

## PCJWSA Director Carolyn McVicker

Carolyn grew up in various small towns in the state of Washington, lived for many years in larger cities in the Pacific Northwest (Seattle, Portland), and together with her husband happily claims the small town of Pacific City as her home (part-time since 1996, full-time since 2004).

Carolyn specializes in helping people (often with opposing interests) identify their main goals and objectives and work out a successful plan to ensure that they are realized. Her wide-ranging professional background includes counseling, organizational development, fund-raising, public policy, family business, and obstetrical nursing. She has a BA in Nursing and a BS in Psychology from Seattle University and a MA in Counseling from Santa Clara University.

The efforts to define and re-define (or not) the south county area that includes Pacific City has been a special focus of Carolyn's energies over the last dozen years. She has served on the boards of the Nestucca Ridge Homeowner's Association, Pacific City Joint Water Sanitation Authority, Neskowin Chamber Music, Pacific City Pathways, etc., etc., etc. Carolyn has played a leading role in getting the various public agencies to share a common vision and meet at the table, for example, successfully bringing more recreational lands into public hands (Whalen Island).

Carolyn is excited at how well an unincorporated town like Pacific City can manage itself and its growth based on the strengths of a diverse group of volunteers, all of whom want to see their special visions of Pacific City continue to survive and thrive. One of her big hopes for the community is to see everyone, part-timers as well as full-timers, take some role in actively building and maintaining the community.