



Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District

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Learning and Sharing
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Let me know if you want to be ADDED or TAKEN OFF this email list! Ellen Hammond, ellen.hammond@jeffswcd.org.

This is a very short, late newsletter. I have been out due to knee surgery. The August newsletter will have way more information!

August 26, noon

Jefferson SWCD Board Meeting Madras Airport

Learn about what the SWCD is doing for you. Contact [Kate Haarberg](#) for an agenda and to RSVP for lunch! Agendas and approved minutes are posted on our [website](#) when available.

Free Pesticide Collection Event?

ODA is looking for a few more pesticide applicators who would be interested in a collection event. They have 8 so far from Jefferson and Deschutes Counties and need a few more to justify the logistics. The event would be on a Saturday in December or January and potentially at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. If you are interested, please email [Kathryn Rifenberg](#) ASAP!

Upcoming projects/funding

43 Lateral Farm Conservation Planning

The SWCD will receive \$100,000 to assist farmers in the 43 Lateral with conservation plans to take advantage of pressurized water and also to control weeds. I will meet with technical experts in the next few weeks to design this program. The intent is to provide irrigation plans for interested landowners, starting with Phase 1 and 2. The funding is NOT for implementation. This will be more like a 'needs inventory' so we can find funding to implement the irrigation upgrades. In addition, we will offer weed management plans to landowners throughout the 43 Lateral project area. More details in August newsletter.

Juniper Cutting



In the last bill of the Legislative Session, the SWCD was allocated \$715,000 to cut juniper "where treatment will provide the greatest benefit to water resources and ecological health." We will develop this program in the next couple of months. We are already getting phone calls, and ask that you wait until we have figured out how to implement this program. We will have an update in the August newsletter.

SWCD Staff Changes

Ryan Brunner recently resigned from his position as the SWCD Weed Program Coordinator. With his departure, the Weed Coordinator position will return to Jefferson County Public Works. The SWCD will no longer host this role. Jefferson County Public Works plans to post the position very soon.