



# LONG TOM WATERSHED COUNCIL APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER



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## PUBLIC MEETING: APRIL 20, 6-8 P.M. | EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### *Tools for Reducing Pesticide Use In and Around Your Homes*

As spring ushers in longer days, many folks will be out planting gardens and tidying up their lawns and spaces around their homes. The warmer weather can also bring unwanted pests, and every year, an array of pesticides are used to control weeds and invasive plants, insects, rodents, and other wildlife. These chemicals can have harmful impacts on water quality, native plants and wildlife, and on the drinking water of our downstream neighbors in Monroe.

**Our April 20th public meeting will focus on providing tips, tools, and resources to understand the latest pesticide data and trends, and how you can reduce your pesticide use.** The event will be at the **Bascomb-Tykeson room of the Eugene Public Library** (see next page for details, including for parking).

For 13 years, LTWC and partners have been monitoring pesticide presence in Amazon Creek as one of Oregon's Pesticide Stewardship Partnerships (PSPs). **David Gruen, Columbia River Coordinator at the Oregon DEQ**, will share an overview and history of the PSP Program, and why it's a priority for the State of Oregon. He'll also help contextualize why we should be concerned about pesticides in our water and their impacts on water quality and aquatic communities, and how the impacts of pesticides are measured through aquatic benchmarks. **Amanda Reinholtz, LTWC's River Scientist & GIS Specialist**, will then share the latest results from pesticide monitoring data in Amazon Creek, the context of those results, and some actions people can take to reduce particular chemical detections of concern. Our final speaker, Chris Hedstrom, will present a new online resource from Oregon State University called "Solve Pest Problems". **Chris is the Communications & Outreach Coordinator for OSU's Integrated Pest Management Center** will walk attendees through how to use the site and discuss the content in the context of what we can be doing to reduce pesticide inputs into our waterways.

Urban areas are incredibly complex with toxic inputs coming from *(continued)*

### Presenters



David Gruen, Oregon DEQ



Amanda Reinholtz, LTWC



Chris Hedstrom, Oregon State University

myriad sources. While there have been encouraging signs in recent years that improvements have been made, consistent and continued incremental improvements depend upon an informed community willing to take the voluntary steps necessary to invest in the health of our watershed. **Please join us on April 20th to learn more about how you can do your part!**

### *April 20th Event Location & Parking*

**Location:** Eugene Public Library (100 W. 10th Ave.)

**Room:** Bascom-Tykeson Room (1st Floor)

**Parking:** Do NOT park in the library parking garage. It locks up at 8 p.m. **Instead,** park in either the Broadway North Parking Garage (8th Alley and Charnleton) or Broadway South Parking Garage (W. Broadway Alley and Charnleton). Both are only 1-2 blocks away from the library.

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## INTRODUCING OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR!

LTWC is excited to announce our new Executive Director and Watershed Coordinator, Steve Dear! Steve joined our team of staff on March 23rd and is already getting to work connecting with and learning about the incredible people and partners of the Council. He has dedicated his career to working collaboratively to advance the missions of national, statewide, and local nonprofit organizations focused on community organizing around environmental and social justice issues.

He's led teams that provided organizing and technical assistance among historically and racially segregated and underserved Southern rural communities and local and state governments, resulting in \$58 million in desperately needed water, wastewater, and solid waste infrastructure projects. He wrote a book on alternative wastewater technologies for leaders of small communities, and he has worked as a newspaper reporter.

For the past eight years, Steve and his spouse have lived in the woods of the foothills of the Coast Range near the banks of the upper Long Tom. He has been deeply involved in Eugene and Lane County community affairs and has served on a variety of water and environment-related commissions and boards. In his free time he enjoys playing guitar and drums in bands and helping their dog Joe explore Oregon's coast and mountains.

We're really looking forward to the experience, heart, and dedication Steve will bring to this watershed and the watershed community, and we encourage you all to come out our public meetings and events in the coming months to introduce yourself. Welcome, Steve!



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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Long Tom Watershed lies within the traditional homelands of the Tribes and Bands of the Kalapuyan peoples. Following treaties in the 1850s, the Kalapuya people were dispossessed of and forcibly removed from their Indigenous homeland by the United States government. Today, many descendants are citizens of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. We acknowledge that we are on occupied lands, and express our respect for Kalapuya and all Tribal Nations of Oregon, and the important contributions they continue to make to their communities, including to the stewardship of this watershed.



# THANK YOU FOR DONATING TO LTWC!

## DONATIONS SINCE DECEMBER

We want to share our heartfelt gratitude with the watershed community for your outpouring of support and generosity during last year's campaign to raise \$25,000 for our 25th anniversary. Thanks to you, we were not only able to meet our goal but exceed it by over \$7,000! **We hope you'll continue to support the watershed in 2023 as our important work continues!** We're still just over \$14,000 short of our total fundraising goal for Fiscal Year 2023 (ending June 30th). Any gift, whether \$1 or \$5,000, or anywhere in between, truly matters to sustaining the success of our on-the-ground work alongside all of you toward a healthier Long Tom Watershed for fish, wildlife, and people. [Visit longtom.org/donate to make your gift today!](https://www.longtom.org/donate) You can also mail a check payable to LTWC and send to 11 E. 27th Ave., Eugene, OR 97405.

Richard Ahrens

Amazon Smile

David Barta

Clinton Begley

Victoria Blackman

Sharon & Jim Blick

Catherine Boucher

Ross Bondurant & Catherine Harris

Haley Bossé (to TEIP)

Barbara Bowman

James & Maria Bradshaw

Diana Bus

Lora Byxbe

Bruce Campbell

Marjorie Clinton - in honor of Maya & Townes Oldson

Robin Cochran

Barbara Combs

Paula Conn

Steve Dear

Tilke Elkins/ Wild Pigment Project

Fred Meyer/Kroger

Cathy Glaudin

Nancy Hafner

Betsy Halpern & John Bredesen (to Earth Care Interfaith Fund)

Roger Hamilton

Bonnie Henderson & Charles Zennache

Keyte Hladky

Debra & Einar Ingebretsen

Sondralee Calisend Juve

Sara & Robert Kaul

Gary Lech

Evelyn Lee

Karen Leigh & Keith Oldham

Megas MacDonald & Tom Lively

Lori Maddox (to TEIP)

James & Laura Marshall

Pat McDowell & Pat Bartlein

Carrie McGranahan

Devin McMahon (to TEIP)

Pat & George Miller

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Anami Ridge

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Kelsey Ruhland - in honor of Foxbound Flowers

St. Mary's Episcopal Church (to Earth Care Interfaith Fund)

Ruth Schmidt

Lori Severson

Steven Soltesz

Susan & Steve Sertic

Gary Spalter (to TEIP)

Carrie & Joseph Steinbach

Kathleen Sweet

Top of the Class Clean - Pam Newhouse

Towhee Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation

David Turner

Charles Van Duyn

Elizabeth Vollmer-Buhl

Ron Wallace & Elizabeth Rogers-Wallace

David Walp & Sally Jo Bowman

Phyllis Weare (to Earth Care Interfaith Fund)

Susan Wiedenbeck

Margaret Wyse - in honor of Leah Davis

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# WELCOMING OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS!

We're pleased to announce the addition of four new members to the LTWC Board of Directors! In the last six months, the Nominating Committee has recommended the addition of the following individuals representing a range of perspectives and lived experiences to the Council Board. They join a strong tradition of volunteer service on behalf of the watershed, which in 25 years includes 85 board alumni!

All four individuals were voted by current board members to fill mid-year vacancies as "pro-tem" members, meaning they have the responsibilities and voting authority of full members, but will stand for a vote of confirmation by the Council membership at this fall's Annual Celebration. If you happen to see them at one of our events, please introduce yourself and welcome them to the team. Welcome, Paulina, Connie, John, and Brian!

You can read their full bios, and the bios of our full Board of Directors, by visiting [longtom.org/board-of-directors](https://longtom.org/board-of-directors). If you are interested and would like to learn more about board service with the Long Tom, or let us know about someone you think we should reach out to, you can send a letter of interest to Steve at [coordinator@longtom.org](mailto:coordinator@longtom.org) (or mail to 11 East 27th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97405). Please include your name, why you're interested in being on the Long Tom Board of Directors (or why someone we should reach out to might be a good fit), and a short bio about yourself and what you might bring to benefit the lands and waters we share.) If you're interested, please send your letter of interest in by **no later than Friday, July 7th**.



**Paulina Whitehat**  
*Diné Tribal Member,  
Researcher*



**Connie Peabody**  
*Retired public school  
teacher*



**John Deck**  
*Co-owner of Deck  
Family Farm*



**Brian Peterson**  
*Stewardship Forester,  
Oregon Dept. of Forestry*

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### *Mission Statement*

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

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