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Steering Committee Biographies

Will Bondioli, Upper Long Tom

Will moved to Oregon in 1954, and as a young boy, he attended Noti and Elmira schools. Will has worked in steam and electrical engineering for over 30 years, and for the past 15 years, he has worked at the steam plant at EWEB. Will is also the director of the East Lane Soil and Water Conservation District. He and his wife, Kathy, have been married for 25 years. They have two sons, one who attends Lane Community College, and the other who attends the University of Oregon. Will spends his spare time tending his farm, and his family property on Price Rd. However, he has also been known to drop everything and go fishing.

Peg Boulay, At-Large

Peg's earliest memories revolve around the outdoors and animals, particularly fishing with her dad and being fascinated by dinosaur skeletons at the Smithsonian Institution. She grew up in Maryland and Florida. She received a M.S. in wildlife ecology from University of Florida, where she studied ecology of white-tailed deer in the Everglades. She moved to Oregon in 1992 and has worked for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for almost 13 years. She has studied creatures big (bears, elk) and small (bats, frogs) and is currently focused on voluntary conservation of declining species. Her professional interests include collaborative resource management, so she is happy and honored to join the Steering Committee.

Peg lives in Eugene with her partner Bruce and 2 cats. She spends her free time hiking, mushrooming, camping, skiing, gardening, cooking, knitting, and enjoying the company of friends.

Ryan Collay, At-Large

Ryan was born in Alaska, Nov. 21, 1957, where his parents were schoolteachers and fished for salmon in the summers. He has never forgiven them for leaving. They moved the family to Eugene where they both attended U of O and his first memories are of Amazon student housing. The family then moved to California and Ryan grew up with the city of San Jose. He learned about environmental impact and exponential growth as he watched a city the size of Eugene grow to almost 800,000 in 12 years.

Ryan was very involved in environmental education in high school and left California for parts green and settled back in Eugene. He now lives on 5 acres with his wife, Joanne Dubrow, who runs a home-based natural fiber dolls and crafts business. They have five children ages 26 through 9. Ryan has worked at OSU for a math and science enrichment program for over nine years. He has a personal and professional interest in education and public policy, in particularly the empowerment of a community to inform their own actions through community groups such as watershed councils.

Tina Fenley, Amazon

Tina was born in Albany, OR and has lived all over the state due to the requirements of her father's job. She attended thirteen different schools before high school. Tina now resides in Veneta, and works as an office manager for Zirkle, Long, Traguiero & Ward. Prior to her current job, she worked for Pricewaterhouse Cooper for 27 years. Tina is married and has two sons, 29 and 27. These days, most of her spare time is occupied with fulfilling the duties of a new grandmother.

Eric Freepons, Lower Long Tom

Eric was raised in Junction City on the family farm started by his father in the early 80's. Eric attended Oregon State University, receiving a Bachelors of Science in Animal Science and a Masters of Agriculture in Food Science and Technology, Ag Resource Economics and Animal Sciences. At OSU, Eric met his wife Adele, who he married in 1997. Today they are currently farming 1,500 acres and running over 900 ewes.

Ric Ingham, Upper Long Tom

Ric has been Veneta's City Administrator since February 2004. He spent the prior 12 years in central and eastern Oregon assisting rural communities with their economic development efforts. He is a graduate of Oregon State University with a degree in economics and business administration.

This is Ric's second stint as board member of a watershed council. Beginning in 2000 and until his arrival in Veneta he was a board member for the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council and the organization's treasurer the last two years of his term. He has served on the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board's grant review committee and staffed the Central Oregon Resource Advisory Committee from the fall of 2001 through 2003.

Corey Johnson, At-Large

Corey Johnson was born in Wisconsin and spent her early years playing in the river and haymow of a small dairy farm. She migrated with her family to Oregon in 1971 and has lived in rural Lane County for most of the past 35 years.

Her work history includes 10 years as a real estate agent in Cottage Grove, then nearly another 10 as a mortgage banker in Eugene. In between, she founded and managed a nonprofit childcare center. Eight years ago she "retired" as Assistant Vice President of Admin Services for Centennial Mortgage and returned to school to pursue magazine journalism.

Corey has degrees from the University of Oregon in *Journalism* and *Environmental Studies*, and a *Certificate in Nonprofit Management*. Although she has published a few freelance articles, her writing career has pretty much been limited to grant proposals for schools and

nonprofits. Her current passion is “community development” – a refocusing, of sorts, of her knowledge of housing and finance. While at the UO, she had the opportunity to experience and study alternative community structures in Australia and to do some hands-on development work in Southern Belize. At the present, she works in Eugene for the USDA Rural Development. She has four grown children (living between Southern California and Portland) and three grandchildren – unfortunately, only one living near enough to spoil. Outside of her family and writing, Corey’s interests include public policy analysis, ecosystem health, volleyball, hiking, and scuba diving.

Rich Margerum, Amazon sub-basin

Rich Margerum lives in Eugene and is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Planning, Public Policy and Management at the University of Oregon. He is married to Sonya and they had their first child, Aidan, in August 2003. They both enjoy hiking and photography, and are active in several community and neighbourhood groups.

Rich holds a Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Wisconsin—Madison. Between 1992 to 1995 he worked for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as an environmental specialist on watershed management, the Fox River clean up, and growth management.

In 1995 Rich went to Australia as a postdoctoral Fulbright fellow to research watershed committees in eastern Australia. In 1996 he joined the faculty of the Queensland University of Technology, where he taught in the areas of environmental planning, land use policy, and conflict management. He also worked with several watershed councils in southeast Queensland. During the 2000-2001 academic year he was a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Colorado, before coming to Eugene in Fall 2001. Rich’s research interests include growth management, consensus building processes, as well as institutional and implementation issues in collaboration.

Sarah Medary, Amazon sub-basin

Sarah Medary was born in Houston, Texas where she spent most of her free time exploring the outdoors. Some of her fondest memories are the many days spent on the Gulf Coast fishing for speckled trout, redfish and flounder. Her journey from Texas to Oregon included a five year stop in Fort Collins, Co to earn her first degree in Horticulture. Sarah then moved to Seattle where she constructed both engineered and green stabilization projects along numerous urban streams and the shores of Lake Washington. The final move to Eugene was to earn a second degree in Landscape Architecture in 1995. Sarah has worked for the City of Eugene for the last 10 years. She was the first Erosion Prevention Specialist hired to implement the City's Erosion Prevention Program and has most recently been selected to manage the Natural Resource Section of Parks and Open Space. She still spends her free time exploring the outdoors and enjoys writing, working in her garden and remodeling her home.

Gary Nolan, Upper Long Tom

Gary is originally from New Hampshire, and migrated to Northern Arizona, where he spent most of his childhood. He attended Graduate school at Oregon State and worked for both University of Oregon and Oregon State early in his career. Gary has also worked in the areas of botanical extension, environmental health, and hazardous substances. He currently works for the University of Oregon in Organic Chemistry; he is the manager of a green lab, and he really enjoys working with undergraduate students. Gary is married and has one grown son, who teaches in the Portland area, and two granddaughters. In his spare time, Gary enjoys reading, riding bikes, hiking, and gardening.

Jim Pendergrass, At-Large

Jim was born in Portland, and has lived in Oregon almost his entire life. Educated at Stanford, he has recently retired from a 33 year career in the banking industry, most recently as President of Wells Fargo's Small Business Banking Group in Oregon. He and his wife Chris, a ceramic sculptor, have been married for 33 years, and spent 20 years in eastern Oregon before moving to the valley ten years ago. They live on a small farm in the Bear Creek sub-watershed outside of Cheshire, where they raise sheep and trees. Both are long-time private pilots, and are also active scuba divers, skiers and hikers. And Jim plays ice hockey in the adult league in Eugene!

Rich Reeves, At-Large

Rich was born and raised in Olympia, Wa. He attended Centralia College and the University of Washington, studying forestry and forest engineering. In 1985 he moved to SE Alaska, where he worked for the USFS laying out and designing harvest units & road systems, as well administering and supervising various road construction, bridge, and culvert installation projects. He was hired by Rosboro in 1996 as a forest engineer and moved to the Springfield area. My current duties include layout/design of harvest units and roads, and construction supervision.

Rich married Tracy in 1989, and have three daughters, ages 7, 12, 14. They keep them very busy with competitive gymnastics, girl scouts and geocaching. Our family also includes a 3 year old yellow lab that participates in most of the things we do. Rich tries to relax hunting or fishing but also enjoy being in the outdoors with my family. He currently holds the position of President, on the Board of Directors for the National Academy of Artistic Gymnastics Parent Club, and have been a board member for the past 5 years.

Brent Skiles, Lower Long Tom

Brent was born in Pennsylvania, but moved to Oregon when he was 1 year old. He currently lives north of Harrisburg, and is the owner of Spring Creek Gardens, where he grows bedding plants, such as marigolds, petunias and other annuals and perennials. Brent is married with two grown children – his son is in the Air Force, and his daughter runs a speed and quickness school.

In his spare time, he can be found working a wetlands restoration project on his family farm. He also occasionally goes hunting or fishing.

Tony Stroda, Lower Long Tom

Tony is a Christian man, born and raised in Monroe, Oregon and he lives in the house where his father was born. He and his wife Brenda have been married for 28 years and are dedicated to their two children, who are now grown. Tony runs Stroda Brothers Farm with his two brothers- they grow peppermint, grass seed, vegetable seed and Christmas trees. They are the fourth generation on the same property. Tony has been involved with the watershed councils since its inception.

Council Staff Biographies

Dana Erickson, Watershed Coordinator

Dana has been working on watershed issues in Oregon and northern California since 1994. Her background includes work as a graduate teaching and research fellow, soil scientist, city planning assistant, and timber-harvest consultant for private firms. Her formal education includes a MS in Resource Geography from Oregon State University and a BS in Natural Resource Planning from Humboldt State University.

Currently, Dana serves as Watershed Coordinator for the Long Tom Watershed Council and is available for consulting to help others achieve success in collaborative watershed planning and restoration. She has been working with the Long Tom Watershed Council since 1998 and assisting the work of all Councils regionally and statewide since 1999. In 2004, she was instrumental in writing a grant to secure funding for the Network of Oregon Watershed Councils and now serves as the Project Manager for that endeavour. In November 2005 she was elected by councils in the Willamette Basin to serve as Interim Board member for the Network of Oregon Watershed Councils.

Dana's passion for common sense environmental stewardship led her to contribute significantly to the opening of a green building store in Corvallis called Your Green Home in 2004. In her private time she reads and takes long roaming walks with faithful pup Zorra, an English Shephard. The mountains and rivers of Oregon are her weekend calling, and extended disappearances there or to a foreign country will only increase with age. Dana also enjoys tai chi, ceramics, cross-country and down-hill (must...have...speed) skiing, and sea-kayaking.

Jenna Garmon, Special Programs Coordinator

Jenna Garmon has joined the Long Tom Watershed Council to coordinate and manage special programs and projects. Her main role with the Council will be to work on restoration and monitoring activities, including grant-writing and new project development, as well as manage Council meetings and newsletters, and the Member Involvement Program. Jenna just finished her Master's Degree in Environmental Studies at the University of Oregon, where she worked with Professors Bart Johnson and Scott Bridgham on an oak savanna restoration research project. She is also teaching an online environmental science course, and completing a handbook to help communities conduct a greenhouse gas inventory. Before coming to Oregon, Jenna served outreach director for an environmental organization and as a land use policy planner in California. She was also a founding member of a nonprofit organization dedicated to regional conservation planning.

Her hobbies include hiking, surfing, gardening and generally being outside. She is currently volunteering with The Nature Conservancy to identify ecologically important lands with oak savanna in the Willamette Valley. Jenna lives in the Upper Amazon sub watershed.

Cindy Thieman, Projects and Monitoring Coordinator

Cindy Thieman has been working for the Council since 1998. She has a Masters of Science in Biology and in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Oregon. While at the University, she was a research and teaching fellow in limnology, microbiology, and plant physiology. Her first Council Project was the Watershed Assessment, which was completed in January of 2000. She has also designed and implemented the Council's water quality monitoring program. Starting in 2000, she began working with landowners to develop and secure funding for watershed restoration and enhancement projects.

Cindy has lived in Eugene for 14 years and owns a home near upper Amazon Creek that she shares with Nova dog, Chopper kitty, and her partner Jim. They spend more time than they'd like "improving" the house and yard, but still manage to find time for backpacking, backcountry skiing, and mountain biking.