



Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District

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Monthly Meeting Agenda August 27, 2026 - IVSWCD Office/ZOOM

Topic: Illinois Valley Soil & Water Conservation District Meeting

Time: August 27, 2026 - 6:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting: IVSWCD is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Illinois Valley SWCD Monthly Meeting

Time: August 27, 2026 6:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 830 6880 3901

Passcode: 972185

- I. 6:02 PM: Call to Order**
- II. 6:03 PM: Acceptance of Minutes**
- III. 6:05 PM: Acceptance of Financial Reports**
- IV. 6:10 PM: Old Business**
 - a. TBA**
- V. 6:15 PM: New Business**
 - a. DEQ ORW Update (Matthew Robinson)**
 - b. District Manager – Request For Salary Adjustment**
 - c. OACD Annual Conference**
 - d. IVSWCD-TRSWCD Landline/Website Sharing MOU**
- VI. 7:00 PM: Staff and Partnering Agency Reports**
 - a. John's report**
 - b. Partnering Agency Reports**
- VII. 7:30 PM Public comments**



Illinois Valley Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Meeting Minutes

331 E Cottage Park Drive Suite 1/ZOOM,

July 23, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Webb at 6:01 p.m.

Meeting attendance Roster:

In-Person	Via Zoom Teleconference	Absent
Robert Webb		
Katrina Poydack		
Zachary Robinson		.
Matthew Robinson		
Kathy Mechling		
Rhett Nelsen		
Janice Denney		X
John Bellville, Staff		
Heather Gilinsky, Staff		

Notes were taken by: Heather Gilinsky

- **Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were presented to the board for review.
 - o M Robinson moved to approve the minutes.
 - o K Poydack seconded the motion.
 - o The motion passed unanimously, with R Webb, Z Robinson, K Mechling, R Nelsen and J Denney voting in favor.
- **Financial Reports:** The financial reports for June 2026 were presented to the board for review.
 - o R Nelsen moved to approve the minutes.
 - o K Poydack seconded the motion.
 - o The motion passed unanimously, with R Webb, Z Robinson, M Robinson, K Mechling, and Janice Denny voting in favor.
- **Old Business**
 - o K Poydack moved to approve IVSWCD-IVWC Memorandum of Understanding.
 - o J Denney seconded the motion.
 - o The motion passed unanimously, with R Webb, R Nelsen, Z Robinson, M Robinson, and K Mechling voting in favor.

- **New Business:**

- K Mechling moved to approve Annual Work Plan when changes are made.
- M Robinson seconded the motion.
- The motion passed unanimously, with R Webb, R Nelsen, Z Robinson, K Poydack, and J Denny voting in favor.

- K Poydack moved to approve the Annual Budget when corrections are made.
- K Mechling seconded the motion.
- The motion passed unanimously, with R Webb, R Nelsen, M Robinson, Z Robinson, and J Denny voting in favor.

- R Nelsen moved to approve Uniform Purchase and Retention Policy.
- J Denney seconded the motion.
- The motion passed unanimously, with R Webb, M Robinson , Z Robinson, K Mechling, and KDenny voting in favor.

- K Mechling moved to approve EpiPen Copay Reimbursement Policy.
- J Denney seconded the motion.
- The motion passed unanimously, with R Webb, M Robinson , Z Robinson, K Poydack, and R Nelsen voting in favor.

- K Mechling moved to hold an Annual Meeting- redux.
- K Poydack seconded the motion.
- The motion passed unanimously, with Webb, M Robinson , Z Robinson, R Nelsen and J Denny voting in favor.

- **Staff Reports:**

- John reviewed his report and answered questions regarding projects.

- **Partnering Agency Reports:**

- There was no partnering agency report.

- **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
- **NEXT MEETING:** The next regular meeting will be held August 27, 2026 at 6:00 pm
- Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

○ **Approved Minutes:** _____ **Date:** _____

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Cash Basis

Illinois Valley Soil & Water Conservation District

Balance Sheet

As of July 31, 2026

	Jul 31, 26
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking Account	30,035.02
Savings Account - Thompson Crk	231.73
Total Checking/Savings	30,266.75
Total Current Assets	30,266.75
TOTAL ASSETS	30,266.75
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	-596.10
Total Accounts Payable	-596.10
Other Current Liabilities	
Due to IVWC	-381.02
Total Other Current Liabilities	-381.02
Total Current Liabilities	-977.12
Total Liabilities	-977.12
Equity	
Unrestricted Net Assets	81,444.72
Net Income	-50,200.85
Total Equity	31,243.87
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	30,266.75

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Register: Checking Account

From 07/01/2026 through 07/31/2026

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
07/01/2026	21845	Stilton LLC	Accounts Payable		472.50	X		80,359.47
07/02/2026	21846	Fed-Ex	Accounts Payable		26.45	X		80,333.02
07/02/2026	21847	Bob Webb	Accounts Payable		503.15	X		79,829.87
07/06/2026	Debit	Lil Pantry	Accounts Payable		62.65	X		79,767.22
07/08/2026	Debit	Grants Pass Water Lab	Accounts Payable	VOID:		X		79,767.22
07/08/2026	Debit	ONXMAPS	Accounts Payable		99.99	X		79,667.23
07/08/2026	21848	Grants Pass Water Lab	Accounts Payable		495.00	X		79,172.23
07/10/2026			Grants Received	Deposit		X	17,355.00	96,527.23
07/11/2026	ACH	Cardinal Business Se...	Accounts Payable	784581	150.00	X		96,377.23
07/11/2026	ACH	Cardinal Net-To-Bank	Accounts Payable		5,602.99	X		90,774.24
07/11/2026	ACH	Cardinal Tax Impound	Accounts Payable		2,430.98	X		88,343.26
07/13/2026	Debit	Lenovo	Accounts Payable		1,461.28	X		86,881.98
07/13/2026	Debit	Lenovo	Accounts Payable		48.70	X		86,833.28
07/13/2026	Debit	Josephine County Pla...	Accounts Payable		132.23	X		86,701.05
07/14/2026	ACH	US Geological Survey	Accounts Payable		33,091.00	X		53,610.05
07/14/2026	ACH	Cardinal Business Se...	Accounts Payable	784581	125.00	X		53,485.05
07/14/2026	ACH	Cardinal Net-To-Bank	Accounts Payable		4,885.85	X		48,599.20
07/14/2026	ACH	Cardinal Tax Impound	Accounts Payable		2,275.35	X		46,323.85
07/16/2026	21849	Kelley Create	Accounts Payable		82.50	X		46,241.35
07/16/2026	21850	Pacific Office Autom...	Accounts Payable		9.35	X		46,232.00
07/20/2026	Cash	Grants Pass Courier	Accounts Payable		380.23	X		45,851.77
07/21/2026			Refunds	Deposit		X	439.93	46,291.70
07/21/2026	ACH	VOYA Financial	Accounts Payable		642.67	X		45,649.03
07/21/2026	ACH	VOYA Financial	Accounts Payable		471.07	X		45,177.96
07/21/2026	ACH	Adobe Suite	Accounts Payable		133.95			45,044.01
07/21/2026	21851	Crystal Fresh	Accounts Payable	123731	14.25			45,029.76
07/21/2026	21852	US Cellular	Accounts Payable	951128871	154.41			44,875.35
07/22/2026	21853	IV DATA CENTER	Accounts Payable		21.25	X		44,854.10
07/27/2026	ACH	VOYA Financial	Accounts Payable		439.93	X		44,414.17
07/28/2026	ACH	Cardinal Net-To-Bank	Accounts Payable		6,167.66	X		38,246.51
07/28/2026	ACH	Cardinal Tax Impound	Accounts Payable		2,725.09	X		35,521.42
07/28/2026	ACH	Cardinal Business Se...	Accounts Payable	784581	150.00	X		35,371.42
07/28/2026	21856	Pacific Source Healt...	Accounts Payable		596.00			34,775.42
07/29/2026			Refunds	Deposit		X	64.98	34,840.40
07/29/2026	ACH	Adobe Suite	Accounts Payable		133.95	X		34,706.45
07/29/2026	ACH	Josephine County Pla...	Accounts Payable		129.00	X		34,577.45
07/29/2026	Debit	Griwolfe	Accounts Payable		509.52	X		34,067.93
07/29/2026	Debit	Vista Print	Accounts Payable		60.00	X		34,007.93
07/29/2026	21857	Pacific Power	Accounts Payable		74.34			33,933.59
07/29/2026	21858	A+ Storage	Accounts Payable		129.50			33,804.09

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07/29/2026	21860	Stilton LLC	Accounts Payable		472.50			30,806.59
07/30/2026	ACH	VOYA Financial	Accounts Payable		604.52	X		30,202.07
07/30/2026	debit	O'Brien Country Store	Accounts Payable		80.00	X		30,122.07
07/30/2026	debit	Bulk apparel	Accounts Payable		87.05	X		30,035.02

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Cash Basis

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Profit & Loss

July 2025 through June 2026

	Jul '25 - Jun 26
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Grants Received	188,756.63
Other Revenue	9,908.03
Service Contracts	
OSU SONDE	3,703.61
Service Contracts - Other	1,174.87
Total Service Contracts	4,878.48
Total Income	203,543.14
Gross Profit	203,543.14
Expense	
Accounting Fees	13,000.00
Bank Fees	30.00
Contracted Services	
Mileage SONDE	98.33
Contracted Services - Other	5,960.00
Total Contracted Services	6,058.33
Insurance	
General Liability Insurance	8,998.89
Total Insurance	8,998.89
Legal Fees	15.00
Meeting Expense	750.18
Mileage	1,930.35
Other	
Advertising	324.90
Copier lease	1,045.09
Dues & Subscriptions	
Membership Dues	640.00
Dues & Subscriptions - Other	260.00
Total Dues & Subscriptions	900.00
Licenses & Permits	108.00
Payroll Fees	2,725.00
PO Box Rent	122.00
Postage/Mailing fees	25.00
Power and Electric	673.79
Printing & Copying	337.46
Reimbursable Expense	-4,353.97
Rent Expense	7,233.50
Taxes	
Government Ethics Assessment	935.78
Secretary of State Annual Fee	300.00
Taxes - Other	62.79
Total Taxes	1,298.57
Telephone	1,704.12
Website/Internet fees	825.68
Total Other	12,969.14
Project mileage	184.30
Return of Grant Funds	35,065.79
Software Subscription	3,191.62
Supplies & Materials	7,971.49
Training and associated travel	662.94
Wages and Salaries	150,497.14

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Cash Basis

Illinois Valley Soil & Water Conservation District

Profit & Loss

July 2025 through June 2026

	Jul '25 - Jun 26
Water Quality Monitoring	
Contract Water Quality Staff	3,199.57
Contracted Laboratory Analysis	32,540.00
Mileage Reimbursement /Sampling	683.20
Shipping Samples	783.90
Water Quality Monitoring - Other	105.90
Total Water Quality Monitoring	37,312.57
Total Expense	278,637.74
Net Ordinary Income	-75,094.60
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	0.03
Refunds	1,069.47
Reimbursement	29,049.72
Total Other Income	30,119.22
Net Other Income	30,119.22
Net Income	-44,975.38

Illinois Valley Soil & Water Conservation District

Profit & Loss

July 2026

	Jul 26
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Grants Received	17,355.00
Total Income	17,355.00
Gross Profit	17,355.00
Expense	
Contracted Services	35,616.00
Meeting Expense	
Food and water	14.25
Total Meeting Expense	14.25
Mileage	503.15
Other	
Advertising	380.23
Licenses & Permits	261.23
Payroll Fees	425.00
Power and Electric	74.34
Printing & Copying	9.35
Rent Expense	1,074.50
Telephone	154.41
Website/Internet fees	103.75
Total Other	2,482.81
Software Subscription	267.90
Supplies & Materials	2,409.19
Wages and Salaries	26,246.01
Water Quality Monitoring	
Contracted Laboratory Analysis	495.00
Shipping Samples	26.45
Total Water Quality Monitoring	521.45
Total Expense	68,060.76
Net Ordinary Income	-50,705.76
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Refunds	504.91
Total Other Income	504.91
Net Other Income	504.91
Net Income	-50,200.85



Dear Illinois Valley SWCD Board of Directors,

I am writing to formally request a 25% wage increase. It has been a productive four years at the Illinois Valley SWCD, and, as of the last two years, the Two Rivers SWCD. Since beginning in this role on August 16, 2022, I have consistently driven measurable progress at the Illinois Valley SWCD, improving both our organizational resilience and our legacy reputation as a local government agency dedicated to putting projects on the ground since its formation in 1949.

When I started work in this role, the position had been vacant for 6 months. Two Rivers SWCD was on the brink of dissolution at the point that we began moving towards co-management in 2024. Now, co-managed for a little over a year, Two Rivers SWCD is fully functional, fully staffed, and actively pursuing new projects. The journey has not been easy, but anything worth doing rarely is. Here are some of my key accomplishments since beginning in this role:

- Created jobs: Hired and trained a team of skilled conservationists in one of the most underserved parts of Oregon. Though our employee retention rate is good, I am consistently looking for ways to make small improvements and increase employee satisfaction.
- Helping farmers: Worked with producers to help get disaster resiliency projects funded on farmland through the Oregon Community Food Systems Network Disaster Resilience Grant Program.
- Managed the *Illinois Valley Collective Mobilization for Fire and Fish* project, which brought the Illinois Valley Fire Resiliency Oversight Group (IVFROG) to ramp up local fire resiliency outreach and got IVFROG to a point where they were ready to become a standalone nonprofit.
- Successfully funded and managed a project that created the multijurisdictional Coalition for Remediating Cannabis Sites (CoRCS), developed a proprietary guide for assessing abandoned cannabis sites, and developed a proprietary step-by-step guide for assessing abandoned cannabis sites in the Illinois Valley.
- Funded and managed the *Kerby Fuels Reduction Project* end-to-end, which conducted eighty-four acres of fuels reduction on fourteen private properties in Kerby, OR.
- Funded and managed the *Upper Illinois River Watershed Postfire Restoration Project*, which involved seventy-four acres of postfire restoration project work on private properties in Takilma, riparian planting, and multiple community outreach events.



- Formed the Thompson Creek Tract Steering Committee, developed planning documents in partnership with NRCS and ODF, and funded a 40-acre fuels reduction project.
- Established and sustained the first consistent multi-year, multi-partner water quality monitoring initiative in the Illinois River Basin, which is now going on its fifth year and has received both state, federal, and, arguably, international recognition.
- Successfully funded the North Illinois Valley Strategic Implementation Area, which is allowing us to maximize our impact on a high-priority area.
- Founded the Illinois Valley Irrigation Modernization Partnership (IVIMP) in partnership with Trout Unlimited and served as a key partner on the following projects:
 - *Sweet Cron Irrigation Modernization Project* (co-managed)
 - *Jimmy Little Ditch Irrigation Efficiency Project*
 - *Sucker & Althouse Creek Irrigation Modernization Outreach*
 - *Oxbow Ranch Irrigation Modernization Project*
 - *Q Bar X Irrigation Modernization Project* (tentative)
- Managing the Cultural and Ecological Enhancement Network (CEEN)-founded *Illinois Valley Priority Noxious Weeds* project starting in 2026.
- Funded the Two Rivers SWCD *Lower River Road Bioswale Project*
- Developed a Two Rivers SWCD water quality monitoring program and applied for funding.
- Designed and managed the multi-year *Smith River North BAR Early Detection Rapid Response/Native Plant Rehabilitation* projects in partnership with IVWC and USFS.
- Gained experience as assistant project manager on the Illinois Valley Watershed Council-managed Dunn Creek, Crooks Creek, and Horse Creek salmon habitat enhancement projects
- Have occasionally served as interim Executive Director for the Illinois Valley Watershed Council.
- Awarded funding from the OERC fund for two multi-year PFAS studies focused on environmental site assessment and effective remediation techniques, specifically on agricultural land.
- Conducted a Josephine County Lamprey Engagement Survey and presented results at an Oregon State University symposium at the Hatfield Marine Science Center in December 2025.
- Started a quarterly column in the Illinois Valley News called *Riverbound Notes*.
- Formed and led the SIA Local Monitoring Team (LMT)



- Served on the Engagement Committee for Connect Conference (2025)
- Small Grant Team Contact for the OWEB Small Grant Team 06 since 2023.
- Coordinator for the Local Advisory Committee (LAC) 2023-2025.
- Received Remote Pilot Certificate, FAA Part 107 in 2023
- Received HAZWOPER 40 certification in 2024

Through my master's coursework at Oregon State University, I am strengthening the districts' capacity to engage proactively in priority community issues such as abandoned cannabis site remediation, forest resiliency, and abandoned mine land restoration.

Thank you for your consideration. It is a privilege to serve as the lead for both Josephine County Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and I remain committed to advancing the work our communities entrust to us.

In service to locally led conservation,
John Bellville

ILLINOIS VALLEY & TWO RIVERS



CPI-U (NSA, U.S. City Average) inflation adjustment			
CPI-U index, November 2025	324.122		
CPI-U index, July 2026 (latest)	333.918		
Inflation factor (Nov 2025 to Jul 2026)	1.0302		
Inflation percentage	3.0%		

Note: BLS had not yet published the August 2026 CPI-U at the time this sheet was built (scheduled release: Sept 11, 2026). July 2026 is the most recent published index, so the adjustment below reflects Nov 2025 -> Jul 2026 inflation (3.0%). Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, CPI-U, U.S. city average, all items, not seasonally adjusted (series CPIAUCNS).

Districts with 1-5 Employees	Year	DM Hourly Wage	DM Annual Salary	Inflation Percentage Increase Since Last Salary Survey Calculation and Year Range
Monument SWCD	Inflation Adjusted - 2026	\$38.74	\$80,573.76	3.0% - Nov 2025 to Jul 2026
Wheeler SWCD	Inflation Adjusted - 2026	\$45.42	\$94,477.65	3.0% - Nov 2025 to Jul 2026
Hood River SWCD	Inflation Adjusted - 2026	\$36.60	\$76,145.86	3.0% - Nov 2025 to Jul 2026
Union SWCD	Inflation Adjusted - 2026	\$48.19	\$100,249.99	3.0% - Nov 2025 to Jul 2026
Umatilla SWCD	Inflation Adjusted - 2026	\$39.01	\$81,141.41	3.0% - Nov 2025 to Jul 2026
Morrow SWCD	Inflation Adjusted - 2026	\$38.95	\$81,027.05	3.0% - Nov 2025 to Jul 2026
Crook SWCD	Inflation Adjusted - 2026	\$39.05	\$81,220.41	3.0% - Nov 2025 to Jul 2026
Siuslaw SWCD	Inflation Adjusted - 2026	\$36.29	\$75,489.60	3.0% - Nov 2025 to Jul 2026
Illinois Valley SWCD - District Manager Current Wage		\$36.45	\$75,816	
Illinois Valley SWCD - District Manager Requested Wage		\$45.56	\$94,765	

Please note that this does not account for co-managed SWCDs.



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Shared Use of Landline Telephone Service and Website

Between the Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District and the Two Rivers Soil and Water Conservation District

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into by and between the Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District ("IVSWCD") and the Two Rivers Soil and Water Conservation District ("Two Rivers SWCD"), each a special district organized under Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 568, both located in Josephine County, Oregon (individually, a "District," and collectively, the "Districts").

Effective Date: _____

1. Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a shared-services arrangement between the Districts for a common landline telephone line and a shared website, in order to reduce duplicative administrative costs, streamline public contact and outreach, and support ongoing coordination between the Districts consistent with their existing shared-staff and shared-equipment model.

2. Background

IVSWCD and Two Rivers SWCD are both soil and water conservation districts operating within Josephine County, Oregon, and have, since July 1, 2025, coordinated staff time, equipment, and administrative resources to improve efficiency and program delivery. This MOU formalizes the shared use of a single landline telephone number and a single public-facing website by both Districts.

3. Shared Resources

This MOU covers the following shared resources:

- Landline telephone service, including the shared phone number, physical line, and any associated voicemail or answering system.
- A shared public website, including domain hosting, content, and any associated email or contact forms tied to the site.

Landline phone number: 541-592-3731

Website domain / URL: www.illinoisvalleyswcd.gov & www.tworiversswcd.gov directed to <https://ivswcd.specialdistrict.org/>



Physical location of landline (office address): 331 E Cottage Park Dr, Ste 1, Cave Junction, OR 97523

4. Roles and Responsibilities

4.1 Administration.

The Districts agree to designate one District as the primary account holder of record for the landline service and one District (which may be the same or a different District) as the primary account holder of record for the website hosting and domain registration, as identified below.

Primary account holder — landline: Illinois Valley SWCD

Primary account holder — website/domain: Illinois Valley SWCD

4.2 Call Handling.

- Incoming calls will be answered and routed, or messages relayed, in a manner agreed upon by both Districts' staff.
- Voicemail greetings will identify both Districts and guide reaching the appropriate District.

4.3 Website Content.

- Each District will be responsible for providing, reviewing, and keeping current its own program content, contact information, and public notices on the shared website.
- Neither District will alter, remove, or publish content on behalf of the other District without coordination, except for routine administrative updates (e.g., broken links, contact updates).
- Both Districts will be clearly and separately identified on the website, including distinct contact information for each District's programs and staff.

4.4 Recordkeeping.

Each District remains responsible for maintaining its own public records in accordance with Oregon public records law, regardless of the shared communication channel through which those records are received.

5. Cost Sharing

The Districts agree to share the costs of the landline service and website hosting/maintenance as follows: 50/50



Billing/reimbursement schedule: Quarterly or as invoiced by Illinois Valley SWCD

Either District may request an accounting of shared costs at any time. Any change to the cost-sharing arrangement must be agreed to in writing by both Districts.

6. Term and Termination

This MOU is effective as of the Effective Date above and will remain in effect until terminated by either District. Either District may terminate this MOU by providing written notice to the other District at least 60 days in advance of the intended termination date. Upon termination, the Districts will cooperate in good faith to transition or separate the landline number and website in a manner that minimizes disruption to public service, including determining which District (if either) retains the phone number and domain.

7. No Transfer of Authority

This MOU does not create a joint powers entity, merge the Districts, or transfer any statutory authority, budget authority, or governing board authority between the Districts. Each District retains full independent authority over its own programs, personnel, and finances. This MOU addresses only the shared administrative resources described above.

8. Amendments

This MOU may be amended only by mutual written agreement of both Districts, signed by authorized representatives of each District.

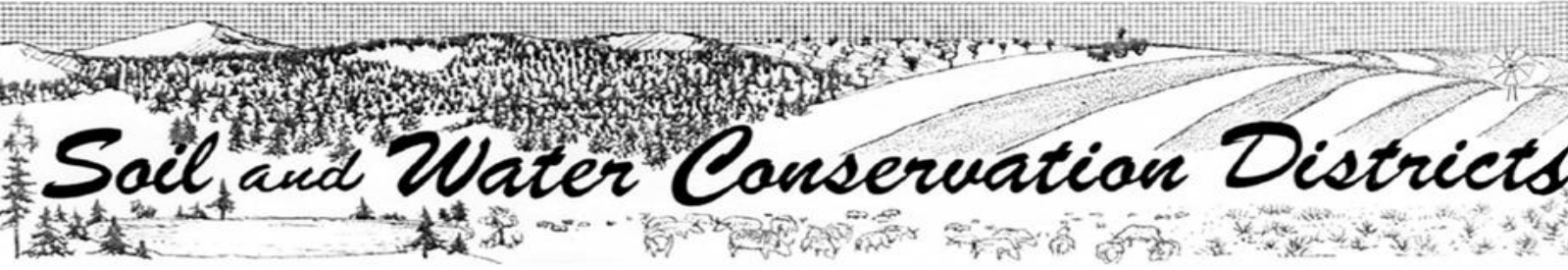
9. Points of Contact

IVSWCD point of contact: John Bellville, Robert Webb

Two Rivers SWCD point of contact: John Bellville, Shannon Clark

10. Signatures

By signing below, the authorized representatives of each District acknowledge and agree to the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding.



Soil and Water Conservation Districts

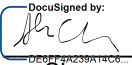
Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District

Signature: _____

Name / Title: _____

Date: _____

Two Rivers Soil and Water Conservation District

Signature:  _____

Name / Title: Shannon Clark / Chair

Date: 8/21/2026



District Manager Staff Report August 2026

- **Illinois Valley SWCD Administration**
 - o Heather and I will be working on monthly budget projections starting in September.
 - o I am working with Bradley Stokes (NRCS) on galvanizing our organizational partnership.
- **Projects**
 - o Waldo Road Beaver Cooperation Device Project
 - A neighboring landowner, who was initially in strong support of the project work, had an unexpected change of heart. Work on this project is indefinitely suspended until further notice.
 - o North Illinois Valley SIA
 - Carolyn and David are continuing to monitor water quality. Tributaries have run dry at multiple locations.
 - o OSU FEWS Wildfire and Water Security Project
 - Our team continues to maintain the two sondes in the field and send data to OSU.
 - Project work will likely be wrapping up this fall.
 - o USFS EDRR/NPR
 - The project is well underway with our team collecting native seeds in the Smith River Complex burn area.
 - We plan to begin growing out native plants on contract with J Herbert Stone in the next month.
 - After working on Kevin and Adam with projections, we are on course for a successful 3-year project.
 - o Illinois Valley Priority Noxious Weeds Project
 - There has been a bit of an expected lull in alyssum species and barbed goatgrass abatement.
 - Chemical treatment of Japanese Knotweed will occur soon. I am currently working up a contract for Strauss Ecological Services.
 - o IV WQM 2024-6
 - Bryce has finished thoroughly cleaning all WQM data. We are now going to contract out the data entry to skilled specialists while Bryce begins preparing for more training and grant writing.
 - I am expecting the passive sampling results from USGS CERC very soon. Once received, we will start working on another infographic to be flown in the Illinois Valley News, Daily Courier, and Rogue Valley Times.
 - o Irrigation Modernization Projects
 - The Sweet Cron Irrigation Modernization Project pivot systems should soon be installed by JW Kerns. More info at the meeting.
 - The Jimmy Little Ditch Flow Study is in process. Trout Unlimited, Waterways Consulting, IVSWCD, and participating landowners met for the summer survey work on 8/6.
 - o Thompson Creek Woodland Conservation Tract Enhancement
 - The project is now fully permitted.
 - Thinning work will begin on November 1.
 - o PFAS Baseline Studies



- We plan to begin project design work relating to the two Oregon Environmental Restoration Council (OERC) funded projects between 9/15 - 10/1.
- **OWEB Small Grant Team Region 6**
 - o The next review team meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2026
 - o We are actively recruiting new members for the OWEB SGT 06 via the IVSWCD website, Facebook, and word of mouth.
- **Grants**
 - o Bryce submitted his first two SIA grants and is preparing for another flurry of SIA grant writing in November:
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ILLINOIS VALLEY & TWO RIVERS

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WATER QUALITY INSIGHTS

TWO THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN WATER SAMPLES LATER, HERE'S WHAT THE ILLINOIS VALLEY RIVERS AND CREEKS ARE TELLING US, FROM THE TOP OF HAYES HILL TO THE CALIFORNIA BORDER.



24 MONITORING SITES **2,647 MEASUREMENTS TAKEN** **APRIL - DECEMBER 2025**

16.1 CFU/100ML
BASINWIDE MEDIAN E. COLI - WELL UNDER THE 126 CFU/100ML STATE STANDARD. ONLY 12% OF SAMPLES RAN HIGH IN LATE SUMMER, PEAKING AT ALTHOUSE CREEK (998.3 CFU/100ML) ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2025.

32.2%
OF TEMPERATURE READINGS TOPPED THE 16° MARK THAT STRESSES THREATENED COHO SALMON

0.82 NTU
MEDIAN TURBIDITY - CLEAN ENOUGH TO SEE STRAIGHT THROUGH BASIN-WIDE

BY WATERSHED

Watershed	Temp Median	E. Coli Median	Turbidity	Sites
DEER CREEK	TEMP MEDIAN - 15.6° C	E. COLI MEDIAN - 145 CFU/100ML	TURBIDITY - 0.76 NTU	SITES: 210 THROUGH 230
MAINSTEM ILLINOIS RIVER	TEMP MEDIAN - 18.2° C	E. COLI MEDIAN - 8.6 CFU/100ML	TURBIDITY - 0.73 NTU	SITES: 805 THROUGH 825
EAST FORK ILLINOIS RIVER	TEMP MEDIAN - 15.3° C	E. COLI MEDIAN - 28.2 CFU/100ML	TURBIDITY - 1.08 NTU	SITES: 405 THROUGH 445
WEST FORK ILLINOIS RIVER	TEMP MEDIAN - 16.4° C	E. COLI MEDIAN - 14.7 CFU/100ML	TURBIDITY - .80 NTU	SITES: 605 THROUGH 641

THE PLAN AT ILLINOIS VALLEY SWCD:

- PLANT SHADE BACK 10' - RIPARIAN RESTORATION ALONG DEER, SUCKER, AND ALTHOUSE CREEKS TO COOL SUMMER TEMPERATURES.
- TRACE EAST FORK ILLINOIS BACTERIA WORKING WITH LANDOWNERS ON SEPTIC AND LIVESTOCK FENCING.
- CONTINUE SAMPLING AT PRIORITY DEER CREEK AND ILLINOIS RIVER MAINSTEM SITES.

READ THE FULL REPORT

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Watershed Technical Specialist Work Report August 2026

- **Projects**
 - o I had a site visit with Jody Stark on Deer Creek and identified a strong SIA grant opportunity for Invasive species abatement, Riparian fencing, and planting.
 - o I attended a water flow study at the treehouses with Trout Unlimited to kick off the *Jimmy Little Ditch Irrigation Efficiency Project* on 8-6-26
 - o The majority of my month was spent on WQM data deep cleaning, which is now finished and ready to send to an independent contractor for compilation into the DEQ submittal form. Specialist
- **Grants**
 - o I have submitted my first two grants and am preparing for another flurry of SIA grant writing in November, starting with the Stark property:
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