



FY2016 (7/1/15 – 6/30/16) Annual Work Plan Eastern Conservation District

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Mission of the Eastern Klickitat Conservation District

To improve, conserve, and promote the wise use of natural resources by providing technical, financial, educational, and research assistance for landowners, users of natural resources, individuals & organizations interested in natural resource issues within EKCD.

Natural Resource Priorities:

- Offer opportunities for landowners to sell development rights to protect farmland and keep farms operating in the traditional and natural manner while protecting habitat and wildlife. Work with Office of Farmland Preservation for funding and prioritization
- Enhance natural resources through the planning and application of an economically and environmentally sound conservation approach
- Utilize a common sense management approach with emphasis on maintaining and improving water quality conditions within the District Boundaries
- Maintain leadership in watershed planning, salmon recovery processes, and future watershed efforts.
 - Continue active role in Rock Creek TMDL process and WRIA 31 Management Plans
- Offer programs to involve cooperators in adopting conservation practices

Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Farmland Preservation

- Provide funding opportunities for purchase of development rights/conservation easements for landowners.
 - WWRP applications for Kelley and Imrie to continue
 - Application to WWRP Critical Habitat with WDFW on Western Pacific Timber property for fee simple purchase to continue

Goal(s):

- Provide funding opportunities for purchase of development rights or conservation easements for landowners.
- Continue to pursue funding for the 2 projects in process through OFP and WWRP

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective:

- Develop one new application for WWRP funding of development rights or through OFP
- Complete the 2 applications already begun

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:

- One additional agricultural conservation easement preparing to be funded
- 3 cost share contracts written
- 10 landowners provided with technical assistance
- 2 watershed or other relevant meetings attended

Funding Source(s): Department of Ecology G1400520, G1400600; WSCC Implementation; SRFB Grant #11-1344; SRFB Applications 14-1128, 14-1140, 14-1857; RCO

Activities for FY2016	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Provide opportunities to purchase development rights and conservation easements	July 2015	Jim Hill Mindy Pomerinke Jess Davenport	40	\$16,500	Time spent with landowner negotiations, application development
Continue applications already in progress: Kelley, Imrie, WPT	July 2015	Jim Hill Mindy Pomerinke Jess Davenport	20	\$8,250	
Remain active in Rock Creek watershed through participation in watershed planning unit, negotiations with Roscoe Imrie, implementation of BMP's in the riparian areas.	July 2016	Jim Hill Jess Davenport Loren Meagher	6	\$2,000	
Provide cost share funding for landowners to implement conservation practices	July 2016	Supervisors Jim Hill Jess Davenport Mindy Pomerinke	5	\$16,650	Includes 3 costs shares @ \$5,000 each
Disseminate information about Office of Farmland Preservation – provide opportunity for landowners to sell development rights as a way to preserve farming in the district	FY16	Jim Hill Jess Davenport Kaci Bartkowski Mindy Pomerinke	20 Days	\$6,000	

Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Water Quality

- Maintain leadership in watershed planning, salmon recovery processes, and future watershed efforts.
- Continue active role in Rock Creek and WRIA 31 Management Plans.
- Provide cost share funding for conservation practices.
- Maintain and improve water quality conditions with emphasis on the Rock Creek watershed.
- Implement Rock Creek Aquatic Weeds Management Plan Grant #G1400600
- Take over O & M of two new permanent gauging stations on Rock Creek
- Continue to make progress toward removing Rock Creek as a Category 5 stream on the 303(D) list. Progress is determined by the ability of the District to enter into discussions with Ecology on the Management Plan.
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- Provide cost share funding for conservation practices

Goal(s): Have a presence at a majority of watershed meetings in WRIA 31

- Implement Scope of Work on Rock Creek Aquatic Weeds Management Plan Grant #G1400600
- Maintain & download monthly on the two new permanent gauging stations on Rock Creek.
- Provide cost share for 3 landowners to implement 5 BMP's

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective: 5 springs developed in the Rock Creek watershed

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: Technical Assistance to 5 landowners

Funding Source(s): Department of Ecology, WSCC Implementation, Basic Allocation

Activities for FY2016	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
1 stream bank repair, spring enhancement or livestock project within the District	July 1, 2016	Jim Hill Jess Davenport Loren Meagher Kaci Bartkowski	21	\$150,000	G1400520
Continue the water quality monitoring program including all 19 sites Download data monthly on permanent gauging stations on Rock Creek.	July 1, 2016	Kaci Bartkowski Jess Davenport	130	\$12,000	G1400520 KCNr
Implement Scope of Work for Ecology grant #G140600	July 1, 2016	Jess Davenport	156	\$22,665	Remaining funds

Natural Resource Conservation Need: Rangeland, Forest & Habitat Management and Wildfire Prevention

Goal(s): Outreach to forest owners regarding NRCS and DNR wildfire prevention programs

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective: Contact with all forest land owners with over 100 acres

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: 2 landowners enroll in cost share programs (EQIP, etc.)

Activities for FY2016	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Contact with all forest land owners with over 100 acres	Feb 2016	Jess Davenport Kaci Bartkowski Mindy Pomerinke	5 Days	DNR Firewise \$1,000

District Program Area: Education and Outreach

Activities for FY2016	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Educate the public within EKCD – Newsletters, Annual Meetings, disseminate information about conservation programs that are available	Feb 2016	Jess Davenport Kaci Bartkowski Mindy Pomerinke	15 Days	\$6,000

Plan and implement a booth at the Klickitat County Fair (Aug 2015) & Home and Garden Show (May 2016)	FY16	Jess Davenport Kaci Bartkowski	7 Days	\$3,000
Produce one newsletter per year – include Rock Creek as part of the information	FY16	Jess Davenport Kaci Bartkowski Mindy Pomerinke	5 Days	\$2,000

Goal(s): Make more landowners aware of District cost share opportunities

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: Prepare 2 news articles for print or do 2 radio interviews

District Program Area: District Operations

- Maintain effective and efficient office operations, including accounting, and grant vouchering, supervisor elections and appointments, monthly meetings, training and development, annual planning and reporting – By June 30, 2015 have all mandatory reporting done in a timely manner.
- Maintain up-to-date and effective supervisor election and appointment procedures by coordinating with our Regional Manager and Commission staff. Develop and implement plan to encourage increased voter participation.
- Community outreach and education

Goal(s):

- Outreach to landowners regarding farmland preservation
- Educate, provide and plant trees with area schools
- Help fund Wheat Week or Water on Wheels with Franklin CD
- Plan and construct booth for County Fair (August '15) and Home and Garden Show (May '16)
- Work with area schools to educate middle and high school students about conservation (Verle Kaiser Award)
- Inform and educate County Commissioners and 14th District Legislators about District Activities

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:

- Visit County Commissioners at least 3 times during the year
- Successfully implement supervisor elections in 2016. Success is defined as no demerits from WCC

Funding Source(s): Department of Ecology Clean Water Grants, WSCC Implementation, Category 1 funding, WCC Basic Allocation

Activities for FY2016	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Do all reporting, planning and other office operational procedures as required for all grants and funding sources, including TMDL, DOE, private sources and Washington Conservation	As Required	Jim Hill Mindy Pomerinke Jess Davenport	250 +	C1, IM, DOE, SRFB \$34,000

Commission				
Support NRCS staff when possible		Jim Hill Mindy Pomerinke Jess Davenport		
Plan and hold EKCD Annual Meeting. Provide as many pesticide credits as possible	February 2016	Jess Davenport Kaci Bartkowski Mindy Pomerinke	14	\$1,000
Finalize Kaiser Foundation grant contract, work with Bickleton Schools	July1, 2016	Jess Davenport Kaci Bartkowski	21	\$5,000
Hold timely and efficient supervisor election in a manner that will include the maximum number of voters in a cost effective way.	February 2015	Mindy Pomerinke Supervisors	14 Days	IM \$500
Hold annual tree sales program – provide native trees and shrubs for local citizens-	January 1 through March 2016	Mindy Pomerinke Jess Davenport Kaci Bartkowski	90 Days	BA, IM \$15,000
Visit County Commissioners meeting at least Quarterly		Jim Hill Supervisors	8 hours	IM \$2,000?
Fund Wheat Week or Water on Wheels classroom program with Franklin Conservation District in EKCD schools	FY16 School Year	Supervisors Jess Davenport Mindy Pomerinke		G1400520 \$1,000



FY2016 Annual Budget EASTERN KLICKITAT Conservation District

EKCD FY16 ANNUAL BUDGET

INCOME:

WSCC

Basic Allocation	\$12,500
Implementation	\$56,852

DOE Grant:

G1400520	\$172,000
G1400600	\$22,665

SRFB Grant

12-1344P	\$26,500
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Kaiser Foundation grant	\$5,000
Interest	\$1,000
Tree Program	\$14,000
Donations	\$200

TOTAL INCOME: \$310,717

EXPENSES:

Office & Operating Supplies	\$1,000
Contracted Services	\$115,500
Professional Svcs	\$35,000
Communication & Advertising	\$1,000
Travel Expenses	\$2,500
Insurance	\$2,800
Dues & Registrations	\$4,400
Tree Sales	\$9,400
Cost Share/Projects	\$137,417
Misc./Contingency	\$1,700

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$310,717