



FY2016 (7/1/16 – 6/30/17) 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), Dept. of Ecology (ECY), 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
	Dec. '16	Renee Hadley	30	12,000	Irr eff

<i>Solidify partnerships and secure construction funding for the Lowden 2-Garden City-Mud Creek 7 piping project.</i>		<i>Kay Mead</i>	20		
<i>Assist landowners in developing on-farm irrigation efficiencies projects.</i>	June '17	<i>Kay Mead</i> <i>Renee Hadley</i>	10 40	12,000	<i>Irr eff</i>
<i>Assist landowners served by the Bergevin-Williams/Old Lowden pipeline in completing water-rights verification in order to proceed with putting water into trust.</i>	Sept. '16	<i>Kay Mead</i>	30	50,000	<i>DOE BW-OL</i>
<i>Construct pivot piping for Probert project.</i>	Dec. '16	<i>Kay Mead</i> <i>Renee Hadley</i>	30 30	31,250	<i>Current amount</i>
<i>Work closely with the Walla Walla Basin Partnership to ensure that water use data is collected to improve management of water.</i>	June '17	<i>Greg Kinsinger</i> <i>Renee Hadley</i>	10 12	6,000	<i>Imp.</i>
<i>Install 20 water meters to facilitate effective water use of shallow well or surface water withdrawals within Walla Walla County.</i>	June '17	<i>Greg Kinsinger</i> <i>L. Stearns</i> <i>Intern</i>	90 80 40	212,000	<i>Meters 3</i>

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**

Activities for FY2016	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
<i>Install 100 acres of forested riparian buffers, maintain and monitor current enrollment of ~3,400 acres.</i>	<i>June '17</i>	<i>Jeff Klundt</i>	120	158,000	<i>C.R.E.P. TA plus CS</i>

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		Joanna Cowles A. Ahmann	90 30		
Re-enroll expiring contracts, providing landowners with conservation plans and protecting 10-15 year old buffers.	June '17	Joanna Cowles Intern	60 20	60,000	C.R.E.P. TA plus CS
Conduct mid-management reviews on 16 CREP contracts.	June '17	Jeff Klundt Joanna Cowles	10 25	10,000	C.R.E.P. TA plus CS
Seek funding for urban riparian buffers and area waterways not eligible for CREP.	June '17	Joanna Cowles Renee Hadley	10 23	8,000	Imp?
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 '17	Renee Hadley	45	20,500	Imp?
Apply for funds to develop plans and coordinate partnerships for a wildlife habitat management plan for the Lowden 2-Garden City-Mud 7piping project service area.	June '17	Renee Hadley Kay Mead	10 7	4,800	Imp?
Complete permitting and monitor construction of Mill Creek exposed pipeline emergency repair near Stiller Pond	June '17	Jeff Klundt	8	4,000	Category 3
Complete permitting and obtain cost share for Rea river ford bridge	June '17	Jeff Klundt	2	600	Category 3

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
Design and install 12 fish screens in cooperation with appropriate agency partners.	June '17	Greg Kinsinger	100	135,000	

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		L. Stearns Intern	80 40		
Seek funding and complete permitting for Jones Ditch project in cooperation with project partners including USACE, NMFS, WDFW, CTUIR, & EYC; seek funds for construction.	June '17	Greg Kinsinger Lance Horning	30 30	29,000	Category 3
Seek funding for and coordinate agency approval of the Hofer Dam modification to address screen siltation problem.*	June '17	Renee Hadley	10	5,000	Category 3
Seek funding to design and construct four fish barrier removal projects on Pine Creek and Russell Creek.	June '17	Renee Hadley	10	5,000	Category 3
Complete permitting and obtain cost share: Grant and West habitat site.*	June '17	Renee Hadley	4	1,000	Category 3

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
Coordinate a minimum of 6 Mini-Sessions to area producers to inform them of conservation innovations and cost-share assistance.	On-going	Renee Hadley	15	3,600	Imp?
Participate in the Policy Advisory Group and the Water Resources Panel for the Walla Walla Water Management Partnership.	On-going	Greg Kinsinger Renee Hadley	8 7	3,500	Imp?

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<i>Lead the Voluntary Stewardship Program and facilitate development of the draft work plan for completion in 2017.</i>	Sept '17	Jeff Klundt L. Stearns Joanna Cowles A. Ahmann	95 70 40 20	90,000	As per contract
<i>Collect yearly rainfall data and maintain records of historic rainfall data to benefit the agriculture community.</i>	On-going	L. Stearns	8	2,000	ok
<i>Educate area youth through the Fourth Grade Foresters Program.</i>	Spring 2017	A. Ahmann	5	1,200	ok
<i>Inform the public of WWCCD mission accomplishments through quarterly newsletter (1,000 readers) & website.</i>	On-going	Staff	9	2,250	ok
<i>Actively participate in regional Lead Entity Committee/Regional Technical Team/Snake River Salmon Recovery Board activities throughout the year.</i>	On-going	Joanna Cowles Renee Hadley	15 5	5,000	LE
<i>Meet all statutory requirements of RCW 89.08: conducting regular audits, fiscal management, commission reporting, and grant management.</i>	On-going	A. Ahmann	180	50,000	Imp

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FY2015 Annual Budget Walla Walla County Conservation District

Walla Walla County Conservation District FY 2017 OPERATING BUDGET

Revenues

Description	FY17 Anticipated Revenues
State	828,200.00
Federal	135,000.00
Local	28,000.00
Total:	\$991,200.00

Expenses and Other Uses

Description	FY17 Estimated Expenses
6 Full Time, 3 Part Time employees	\$402,800.00
General Office Expenses	\$79,000.00
Education	\$5,000.00
CREP	\$100,000.00
Screen Program	\$125,000.00
Priority Projects	\$266,000.00
Total:	\$977,800.00

Note: The numbers listed in the Plan of Work include Non-Shellfish funds that may be awarded but are not included here.

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