD, Eugene Water and Electric Board, Oregon Tilth and Lane Community College.

Mark your calendars for next year's event on February 7, 2011.

Welcome...

- **Jennifer Gorski Ward** has been hired to manage the new Horning Native Plant Materials Center. Jenni was the owner/general manager of Cloud Rim Nursery in Canby from 1989-2006, and served as the Natural Resource Committee member volunteer for the Oregon Association of Nurseries from 2007-2009. She's also worked as a horticulture instructor at Chemeketa and Clackamas Community Colleges. Her educational background includes graduate coursework in environmental science, a BS in Rangeland Management and an AS in Ornamental Horticulture plus additional coursework in botany, restoration and business.
- **Teresa Pheigh** was recently hired as the first CPRCD Energy Program Assistant. Just before joining CPRCD, Teresa was the office manager at Pacific Biodiesel Technologies in Salem. She also worked for GE Security, where she started as a temp and became a full-time manager. She served on the budget committee for the City of Aumsville, helped run a construction company, and has a strong background in database development and maintenance. Among other things, Teresa will work with our energy program manager, Terry Johnson, to help develop the new Ag Energy Pilot Program for BPA.

