



## FY2015 (7/1/14 – 7/30/15) Annual Work Plan Wahkiakum Conservation District

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### Mission of the Wahkiakum Conservation District

- The mission of the Wahkiakum Conservation District is to protect and improve the natural resources of the District and to guide resource development and use to provide the highest quality of life for present and future citizens.

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### Natural Resource Priorities

- To coordinate the delivery of, and maintain the District's capacity to provide technical assistance to landowners within the district promoting sound resource management. This includes the ability to provide walk-in/call-in, field visits, and community watershed level technical assistance for planning, designing, and implementing practices that address site specific resource concerns.
  - Local priority, based upon landowner feedback during long range planning outreach, supporting agencies includes all of our local natural resource partners including Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board, WSU Cooperative Extension, WDFW, WSDNR, WSDOE
- Salmon Recovery\*:
  - State (Lower Columbia Salmon Recovery and Fish and Wildlife Plan), Regional / Federal (Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery & Endangered Species Act)
  - LCFRB, SRFB, NOAA-NMFS, WDFW, LCREP,
- Water Quality\*: predominantly non point source pollution
  - State (WSDOE 303(d) list; Federal (EPA - Clean Water Act & USDA NRCS - State Natural Resource Concerns)
- Flood Damage Mitigation\*
  - State & Federal (WSDOE & FEMA - Flood Hazard Mitigation Programs)
- Economic Viability\*
- Invasive Weeds\*
  - State (WSDA Noxious Weed Program)

\* Landowner assistance does not fit neatly into natural resource priorities as listed above. Landowners typically request assistance to resolve their resource concerns which generally encompass most if not all of the priorities. Landowners typically are interested in being good all around stewards of the land under their care.

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Natural Resource Priority Program Area: **Community Watershed Management Program**

Goal(s):

Continue to develop and secure funding to maintain the District's capacity to assist watershed communities with planning and implementation on a watershed level.

Assist local watershed communities to address local natural resource issue(s) on a comprehensive basis.

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective:

Measurable result objectives are somewhat variable amongst watershed communities. typical measurable result objectives include

Improve water quality by implementing practices designed to bring specific parameters to within state standards

Implement short term practices that will address high priority limiting factors for salmon recovery on a reach by reach basis and implement long term practices that will help sustain improvements.

Implement practices designed to address landowner identified site specific resource.

Conduct education / outreach activities community wide and individually to increased awareness of natural resources stewardship.

Assist with community based effort to manage noxious weeds emphasizing those species that spread aggressively via water.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: [

Long term objective: Develop and implement plans and designs with 75 percent (spatially) of the community watershed in order to realize a measurable difference in most watershed based resource concerns.

Annual measureable objective:

Assist 2 landowners with implementation, 2 landowners with site planning and design, and 2 landowners with project development/funding in each community watershed.

Funding Source(s): The principal funding sources for this program includes WSCC implementation and Governors Salmon Recovery Office.

Activities for FY2015	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
<b><u>Skamokawa Creek Community Watershed Project</u></b>					
Continue monitoring and maintaining stream restoration projects that have been implemented in cooperation with landowners (12 landowners)	May 2015	Mgr/RT	2/5	2275	
Continue to plan, fund, design, and implement projects in the watershed. Current Projects include: 7 Springs Stream Restoration Project Robinson Stream Restoration Project	3 year Oct 2015	Mgr/RT October 2015	10/15 10/2	6655 4000	
Noxious Weed Management Implement the Skamokawa Creek knotweed eradication and riparian restoration project	Annually thru 2017	Mgr/Rt/PCD interlocal	10/160	40000	



<u>Historic Skamokawa Creek Project (Dead Slough)</u>					
Work with Diking District 5 to operate and maintain the structural elements of the project	Annually	Mgr	5/	1000	
Assist Diking District 5 with assistance to secure funding to address local concerns for dike elevation and integrity	Until done	Mgr.	2	1000	
<u>Elochoman River Watershed</u>					
Implement the AGR / Ower Stream Restoration project site	Oct 2014	Mgr/Rt	7/1	3590	
Complete design and implement the Wood Stream Restoration Project.	Oct 2015	Mgr/RT	5/5	3700	
Assist the Elochoman Valley Community Watershed Landowner Group with collaboration to identify and plan stream restoration project opportunities.	DOF				



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Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Technical Assistance

Goal(s):

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective: To coordinate the delivery of and maintain the District's capacity to provide technical assistance to landowners within the district promoting sound resource management.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: [

Maintain existing CREP Contract Sites and enroll two additional sites (~30 acres)

Provide technical assistance to 35 landowners

Assist 5 landowners with planning / design assistance

Inform community of programs and opportunities available to them

Funding Source(s): The principal funding sources for this program includes WSCC implementation and SRFB.

Activities for FY2015	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
<b><u>Conservation Reserve Program</u></b> Provide continued technical assistance to maintain four CREP contracts (4 sites-60 acres)	Ongoing	Mgr/RT/BK	2/7/2	3385	
Provide planning assistance to two landowners with new contracts to plan and implement CREP and provide assistance to two additional landowners interested in the program by assisting with getting them enrolled in the program, conducting site inventory, preparing management plans, and implementing plans (2 additional anticipated)	6/2015	Mgr/RT/BK	2/10/1	3890	
<b><u>Category 3 Project Assistance</u></b>					
Assist landowners with planning and soliciting Category 3 funding opportunities by continuously updating CPDS	6/2015	Mgr/RT/BK	.5/.5/.5	515	

Continue implementing Category 3 project as funded (2 currently)	6/2015				
<b><u>Fish Passage Projects</u></b> Provide assistance to landowners and agencies to support applications for family forest fish passage project. Activities include conducting barrier assessments, generating project cost estimates, and sponsoring projects. (none known at this time)	6/2015	Mgr/RT/BK	1/1/1	1030	
Utilize regional culvert inventory database and GIS application to inform forest land manager about the FFFPP program and inform agriculture and rural residential landowners about opportunities to correct fish passage through the GSRO process	6/2015	MGR/RT	2/2/2	2060	
<b><u>General technical assistance</u></b> Assist walk-in/cal-in customers with technical assistance needs. Typically over 35 per year	6/2015	Mgr/RT/BK	5/8/20	10295	
Assist about five landowners with the development of plans.	6/2015	Mgr/RT/BK	10/8/5	8320	
Continue to explore opportunities to re-establish a SW (or CCD/WCD) Washington forestry position (Cat 3 pending)	6/2015			475	
<b><u>Forestry Program</u></b> Continue seeking funds to reinstate a full time forestry position capable of meeting cooperators needs	Ongoing	Mgr/Brd	1/1	475	
Continue providing forestry assistance to cooperators	6/2015	Mgr/ Forester	5 / 113	32375	
<b><u>SWPE</u></b> Continue to participate in the ECB in support of the SW Region PE position	6/2015	Mgr/BK	1	475	



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Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Information, Education, and Outreach

Goal(s):

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective: Continue providing community service activities and promote an understanding of land use through sponsorship of forums, meetings, training sessions, participation in local natural resources oriented events, and use of local media.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: [

Assist ~10 landowner with stewardship forestry training

Assist 4 local school district with environmental education

Promote natural resource stewardship by providing information to the public through county fair

Assist local partners disseminate natural resource information through a wide range of local venues (earth day, kids fishing day, arbor day, parks and recreation...)

Funding Source(s): The principal funding sources for this program is WSCC implementation funds.

Activities for FY2015	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Education/Outreach					
<b><u>Wahkiakum High School</u></b> Continue to provide assistance to Wahkiakum High School with technical assistance to conduct field assessments, implement best management practices.	6/2015	Mgr/RT	1/1	740	
<b><u>Coached Planning Workshops</u></b> Partner with Department of Natural Resources and Cooperative Extension to host local workshops	6/2015	Mgr	2	950	

<b><u>Envirothon</u></b> Participate in regional Envirothon	5/2015	RT/BK	1/5	1715	
<b><u>Wahkiakum County Fair</u></b> Participate in the county fair by developing and displaying an exhibit in the natural resource building. Cooperate with building exhibitors to foster a cooperative effort to manage the building and draw in fair-goers.	8/2014	Mgr/RT/BK	.5/1/5	1953	
<b><u>Miscellaneous Activities</u></b> Continue to participate when possible in local activities oriented around natural resources (e.g. earth day celebrations, classroom partnerships, and assistance to student groups for tree planting days, and annual tree sale).	6/2015	RT/BK	2/5	1980	



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District Program Area: District Operations

Goal(s): To maintain effective and efficient operation including accounting, grant administration, personnel management, and implementation of district policies.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:

Proper use of public money

At least one meeting to inform the public of district activities and upcoming plans

Funding Source(s):

Activities for FY2015	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
District Operations	Monthly	Mgr/BK	4/24	8860	
Submit grant vouchers and misc. grant paperwork as required.	Monthly	Mgr/BK/	2/12	4430	
Prepare business information for Board meetings/Board Meetings	Monthly	Mgr/BK	2/6	2690	
Mid Month AP/AR	Monthly	Mgr/BK	1/2	1055	
Annual Plan of Accomplishments	Oct	Mgr	2	950	
Prepare Southwest Association Meeting	Oct	BK	1	290	
Prepare for and conduct annual election	April 2015	BK	1	290	
Arrangements to participate in WACD Annual Meeting	Oct 2014	BK	1	290	
Continue to prepare and submit grant applications as needed	Ongoing	Mgr/RT	2/4	2010	
Prepare annual plan of work/review Long Range Plan	May 2014	Mgr/Brd	1.5/1	713	
Submit reports as required (quarterly and semi annual reports)	Ongoing	Mgr/BK	2/1	1240	
Complete and submit annual financial report	5/1/2015	Mgr/BK	1/5	1925	
Complete internal audit / Schedule 22	3/1/2015	Mgr /BK	1/5	1925	
Apply for WSCC Funding	5/1/2015	Mgr/BK	1/2	1055	



## FY2015 Annual Budget Wahkiakum Conservation District

(Insert district budget for FY2015 (7/1/14 - 7/30/15))

Salaries and Benefits		
	District Operations	\$40,000
	Community Watershed*	\$80,000
	Technical*	\$45,000
	Education Outreach	\$10,000
Facilities		\$35,000
Vehicle		\$4,000
Equipment		\$3,500
Travel		\$5,000
Misc Goods & Services		\$5,000
ESTIMATED OPERATING BUDGET*		\$227,500
* +/- \$30,000 depending on local ability to fund a forestry position		