



FY2016 (7/1/15 – 6/30/16) 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 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 2020, 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 FY2016	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
<i>Seek sources and facilitate efforts to fund construction of the Gardena Farms Irrigation District #13 Upper Canal.</i>	<i>June '16</i>	<i>Kay Mead Rick Jones Lance Horning</i>	<i>30 50 20</i>	<i>34,000</i>	<i>Category 3</i>
<i>Solidify partnerships and secure construction funding for the Lowden 2-Garden City-Mud Creek 7 piping project.</i>	<i>Dec. '16</i>	<i>Rick Jones Kay Mead Lance Horning Lisa Stearns</i>	<i>50 25 10 40</i>	<i>33,000</i>	

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Assist landowners in developing on-farm irrigation efficiencies projects.	June '16	Kay Mead	30	12,000	
Assist landowners served by the Bergevin-Williams/Old Lowden pipeline in completing water-rights verification in order to proceed with putting water into trust.	Dec. '16	Kay Mead Bill Neve	30 30	50,000	
Design and construct protection project for Schwenke Aquifer Recharge project.	Fall 2015	Greg Kinsinger	10	30,000	
Work closely with the Walla Walla Basin Partnership to ensure that water use data is collected to improve management of water.	June '16	Greg Kinsinger Rick Jones	8 5	15,000	
Install 20 water meters to facilitate effective water use of shallow well or surface water withdrawals within Walla Walla County.	Dec '15	Greg Kinsinger Lisa Stearns Intern	66 80 40	131,000	

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, 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

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Install 116 acres of forested riparian buffers, maintain and monitor current enrollment of 3,365 acres.	June '16	Jeff Klundt Heather Noel Ahmann	150 140 40	190,000	
Re-enroll expiring contracts, providing landowners with conservation plans and protecting 10-15 year old buffers.	June '16	Jeff Klundt Heather Noel	50 50	60,000	
Conduct mid-management reviews on 16 CREP contracts.	June '16	Jeff Klundt Heather Noel	20 20	10,000	
McCaw Instream Fish Habitat Restoration Project – Site B: Complete and gain approval of final designs needed to install fish habitat restoration and sedimentation reduction project on the Touchet River above Bolles Bridge: apply for construction funds.	January '16	Jeff Klundt Lisa Stearns Rick Jones	5 35 35	60,000	
Seek funding for urban riparian buffers and area waterways not eligible for CREP.	June '16	Heather Noel	15	3,000	
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.	June '16	Larry Hooker Rick Jones	10 10	4,500	
Apply for funds to develop plans and coordinate partnerships for a wildlife habitat management plan for the Lowden 2-Garden City-Mud 7piping	June '16	Rick Jones Kay Mead	10 10	4,800	

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<i>project service area.</i>					
<i>Complete permitting and obtain cost share for Rea river ford</i>	<i>June '16</i>	<i>Rick Jones</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>600</i>	<i>Category 3</i>
<i>Complete permitting and obtain cost share Probert Ditch conversion</i>	<i>June '16</i>	<i>Jeff Klundt</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>600</i>	<i>Category 3</i>
<i>Complete permitting and obtain cost share for the Gailey Bridge</i>	<i>June '16</i>	<i>Greg Kinsinger</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>1200</i>	<i>Category 3</i>

Natural Resource Priority Program Areas: *Wildlife Protection*

Goal(s): *By 2018 complete the installation of the remaining approximately 75-100 unscreened diversions in Walla Walla County.*

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

Activities for FY2016	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
<i>Design and install 12 fish screens in cooperation with appropriate agency partners.</i>	<i>June '16</i>	<i>Greg Kinsinger Lisa Stearns Intern</i>	<i>60 40 40</i>	<i>113,500</i>	
<i>Complete design and permitting of the Jones Ditch project in cooperation with project partners including USACE, WDFW & NMFS; seek funds for construction.</i>	<i>June '16</i>	<i>Greg Kinsinger Lance Horning Lisa Stearns</i>	<i>60 60 30</i>	<i>29,000</i>	<i>Category 3</i>
<i>Construct the Hofer Dam modification to address screen siltation problem.</i>	<i>June '16</i>	<i>Rick Jones Kay Mead</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>73,000</i>	<i>Category 3</i>
<i>Seek funding to designs and construct four fish barrier removal projects on Pine Creek and Russell Creek.</i>	<i>June '16</i>	<i>Rick Jones</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Category 3</i>
<i>Complete permitting and obtain cost share: Grant and West habitat site</i>	<i>June '16</i>	<i>Rick Jones</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Category 3</i>
<i>Complete permitting and obtain cost share: Meliah habitat site</i>	<i>June '16</i>	<i>Rick Jones</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Category 3</i>
<i>Complete permitting and obtain cost share: Bergevin habitat site</i>	<i>June '16</i>	<i>Rick Jones</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Category 3</i>
<i>Complete the design and installation of the Titus Creek fish screen.</i>	<i>March '16</i>	<i>Greg Kinsinger</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>117,000</i>	

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 forums.*

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: *By 2020 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): *Conservation Commission, Lead Entity (RCO)*

Activities for FY2016	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, the Voluntary Stewardship Program, the Shoreline Management Plan, and the Water Resources Panel for the Walla Walla Water Management Partnership.</i>	<i>On-going</i>	<i>Kay Mead Greg Kinsinger</i>	<i>5 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>1,300</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>7,000</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>50,000</i>	



FY2015 Annual Budget Walla Walla County Conservation District

Walla Walla County Conservation District FY 2016 OPERATING BUDGET

Revenues

Description	FY16 Anticipated Revenues
State	683,000.00
Federal	394,000.00
Local	28,000.00
Total:	\$1,105,000.00

Expenses and Other Uses

Description	FY16 Estimated Expenses
Wages and Benefits 6 Full Time, 6 Part Time employees	496,000.00
General Office Expenses	93,000.00
Outreach/Education	4,000.00
CREP	150,000.00
Screen Program	190,000.00
Priority Projects	172,000.00
Total:	\$1,105,000.00

Note: This budget includes funds for engineering assistance for other CDs; this work is not included in the WWCCD Annual Work Plan

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