

RPC 2018-006

Proactive Sequestration Policies of the  
Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District

WHEREAS the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District (TSWCD) was recently empowered (2017) to collect revenues to support full time soil and water conservation efforts in the Tualatin River basin;

WHEREAS the Democratic Central Committee of Washington County supported the ballot measure that put the TSWCD on firm administrative and financial footing;

WHEREAS active management of both agricultural and forest soils is an effective way to sequester carbon and combat climate change;

WHEREAS Article VIII: Building a Sustainable Future, Plank 16 as adopted by the Democratic Central Committee (march 15, 201) calls for “increasing carbon sequestration through revegetation and reforestation”; and

WHEREAS adopted legislative Action Item #22 (adopted March 15, 2018) calls for “public projects” to bring Oregon to a state of negative greenhouse gas emissions;

THEREFORE, We the Washington County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) of Oregon, Resolve as follows:

1. We specifically request that the TSWCD district evaluate options and implement programs for additional storage of carbon in forest and agricultural soils in Washington County, both in terms of methods and potential for increase; and
2. We request that the TSWCD provide a report to the residents of Washington County, to elected officials in Washington County, and the Democratic Central Committee on the potentials for, and actions being taken to increase carbon soil sequestration in the county no later than September of 2019.

*Resolution submitted by Gerritt Rosenthal, P&RC Member - April 22, 2018*

*Approved by R&PC – May 3, 2018*