



# FY2014 (7/1/13 – 6/30/14) Annual Work Plan Walla Walla County Conservation District

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## Mission of the Walla Walla County Conservation District

- *WWCCD is dedicated to the conservation and restoration of the natural resources of Walla Walla County, facilitated by working on a voluntary basis with landowners to identify opportunities and create solutions, while consistently providing education, information, and assistance whenever possible.*

## Natural Resource Priorities

- *Work with conservation partners to restore instream flows by facilitating the completion of water saving irrigation efficiency and/or piping projects and flow meters. Key partners include the Department of Ecology (DOE), Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR).*
- *With conservation partners, work towards removal of Walla Walla rivers from the 303d list by implementing projects to improve water quality. These include installing riparian buffers, increasing adoption of direct-seeding and GPS technology, restoring correct stream function, and other on-farm programs. Key partners include the Farm Service Agency(FSA), the WA Conservation Commission, Natural Resource Conservation Service(NRCS), DOE, and the Recreation Conservation Office(RCO).*
- *Reduce mortality of ESA listed fish due to irrigation withdrawals by installing fish screens in Walla Walla County and other Washington Counties as needed. Key partners include the RCO, CTUIR, and the Snake River Salmon Recovery Funding Board.*
- *Inform and educate the public about the restoration efforts of local landowners, the programs offered by the District to address resource concerns, and the economic impact of conservation work in Walla Walla County.*

## Natural Resource Priority Program Areas: *Water Quantity*

**Goal(s):** *By December 2015, restore instream flow in the Walla Walla Watershed.*

**Funding Source(s):** *Washington Conservation Commission, Department of Ecology, CTUIR and the Bonneville Power Administration*

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
<i>Assist the newly-formed Bergevin Williams-Old Lowden Corporation (Irrigation District) consolidated district in the function and maintenance of the just-completed pipeline and diversion structure.</i>	<i>Dec. '13</i>	<i>Kay Mead Jeff Klundt</i>	<i>30 15</i>	<i>48,000</i>	<i>Projects installed spring 2013</i>
<i>Assist the Gardena Farms Irrigation District in the function and maintenance of the just-completed pipeline and telemetry system.</i>	<i>Dec. '13</i>	<i>Greg Kinsinger Jeff Klundt</i>	<i>20 20</i>	<i>24,000</i>	<i>Project installed spring 2013</i>
<i>Facilitate placing 10 cfs of water saved by pipeline projects into trust.</i>	<i>June '14</i>	<i>Rick Jones</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>24,000</i>	

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<i>Assist landowners in developing on-farm irrigation efficiencies projects.</i>	June '14	Kay Mead	20	4,000	
<i>Work closely with the Walla Walla Basin Partnership to ensure that water use data is collected to improve management of water.</i>	June '14	Kay Mead Greg Kinsinger Rick Jones	8 8 4	8,400	
<i>Install 40 water meters to facilitate effective water use of shallow well or surface water withdrawals within Walla Walla County.</i>	June '14	Greg Kinsinger Lisa Stearns	66 60	60,000	
<i>Apply for funds to develop plans and coordinate partnerships for the piping phase of the Mud Creek Complex project.</i>	June '14	Rick Jones Kay Mead	30 50	20,000	

**Natural Resource Priority Program Areas:** *Water Quality*

**Goal(s):** *Work with Walla Walla landowners and conservation partners to remove Walla Walla streams and rivers from the 303d list by planting and maintaining riparian forest buffers on 85% of eligible streambanks, installing urban riparian buffers, controlling invasive noxious weeds, and restore natural river function to area rivers and streams.*

**Funding Source(s):** *Conservation Commission, FSA, NRCS, Dept. of Ecology, RCO*

<b>Activities for FY2014</b>	<b>Target Dates</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Time (Days) Required</b>	<b>Estimated Funding</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<i>Install 100 acres of forested riparian buffers, maintain and monitor current enrollment of 3,334 acres.</i>	June '14	Mike Denny Jeff Klundt	150 90	320,000	
<i>Re-enroll 5 expiring contracts, providing landowners with conservation plans and protecting 10-15 year old buffers.</i>	June '14	Mike Denny Jeff Klundt	50 40	60,000	
<i>McCaw Instream Fish Habitat Restoration Project – Site A: Complete and gain approval of final designs and install fish habitat restoration and sedimentation reduction project on the Touchet River above Bolles Bridge during the 2013 in-water work window.</i>	June '14	Jeff Klundt Lisa Stearns Dick Weller Rick Jones	5 20 20 20	156,000	
<i>Develop plans and assist landowners in protecting water quality from lawn chemical runoff and other contaminants by installing 15 native plant buffers between high use areas and waterways in cooperation with Tri-State Steelheaders and Kooskooskie Commons through the CURB program.</i>	June '14	A. Ahmann	5	75,000	
<i>Work with the Lower Walla Walla River Restoration Strategy Team (Tri-State Steelheaders, WDFW, WA-DOE, Blue Mountain Land Trust, CTUIR, USFWS) to address bank instability on lands adjacent to the Lower Walla Walla River and resultant impacts to water quality.</i>	June '14	Larry Hooker Mike Denny	10 10	4,300	
<i>Implement False Indigo-Bush control program.</i>	Sept. '13	Jeff Klundt	10	46,000	
<i>Apply for funds to develop plans and coordinate partnerships for the in-stream restoration phase of the Mud Creek Complex project.</i>	June '14	Rick Jones Kay Mead	40 10	18,000	

**Natural Resource Priority Program Areas:** *Wildlife Protection*

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**Goal(s):** By 2016 complete the installation of the remaining approximately 75-100 unscreened diversions in Walla Walla County.

**Funding Source(s): Conservation Commission, WDFW, RCO**

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Design and install 10 fish screens in cooperation with appropriate agency partners.	June '14	Greg Kinsinger Lisa Stearns	50 30	50,000	
Assist Blalock Irrigation District 3 in the operation of the new fish screen at the Blalock diversion.	Dec. '13	Greg Kinsinger	10	2,400	Installed Spring 2013
Complete fish screen and intake designs on the Jones Ditch project.	June '14	Greg Kinsinger Lance Horning Lisa Stearns	50 60 5	92,000	

**District Program Area:** Information-Education-Outreach

**Goal(s):** Inform the public of progress on the restoration efforts of local landowners and represent the interests of Walla Walla County landowners and the philosophy of WWCCD in regional planning efforts

**Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:** By 2015 have established an effective and coordinated outreach program with regular meetings and publications including the District Story, website, quarterly newsletters, 8 farmer hosted mini-sessions, workshops and tours.

**Funding Source(s):**

Activities for FY2014	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Coordinate a minimum of 8 Mini-Sessions reaching a minimum of 56 area producers to inform them of conservation innovations and cost-share assistance.	On-going	Larry Hooker	25	\$4,500	
Participate in the Policy Advisory Group and the Water Resources Panel for the Walla Walla Water Management Partnership.	On-going	Kay Mead Greg Kinsinger	7 5	\$2,500	
Collect yearly rainfall data and maintain records of historic rainfall data to benefit the agriculture community.	On-going	M. Daltoso	20	\$1,000	
Educate area youth through the Fourth Grade Foresters Program.	Spring 2014	M. Daltoso	5	\$1,200	
Inform the public of WWCCD mission accomplishments through quarterly newsletter (1,200 readers), website, and radio broadcasts.	On-going	Larry Hooker Mike Denny	10 10	\$9,000	
Educate urban landowners on the importance of maintaining water quality of local creeks and waterways within the urban landscape.	On-going	Mike Denny Larry Hooker	2 2	\$2,000	
Coordinate development of articles for the monthly conservation	Monthly	Mike Denny	3	\$1,000	

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<i>column published in the Union-Bulletin.</i>		<i>Larry Hooker</i>	<i>3</i>		
<i>Actively participate in regional Lead Entity Committee/Regional Technical Team/Snake River Salmon Recovery Board activities throughout the year.</i>	<i>On-going</i>	<i>Larry Hooker</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>\$9000</i>	
<i>Meet all statutory requirements of RCW 89.08: conducting regular audits, fiscal management, commission reporting, and grant management.</i>	<i>On-going</i>	<i>A. Ahmann M. Daltoso</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>70,000</i>	

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# FY2014 Annual Budget Walla Walla County Conservation District

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## Walla Walla County Conservation District FY 2014 OPERATING BUDGET

### Revenues

Description	FY14 Anticipated Revenues
State	688,400.00
Federal	348,600.00
Local	75,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,112,000.00</b>

### Expenses and Other Uses

Description	FY14 Estimated Expenses
Wages and Benefits 7 Full Time, 5 Part Time employees	473,000.00
General Office Expenses	38,000.00
Outreach/Education	5,000.00
CREP	250,000.00
Screen Program	50,000.00
Priority Projects	291,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,107,000.00</b>

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