



# LONG TOM WATERSHED COUNCIL

October 2006

Annual Meeting on Monday, Oct 16th!  
*Please RSVP with payment by Oct 10*

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## ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, October 16th, 2006

6:00 p.m.

Our Daily Bread Restaurant, Veneta

❧ **Silent Auction**

❧ **Guest Speakers**

Watershed and Ecology in a Working Landscape

*Mike Connelly, Klamath Basin*

Restoration Project Highlight, *Tom Hunton*

❧ **Awards**

❧ **Council Business**

*Meeting M.C.s— Ric Ingham and Leslie Scott*

### Regional Cuisine and Local Wines!

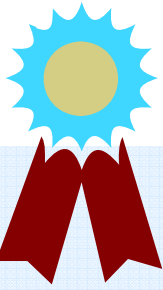
Mescalun Medley Salad  
Seasonal Fresh Vegetables  
Chicken Florentine or  
Pomodoro Capellini Pasta  
Chocolate Mousse

Please RSVP and  
send payment by  
Tuesday, October  
10th. See next page  
for details!

### Our Mission

*The Long Tom Watershed Council serves to improve water quality and watershed condition in the Long Tom River basin through education, coordination, consultation, and cooperation among all interests, using the collective wisdom and voluntary action of our community members.*

# Annual Meeting Awardees



The Council is pleased to honor the following people and organizations for their service and dedication

## In Appreciation of Sustaining Support

City of Veneta  
Stroda Brothers Farm

## In Appreciation of Sustaining Service

Jason Blazar, Council Support  
Jack Detweiler, Monitoring  
Jim Crain, Restoration & Technical

## In Appreciation of Sustaining Leadership

Rich Margerum

## Project Contractor Appreciation Award

Jeff Strasheim, PacWest Excavating

## Project Landowner Appreciation Awards

Ryan Collay  
Steve Sertic

## Key Partner Appreciation Award, Water Quality Monitoring Program

Delta Environmental Laboratories

## Steering Committee Service Awards

John Reerslev  
Dennis Capps  
Rich Margerum

## Special Service

Corey Johnson  
Desiree Tullos  
Dana Erickson  
Cindy Thieman  
Jenna Garmon  
Jules Gordon

## Macro-invertebrate Monitoring Awards

Rolf Anderson  
Stephanie Astorino  
Jonathan Brown  
Barbara Dumesnil  
Jackie Fern  
Adam Fleenor  
Jenny Getty  
Len Gillette  
Bob Hager  
Liz Myers  
Lucy Murr  
Allison Nabours  
Chris Pendergrass  
Jim Pendergrass  
Sharmila Premdas  
Brad Schallert  
Desiree Tullos

## Silent Auction Sneak Preview

Oregon Atlas  
Fishing gear  
Gift certificates to local businesses  
Art & ceramics  
And more!

Mark your calendars!

# Long Tom Watershed Council Annual Meeting

If you only come to one meeting a year, this is it!

Dinner and wine will be served at  
*Our Daily Bread*

October 16th, 2006  
6:00 - 8:30 pm  
Veneta

**Presentations will include:**

- Restoration Project Highlight
- Partner & Volunteer Awards
- New Steering Committee Members
- Mike Connelly, *Rancher & Director, Klamath Basin Ecosystem Foundation*

**Cost: \$20 per person**  
RSVP required by October 10th  
Registration information on web  
or call 683-6949



Phone us at 683-6949 or email [jgarmon@longtom.org](mailto:jgarmon@longtom.org) [www.longtom.org](http://www.longtom.org)

## Long Tom Watershed Council Annual Meeting Registration Form

Please RSVP to our office by Tuesday, October 10th

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer a vegetarian meal?   If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Number of adults for dinner \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ENCLOSED

Please make check payable to Long Tom Watershed Council (LTWC) and mail to:  
751 South Danebo Avenue  
Eugene, OR 97402

Questions? Please call Jenna Garmon at 683-6949 or [jgarmon@longtom.org](mailto:jgarmon@longtom.org).

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# Meeting Backgrounder

## Mike Connelly, Keynote Speaker

Mike Connelly is Executive Director of the Klamath Basin Ecosystem Foundation. Before taking this position Mike was a public lands rancher and federal project irrigator for ten years, operating on the Lost River in the eastern part of the Klamath Basin.

Mike has been involved in collaborative, community-based conservation for over 15 years. He was founding chair of the Klamath Watershed Council, and founding chair of the Cloverleaf Stewardship Group in the Bonanza area. He also served on the board of the Klamath County Farm Bureau, and was an alternate director for Water for Life. He has received the Governor's Oregon Plan Leadership Award, as well as the Merit Award from the Klamath Basin Water User's Association.

Mike has a Bachelor's Degree in Cultural Studies from the University of California at Davis, and a Masters Degree in American Studies from the University of Wyoming. In his studies he focused on the role of local communities in natural resource decision making, and on the dynamics of relationships between people and the landscapes they inhabit.

Mike is a published author of essays, fiction and poetry, with pieces appearing in Orion Magazine, Utne Reader, Open Spaces, Northern Lights, Wild Duck Review, Cascade Cattleman, California Cattleman, and several others. An essay called "ONRC, Go Home" was published in the book Across the Great Divide: Explorations in Collaborative Conservation and the American West.

Mike is married to Sandy, with two kids, Anna and Reno. He lives in Klamath Falls.

## Tom Hunton, Local Farmer & Restoration Partner

Local farmer Tom Hunton is working with the Council to improve water quality and enhance wetlands and wildlife habitat on farmland he owns in the Lower Amazon subwatershed. This site contains 30 acres of forested wetland and a seasonal marsh, which drain into seasonal streams flowing through perennial and annual ryegrass fields.

The project will enhance riparian zone conditions along the seasonal streams by removing Reed canary-grass and replacing it with native shrubs and grasses. These plantings will improve wildlife habitat within the fields and help filter out nutrients, sediment, and pesticides from the adjacent cropland. Reed canary-grass will also be removed from the marsh and replaced with native wetland vegetation, enhancing habitat for native amphibians and western pond turtle. Tom is also establishing a wildlife corridor between the forested wetland and the restored marsh by planting native trees and shrubs.



Excavator removing Reed canary-grass from marsh.

**What can you do about the health of the stream running through your place?**

Call Cindy at  
**683-2983**

to discuss project possibilities

# Council's Restoration Projects Overview

## **Recently Completed Council Projects:**

- Historic Coyote Creek – 8 acres of upland prairie restoration and 2 miles of riparian blackberry removal and tree planting
- Upper Ferguson Creek– placed 20 pieces of large wood in stream; 800'of riparian plantings
- South Fork Ferguson Creek - 8 stream-side terraces & 1000' of riparian plantings
- Eber Creek (Ferguson sub-watershed) – 4000' of riparian fencing & planting; off-channel water development; culvert removal to reconnect over 2 miles of cutthroat trout spawning and rearing habitat
- Upper Long Tom Riparian Enhancement: Huhtanen-Scholler – 5 acres of blackberry removal and replacement with native species in Long Tom riparian floodplain
- Spencer Creek Fish Passage – culvert removal/bridge construction to reconnect over 2 miles of cutthroat trout winter rearing habitat in Spencer Creek tributary
- Upper Long Tom Riparian Enhancement: Sertic – 750' of riparian fencing and plantings; off-channel water development
- Poodle Creek – 8700' of riparian fencing and plantings; off channel water development; pasture cross fencing; ¼ acre wetland enhancement

## **Active Council Projects:**

- Bear Creek (Coyote sub-watershed) – dam and culvert removal to reconnect 5 miles of trout spawning and rearing habitat; 3 streamside-terraces; infiltration gallery to replace irrigation pool
- Owens Creek – dam removal to reconnect over 5 miles of cutthroat trout spawning & rearing habitat
- Lower Ferguson Creek – rock blanket installed to stop head cut; 8 stream-side terraces; 3000' of riparian fencing and plantings
- Wild Iris Ridge – 20+ acres of upland prairie restoration
- Coyote Creek Fish Passage: Mattson- culvert removal/bridge construction to reconnect 40+ miles of cutthroat trout spawning and rearing habitat
- Jordan Creek – 8700' of riparian fencing & plantings; off-channel water development
- Lower Amazon Wetland & Stream Enhancement – wetland enhancement on 1-acre marsh; ~ 5000' of riparian plantings
- Wintergreen Farms Riparian Fencing – 1400' of fencing & riparian planting
- Coyote Creek Riparian Fencing: Stork – 800' of riparian fencing

## **Upcoming Council Projects (for which funding has been secured):**

- Cox Butte Culverts Fish Passage Enhancement – fish passage improvement through County Road culverts
- Stroda Drop Structure Fish Passage Design- design fish passage around/over Corps of Engineers Drop Structure on Long Tom River

## **Planned Council Projects (in design and/or fundraising stage):**

- Upper Poodle Creek – Fish passage on two Poodle Creek tributaries; fencing and riparian planting
- Willamette River Riparian Enhancement - riparian plantings along Willamette River
- Long Tom River Riparian Enhancement - riparian plantings along lower Long Tom River
- Lower Amazon Agricultural Waterway and Wetland Enhancement- grassed waterway and wetland enhancement
- Spencer Creek Fish Passage & Wetland Restoration: Jaros - fish passage and riparian & wetland restoration along Spencer Creek tributaries
- Owens Creek Wetland & Stream Enhancement: restoration of 50+ acres of wetland and riparian habitat

**What habitats do you have and could you enhance them?**

Please call Cindy at 683-2983

# Council Business

## Welcome Jenna Garmon

Jenna Garmon has joined the Long Tom Watershed Council as Assistant Coordinator. Her main role with the Council will be to help with Council meetings, member involvement, newsletter production, grant writing, and restoration activities.

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.



## Non Profit Development of the Long Tom Watershed Council

by Dana Erickson

The Council worked hard on its new bylaws this last year and they are posted on the website for your viewing at any time, [www.longtom.org](http://www.longtom.org).

We are currently in the final stages of recruiting the other two new members of our 2006 Steering Committee. Because we are in a transition to the new bylaws at this time, we want to extend the opportunity to anyone to self-nominate for Steering this year so that the Search Committee knows of your interest. If you are skilled in one or more of these three areas please let us know!

- Land and or Water Management Issues
- Business Management and/or Fundraising
- Watershed and/or Community Science and Research

Contact: Dana Erickson, Coordinator, [coordinator@longtom.org](mailto:coordinator@longtom.org) or 683.6578 or Rich Margerum, [rdm@uoregon.edu](mailto:rdm@uoregon.edu), or Will Bondioli, [will.bondioli@eweb.eugene.or.us](mailto:will.bondioli@eweb.eugene.or.us)

Thank you for your participation!

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# Steering Committee

## Long Tom Watershed Council Steering Committee: Membership

Status as of October, 2006

### Lower Long Tom

1. Eric Freepons, owner/operator, Freepons Farms (2005-2008)
2. John Reerslev, Farmer, Reerslev Farms, Inc. (2003-2006)\*
3. Brent Skiles, Owner, Spring Creek Nursery (2004 - 2007)

### Amazon

1. Tina Fenley, Veneta Resident (2004-2007)
2. Sarah Medary, Natural Resources Section Manager, Eugene Parks & Open Space (2005-2008)
3. Rich Margerum, UO Professor of Community and Regional Planning (serving 2003-2006)\*

### Upper Long Tom

1. Will Bondioli, Poodle Creek Landowner and Director, East Lane SWCD (2004-2007)
2. Ric Ingham, City Administrator, City of Veneta (2006-2009)\*\*
3. Gary Nolan, Country Fair Member, UO Chemistry Dept. (2004-2007)

### At-Large

1. Ryan Collay, OSU Educator and Spencer Creek landowner (serving 2002-2008)
2. Peg Boulay, Wildlife Biologist & Ecologist (2006-2009)\*\*
3. Corey Johnson, Eugene Resident (2006-2009)\*\*
4. Open Position

\*Denotes rotating member when replacement found

\*\*Denotes new member





# Watershed Announcements

## Tax Base Measure for the East Lane Soil & Water Conservation District

Measure 20-119 on the November ballot proposes to increase property taxes by \$.05 per \$1,000 home value for the East Lane Soil & Water Conservation District. The Mission of the District is to “encourage and promote the responsible stewardship of natural resources by providing leadership, information, representation and local conservation education.”

According to Paul Reed of the District, the budget includes money to provide the four watershed councils in the East Lane District with the required local match portion of the OWEB Watershed Council Support grant. This would include the Long Tom Watershed Council.

The District is exclusively in Lane County and extends from the crest of the Cascades to the east slopes of the Coast Range. The goal of the District is to have the technical resources to assist every willing person who wishes to conduct soil and water protection and restoration projects on their land.

For more information about East Lane Soil & Water Conservation District look at:  
[http://www.oacd.org/download/factsheets/eastlane\\_fs.pdf](http://www.oacd.org/download/factsheets/eastlane_fs.pdf) or [www.yeson20-119.com](http://www.yeson20-119.com).

## Ridgeline Area Open Space Vision and Action Plan Public Workshop – Mark Your Calendars!

The City of Eugene invites you to get involved in an effort to develop a long-term ridgeline area open space vision. Located in the southern Willamette valley, the ridgeline area is a twenty mile corridor that follows the major ridgeline spanning the area between Fern Ridge Reservoir to the west and Mount Pisgah to the east. The area marks the transition from the urbanized Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area to the north and the rural landscape to the south and forms a scenic backdrop that is visible from much of Eugene and the Spencer Creek Valley. The area contains recreational trails; prominent area landmarks such as Spence Butte; unique oak savanna and prairie habitats; headwater streams; and picturesque farm and forest lands.

Co-sponsored by the City of Eugene, Lane County Parks, The Nature Conservancy, Bureau of Land Management, Long Tom Watershed Council, McKenzie River Trust, and Willamalane Park & Recreation District, this workshop will provide background about the history and current conditions of the ridgeline area and information about the planning process. The workshop participants will be asked to provide input on topics such as recreational use, habitat management, visual quality, farm and forest uses, and other issues related to the ridgeline area.

Date: **Tuesday, December 5, 2006**

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Eugene Public Library, 100 West 10th Avenue, Bascom/Tykeson Room

Workshop Agenda: 6:00 to 6:30 presentation; 6:30 to 8:00 Q & A and provide input

For More Information, Contact: Jeff Krueger, Senior Landscape Architect, Lane Council of Governments, at 682-4122 or by email at [jkrueger@lcog.org](mailto:jkrueger@lcog.org).

*Interested in other watershed councils in Oregon?  
Network of Oregon Watershed Councils [www.oregonwatersheds.org](http://www.oregonwatersheds.org)*

# Watershed Involvement Opportunities

## Calendar of Events

**October 16**

Long Tom Watershed Council  
Annual Meeting



**November 9**

Long Tom Watershed Council  
Steering Committee meeting



**October 18<sup>th</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup> &  
November 8<sup>th</sup>**

Free breakfast or dinner and  
**Farm Planning Workshop**  
Coburg, Monroe and Junction City

Join Cascade Pacific RC&D and  
partners for a Farm Records  
Workshop. Learn about cost-share  
grants, sustainability certification,  
and other programs.

Contact 757-4807 or  
cprcdjim@qwest.net.



**Monday, February 5, 2007**

Lane Community College  
8:30 am—2:30 pm

**Local Food Connection: Linking  
Farmers—Fishers—Food Buyers**

Providing business opportunities  
and lunch—Complimentary

Questions, or to receive an  
invitation, please contact  
(503) 295-1046 or  
localfoodsource@gmail.com.  
RSVP by January 26, 2007.

## Ongoing Involvement

### The Long Tom Watershed Council

Join us at our monthly Council meetings to find out more about us and how you could be involved. [www.longtom.org/volunteer](http://www.longtom.org/volunteer) or call us at 683-6949.

### StreamTeam

Help enhance the Amazon Creek Subbasin and the Willamette Watershed as well. Tuesday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 Stream Team needs volunteers to lend a hand at their native plant nurseries. We also have weekend work parties. To be added to the email notification list please contact Stream Team at 682-4850 or [lorna.j.baldwin@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:lorna.j.baldwin@ci.eugene.or.us)

### The Nature Conservancy

Saturday works parties:

2nd Saturday of each month

(February through November) 9:30-12:00. Meet on 18th at the pullouts 1/8 mile west of Bertlesen. Examples of projects include invasive species removal, native seed collection and nursery work.

**Oregon Trout** would like to invite Council members to consider becoming Salmon Watch volunteers. Karen Wegner coordinates 33 field trips in the Eugene area and depends on volunteers to provide students with a great outdoor experience. Please check out their website for more information, and to register for a training.

Questions?

Please contact:

Karen Wegner  
Regional Educational Coordinator  
Healthy Waters Institute/Salmon Watch  
Oregon Trout  
230 S.W. 3rd Street  
Corvallis, OR 97333  
541.753.4280

### Opportunities on the Web!

[www.longtom.org](http://www.longtom.org)

[www.wewetlands.org](http://www.wewetlands.org)

[www.ortrout.org](http://www.ortrout.org)

# Our Watershed & Council



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**Steering  
Committee**

**Lower Long Tom**

Brent Skiles  
John Reerslev  
Eric Freepons  
*Co-Secretary*

**Upper Long Tom**

Will Bondioli  
*Vice Chair*  
Dennis Capps  
Gary Nolan

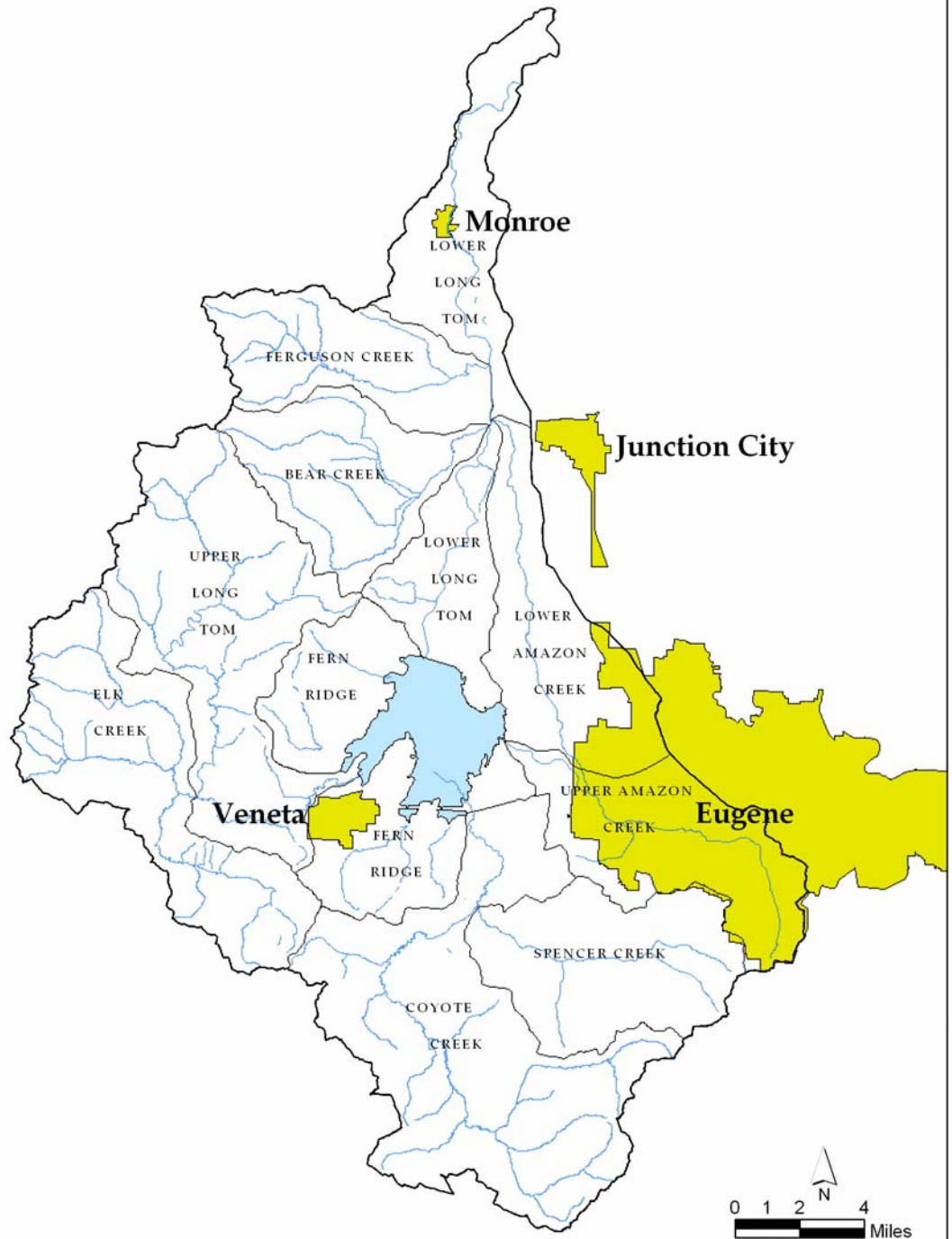
**Amazon**

Sarah Medary  
Tina Fenley  
*Treasurer*  
Rich Margerum,  
*Chair*

**At Large**

Ryan Collay  
Desiree Tullos  
*Co-Secretary*

## Long Tom Watershed Ten Major Subbasins



Source: Long Tom Watershed Council, Brian Issa 9/03

**Staff**

**Projects and Monitoring**

Cindy Thieman  
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**Coordinator**

Dana Erickson  
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**Assistant Coordinator**

Jenna Garmon  
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**Annual Meeting**  
**Monday, October 16th, 6:00 p.m.**

**Our Daily Bread Restaurant**  
**88170 Territorial Road**  
**Veneta**

**RSVP required: 683-6949**

From Eugene:

- Head west on W. 11th toward Veneta.
- West 11th turns into Highway 126
- At the intersection with Territorial Road, turn left at the signal into Veneta
- Cross the railroad tracks, pass Commercial Street and look for Our Daily Bread on your right