

CASCADIA CONSERVATION DISTRICT RATES & CHARGES

Cascadia Conservation District is a non-regulatory, grant-funded organization dedicated to encouraging the wise stewardship and conservation of all natural resources in Chelan County.

Our board and staff members work cooperatively with local citizens to provide technical and financial assistance for soil, water, forest, fish and wildlife conservation efforts. We currently serve all of Chelan County except for the incorporated cities of Wenatchee and Chelan.

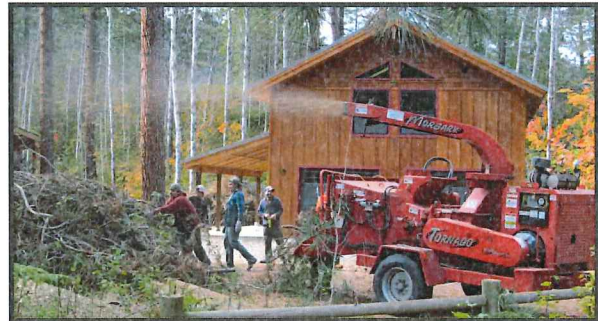
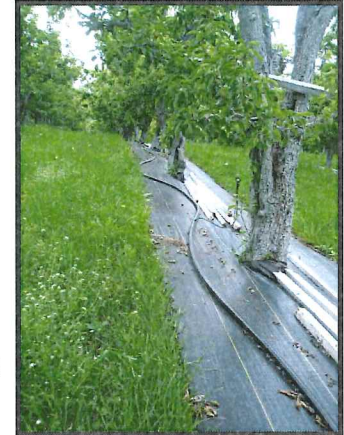
CURRENTLY, Cascadia receives approximately \$20,000 per year for basic operations. The remainder of our \$1.25-2 million operating budget comes from grants— a very high return on investment for local citizens.

We have identified budget shortfalls within our Forest Health/Fire Management and Water Resources priorities in our annual and 5 year work plans.

THE PROPOSAL is a system of rates and charges, a reliable way to provide revenue that is tied directly to the local communities we serve.

This will allow Cascadia to more adequately:

- Provide local landowners with technical assistance for wildfire fuels reduction and forest health; water quality and conservation such as irrigation efficiencies; and community education with greater focus on **local** resource priorities.
- Leverage more dollars into the county for the benefit of local citizens.



THE DETAILS: State law allows for an annual per parcel rate up to \$5.00 per parcel and an annual per acre rate up to 10 cents per acre. Cascadia has identified approximately \$132,000 in unfunded annual program needs. Since our programs indirectly benefit all residents, Cascadia proposes that all land use categories within our service area be charged \$4.63 per parcel once each year, except Resource Designated Forest Land. Per state law, these lands would be charged \$3.00 per commercial forest property owner.

A public hearing to receive comments on the proposed system of rates and charges will be held Friday, July 1 at 10 am in the Columbia Conference Room at 14 N Mission St, Wenatchee, WA 98801.

QUESTIONS? Please contact Craig Gyselinck, Program Manager at (509) 436-1601 or email craigg@cascadiacd.org.

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