



FY2015 (7/1/14 – 6/30/15) Annual Work Plan Walla Walla County Conservation District

For More Information Contact: Rick Jones, (509)522-6340 x3, or rick.jones@my180.net



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 and streams 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 State Conservation Commission (WSCC), Natural Resources 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 (SRSRB).*
- *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 FY2015	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
<i>Apply for funding for the survey and pipeline design for the Gardena Farms Irrigation District #13 Upper Canal.</i>	<i>June '15</i>	<i>Kay Mead Rick Jones Lance Horning</i>	<i>30 10 50</i>	<i>39,600</i>	
<i>Solidify partnerships, complete engineering designs and secure construction funding for the Lowden 2-Garden City-Mud Creek 7 piping project.</i>	<i>Dec. '15</i>	<i>Rick Jones Kay Mead Lance Horning Lisa Stearns</i>	<i>35 50 30 40</i>	<i>58,000</i>	

Washington Conservation Districts: assisting land managers with their conservation choices

<i>Assist landowners in developing on-farm irrigation efficiencies projects.</i>	June '15	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 '15	Kay Mead Greg Kinsinger Rick Jones	8 8 5	5,000	
<i>Install 60 water meters to facilitate effective water use of shallow well or surface water withdrawals within Walla Walla County.</i>	June '15	Greg Kinsinger Lisa Stearns Intern	66 80 40	337,000	
<i>Complete the Hofer Dam modification design to address screen siltation problem.</i>	May '15	Rick Jones	15	3,600	

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

Activities for FY2015	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
<i>Install 50 acres of forested riparian buffers, maintain and monitor current enrollment of 3,365 acres.</i>	June '15	Jeff Klundt Intern Ahmann	150 185 15	220,000	
<i>Re-enroll 11 expiring contracts, providing landowners with conservation plans and protecting 10-15 year old buffers.</i>	June '15	Jeff Klundt Intern	50 50	20,000	
<i>Conduct mid-management reviews on 16 CREP contracts.</i>	June '15	Jeff Klundt Intern	20 20	8,000	
<i>McCaw Instream Fish Habitat Restoration Project – Site B: Complete and gain approval of final designs needed install fish habitat restoration and sedimentation reduction project on the Touchet River above Bolles Bridge during the 2015 in-water work window.</i>	June '15	Jeff Klundt Lisa Stearns Dick Weller Rick Jones	5 35 20 25	23,000	
<i>Apply for funding for the CURB Program to protect urban streams from lawn chemical runoff and other contaminants and for improving water quality in cooperation with Tri-State Steelheaders and Kooskooskie Commons.</i>	June '15	A. Ahmann	15	3,600	

Washington Conservation Districts: assisting land managers with their conservation choices

<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>	<i>June '15</i>	<i>Larry Hooker Rick Jones</i>	<i>10 10</i>	<i>4,300</i>	
<i>Apply for funds to develop plans and coordinate partnerships for the in-stream restoration phase of the Mud Creek Complex project.</i>	<i>June '15</i>	<i>Rick Jones Kay Mead</i>	<i>40 10</i>	<i>12,000</i>	

Natural Resource Priority Program Areas: *Wildlife Protection*

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 FY2015	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
<i>Design and install 10 fish screens in cooperation with appropriate agency partners.</i>	<i>June '15</i>	<i>Greg Kinsinger Lisa Stearns Intern</i>	<i>60 40 40</i>	<i>127,600</i>	
<i>Complete fish screen and intake designs on the Jones Ditch project and coordinate project construction with project partners including USACE, WDFW & NMFS.</i>	<i>March '15</i>	<i>Greg Kinsinger Lance Horning Lisa Stearns</i>	<i>60 60 30</i>	<i>60,000</i>	
<i>Apply to the RCO through the SR-SRB 15th grant cycle for funding for the design and installation of the Titus Creek fish screen.</i>	<i>March '15</i>	<i>Greg Kinsinger</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>2,500</i>	
<i>Complete the installation of the Gailey farm access bridge over the Touchet River.</i>	<i>Sept. '14</i>	<i>Greg Kinsinger Ahmann</i>	<i>10 5</i>	<i>25,000</i>	

Washington Conservation Districts: assisting land managers with their conservation choices

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, 6 farmer hosted mini-sessions, workshops and tours.*

Funding Source(s):

Activities for FY2015	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
<i>Coordinate a minimum of 6 Mini-Sessions reaching a minimum of 60 area producers to inform them of conservation innovations and cost-share assistance.</i>	<i>On-going</i>	<i>Larry Hooker</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>5,000</i>	
<i>Participate in the Policy Advisory Group and the Water Resources Panel for the Walla Walla Water Management Partnership.</i>	<i>On-going</i>	<i>Kay Mead Greg Kinsinger</i>	<i>7 7</i>	<i>3,500</i>	
<i>Collect yearly rainfall data and maintain records of historic rainfall data to benefit the agriculture community.</i>	<i>On-going</i>	<i>M. Daltoso</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>2,200</i>	
<i>Educate area youth through the Fourth Grade Foresters Program.</i>	<i>Spring 2014</i>	<i>M. Daltoso</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1,100</i>	
<i>Inform the public of WWCCD mission accomplishments through quarterly newsletter (1,200 readers), website, and radio broadcasts.</i>	<i>On-going</i>	<i>Larry Hooker Ahmann</i>	<i>10 10</i>	<i>4,500</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>9,000</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>170 80</i>	<i>60,000</i>	



**FY2015 Annual Budget
Walla Walla County Conservation District**

**Walla Walla County Conservation District
FY 2015 OPERATING BUDGET**

Revenues

Description	FY15 Anticipated Revenues
State	822,000.00
Federal	396,000.00
Local	45,000.00
Total:	\$1,263,000.00

Expenses and Other Uses

Description	FY15 Estimated Expenses
Wages and Benefits 6 Full Time, 7 Part Time employees	460,000.00
General Office Expenses Outreach/Education	61,000.00 5,000.00
CREP	150,000.00
Screen Program	100,000.00
Priority Projects	320,000.00
Total:	\$1,097,000.00

Washington Conservation Districts: assisting land managers with their conservation choices