

Rogue River Watershed Council

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Watershed councils are locally organized, voluntary, non-regulatory groups established to improve the condition of natural resources in Oregon's watersheds. Unfortunately, many watershed councils are crony operations that often hinder conservation efforts in favor of protecting the interests of local businesses having poor conservation practices or creating paid staff positions for family members and relatives...all sanctioned by your County Commissioners and paid for with your taxes.

In 2018, our local watershed council, Seven Basins Watershed Council, was dissolved for alleged business misconduct. In 2019, its replacement, **Valleys of the Rogue Watershed Council** (AKA, The Shayne Maxwell Foothill Creek Watershed Council), was created by alleged vote rigging. Both the Oregon Department of Justice and the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board were made aware of the situation. Sadly, much misdirected and unnecessary time and effort will be expended and available tax funding will be forfeited before this situation is properly resolved so this watershed area may someday actually see significant habitat restoration via the State watershed council process. Given the reality of global warming, time is not on our side.

In 2015, four independent watershed councils: Bear Creek Watershed Council, Little Butte Creek Watershed Council, Upper Rogue Watershed Association and the Stream Restoration Alliance of the Middle Rogue merged to become the Rogue River Watershed Council. The Rogue River Watershed Council covers approximately 1,641,000 acres from the headwaters near Crater Lake to Mule Creek and encompasses the towns of Grants Pass, Merlin, Shady Cove, Eagle Point, Butte Falls, Central Point, Jacksonville, Phoenix, Talent, Medford, and Ashland...essentially surrounding the original **Seven Basins Watershed Council** area. The Rogue River Watershed Council is one of the few watershed councils that partners with **WaterWatch** and they actually accomplish significant habitat restoration. We applaud the honest efforts and significant accomplishments made by the Rogue River Watershed Council!

In 2015, we successfully removed the last two dams on Evans Creek (a tributary of the Rogue River).

Free the Rogue River

Two of Oregon's Worst Dams are Coming Down

Wimer Dam Removal Video

Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife has confirmed that we now have Cutthroat Trout, Coho Salmon and Steelhead in Evans Creek and in Sprignett Creek (a tributary of Evans Creek) which both flow through our property and are about 25 miles upstream from the Rogue River.

