

Dean P. Moberg

Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District, At Large, Position #2

Occupation:

Natural resources consultant

Occupational Background:

Owner, Gash Gold Vermilion Consulting; conservationist, USDA; high school teacher; farm worker.

Educational Background:

PhD: Environmental Science and Engineering, OHSU; MA: Teaching, Cornell University; BS: Plant Science, UC Davis.

Prior Governmental Experience:

Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Director (current); USDA Conservationist (retired).

I believe: Everyone can help conserve natural resources if provided with accurate information and practical options in a collaborative, respectful manner. It's essential for the SWCD board to listen to residents, practice open accountability and fiscal transparency, and to develop equitable programs available to all people.

Why I am running: Having worked with conservation districts in five states for over 40 years, I greatly admire these unique institutions that started when President Franklin Roosevelt sought ways to address the devastating consequences of soil erosion and the Great Depression in the 1930s. Most of my work (over 30 years) has focused on conservation efforts in Washington County and northwest Oregon. There are urgent local needs to adapt to climate change and sequester carbon, protect the Tualatin River and its tributaries from pollution, ensure wildlife habitat that is richly diverse, and help family farms and forests be productive. I want to continue developing practical local approaches to conservation.

Awards, publications, certifications:

- Co-author *The Soils of Oregon* (2022) reference book.
- 2024 Climate Smart Award, Oregon Department of Forestry.
- Co-author *Climate-informed Forestry Strategies for Washington County* (2026).
- USDA Technical Service Provider for soil health and transition to organic plans.

Memberships:

- Cedar Mills Farmers Market (board member)
- Soil and Water Conservation Society
- Portland Bird Alliance
- Tualatin Riverkeepers
- Tualatin Valley Beekeepers Association
- Washington County Small Woodlands Association
- Friends of Family Farmers

ENDORSEMENTS

Save Helvetia
Martin Streck, PSU Geology Professor
Greg Mecklem, Eagles Nest Reserve Vineyard
Lyle Spiesschaert, farmer
Dan M. Sullivan, Professor Emeritus Soil Science, OSU
Lee Ko, USDA Soil Conservationist (retired)
Deborah E. Politi, Cedar Mill Farmers Market Board Chair
Megan Klemens, public school teacher
Kipperlyn Sinclair, Hillsboro City Council
Brian Daellenbach, President Tualatin Riverkeepers

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