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# Central Klickitat Conservation District

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## Other Accomplishments

- We held landowner meetings to discuss the district's involvement in holding agricultural conservation easements. In cooperation with Washington State Conservation Commission's Office of Farmland Preservation, we gave information to landowners about the pros and cons of selling their development rights.
- A second livestock EQIP project was identified, and we're seeking funding to assist the landowner with his share of the project costs.
- Work continues on preliminary designs for three stream bank improvement projects on the Little Klickitat River for construction in 2016.

## 2015 Feature Accomplishment: Kayser livestock Environmental Quality Incentives Program project

**RESOURCE CHALLENGE** This very large livestock operation on a tributary to Swale Creek was potentially adding sediment and fecal coliform to the creek. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) helped the rancher move his feed barn and winter feeding area off the creek. Even with the federal funding, the landowner's share of a large project such as this is substantial. Central Klickitat Conservation District helped cover a portion of the landowner's share of eligible best management practices using Department of Ecology funding.



The old feed barn and feeding area with the creek (dry at the moment) flowing through it.



The new barn and feeding area still under construction with new troughs.

## PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS

This large project had several components, including a hardened feed area, roof runoff structure, waste storage facility, windbreaks, diversion, shelterbelt, fencing, conservation cover, and more. The district's involvement was to provide cost share assistance for eligible practices for the landowner's share of the EQIP project. Nearly all of the practices except the waste storage facility and all of its components were eligible best management practices under Department of Ecology funding guidelines. The landowner received 75 percent of his out-of-pocket expenses and equipment costs above what the EQIP contract paid him based on total project costs.

**KEY PARTNERS:** USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; Landowner contributions; Department of Ecology

## More Work to Do!

- We are working on three in-stream projects, bank repair, and riparian enhancements on the Little Klickitat River. Construction will be fall of 2016.
- We are working with Eastern Klickitat Conservation District and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to purchase fee simple and easements on 22,000 acres of forestland from Western Pacific Timber.
- Our Board of Supervisors has approved holding of conservation easements, which has generated a lot of interest.