



FY2017 (7/1/16 – 6/30/17) Annual Work Plan Wahkiakum Conservation District

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Mission of the Wahkiakum Conservation District

- The mission of the Wahkiakum Conservation District is to protect and improve the natural resources of the District and to guide resource development and use to provide the highest quality of life for present and future citizens.

Natural Resource Priorities

- To coordinate the delivery of, and maintain the District's capacity to provide technical assistance to landowners within the district promoting sound resource management. This includes the ability to provide walk-in/call-in, field visits, and community watershed level technical assistance for planning, designing, and implementing practices that address site specific resource concerns.
 - Local priority, based upon landowner feedback during long range planning outreach, supporting agencies includes all of our local natural resource partners including Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board, WSU Cooperative Extension, WDFW, WSDNR, WSDOE
- Salmon Recovery*:
 - State (Lower Columbia Salmon Recovery and Fish and Wildlife Plan), Regional / Federal (Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery & Endangered Species Act)
 - LCFRB, SRFB, NOAA-NMFS, WDFW, LCREP,
- Water Quality*: predominantly non-point source pollution
 - State (WSDOE 303(d) list; Federal (EPA - Clean Water Act & USDA NRCS - State Natural Resource Concerns)
- Flood Damage Mitigation*
 - State & Federal (WSDOE & FEMA - Flood Hazard Mitigation Programs)
- Economic Viability*
- Invasive Weeds*
 - State (WSDA Noxious Weed Program)

* Landowner assistance does not fit neatly into natural resource priorities as listed above. Landowners typically request assistance to resolve their resource concerns which generally encompass most if not all of the priorities. Landowners typically are interested in being good all around stewards of the land under their care.



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Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Community Watershed Management Program

Goal(s):

Continue to develop and secure funding to maintain the District's capacity to assist watershed communities with planning and implementation on a watershed level.

Assist local watershed communities to address local natural resource issue(s) on a comprehensive basis.

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective:

Measurable result objectives are somewhat variable amongst watershed communities. typical measurable result objectives include

Improve water quality by implementing practices designed to bring specific parameters to within state standards

Implement short term practices that will address high priority limiting factors for salmon recovery on a reach by reach basis and implement long term practices that will help sustain improvements.

Implement practices designed to address landowner identified site specific resource.

Conduct education / outreach activities community wide and individually to increased awareness of natural resources stewardship.

Assist with community based effort to manage noxious weeds emphasizing those species that spread aggressively via water.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: [

Long term objective: Develop and implement plans and designs with 75 percent (spatially) of the community watershed in order to realize a measurable difference in most watershed based resource concerns.

Annual measureable objective:

Assist 2 landowners with implementation, 2 landowners with site planning and design, and 2 landowners with project development/funding in each community watershed.

Funding Source(s): The principal funding sources for this program includes WSCC implementation and Governors Salmon Recovery Office.

Activities for FY2017	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
<u>Skamokawa Creek Community Watershed Project</u>					
Continue monitoring and maintaining stream restoration projects that have been implemented in cooperation with landowners (15 landowners)	May 2017	Mgr/RT	2/5	2275	
Permit and Implement the 7-springs project site for implementation in the 2016 hydraulic window. (includes use of non-shellfish and SRFB funds)	June 2017	Mgr/RT	10/15	6655	
Conduct maintenance on the Wilson Creek Robinson Site (new ownership) during the 2016 hydraulic window.	Oct. 2016	Mgr/Rt	20/5		Re-install a debris jam; add wood to habitat structures

Continue to develop and solicit project funding in cooperation with landowners in the Skamokawa Creek Community Watershed (Baldwin & Goldinov)	Jan. 2017	Mgr	6		
Noxious Weed Management Implement the Skamokawa Creek knotweed eradication and riparian restoration project	Annually thru 2017	Mgr/Rt/PCD interlocal	10/160	40000	
Get the Fritsch Project site under CREP contract	Oct 2016	Mgr/Rt	1 / 2		
Develop 2017 project proposals for the SRFB process (Johnson Farm)	March 2017	Mgr / RT	1 / 2		
<u>Historic Skamokawa Creek Project (Dead Slough)</u>					
Work with Diking District 5 to operate and maintain the structural elements of the project	Annually	Mgr	5/	1000	
Assist Diking District 5 with assistance to secure funding to address local concerns for dike elevation and integrity	Until done	Mgr.	2	1000	
<u>Elochoman River Community Watershed Project</u>					
Treat knotweed at the Elochoman River Wood Site restoration project during the 2016 hydraulic window	June 2016	Mgr	1		Contract labor
Successfully route the Elochoman River Elkinton Project Site restoration project through the 2016 LCFRB funding process	Jan 2017	Mgr/Rt	7/1	3590	
Successfully route the Elochoman River Cothren Site through the 2016 LCFRB funding process	Jan 2017				
Continue to develop project proposals and solicit implementation funding in cooperation with the Elochoman River Watershed Community. Currently working on the Bortner project opportunity and coordinating with Wah. Co. Public Works Beaver Cr. Bridge site, and. Multi-owner project proposal for reach upstream of Beaver Creek Road	March 2017	Mgr/RT	5/5	3700	
<u>Grays River Watershed</u>					
Implement the Grays River Satterlund Site Project during the 2016 hydraulic window. (ACOE permitting may delay)	Oct. 2016				



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Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Technical Assistance

Goal(s):

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective: To coordinate the delivery of and maintain the District's capacity to provide technical assistance to landowners within the district promoting sound resource management.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: [

Maintain existing CREP Contract Sites and enroll two additional sites (~30 acres)

Provide technical assistance to 35 landowners

Assist 5 landowners with planning / design assistance

Inform community of programs and opportunities available to them

Funding Source(s): The principal funding sources for this program includes WSCC implementation and SRFB.

Activities for FY2017	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
<u>Conservation Reserve Program</u> Provide continued technical assistance to maintain four CREP contracts (2 sites-14 acres – Satterlund, Baldwin,)	Ongoing	Mgr/RT/BK	2/7/2	3385	
Get the Fritsch Stream Restoration project site under CREP project and begin implementation	9/16 contract 10/16 site prep March 2017 plant				
Get the Satterlund Project Site under CREP project contract and begin implementation	9/16 contract 10/16 site prep March 2017 plant				
Provide planning assistance to four landowners (Irving, Cothren, Elkinton, Trusky) with CREP farm plans and CREP contracts	6/2017	Mgr/RT/BK	2/10/1	3890	

<u>Category 3 Project Assistance</u>					
Assist landowners with planning and soliciting Category 3 funding opportunities by continuously updating CPDS	6/2017	Mgr/RT/BK	.5/.5/.5	516	
<u>Fish Passage Projects</u>					
Provide assistance to landowners and agencies to support applications for family forest fish passage project. Activities include conducting barrier assessments, generating project cost estimates, and sponsoring projects. (none known at this time)	6/2017	Mgr/RT/BK	1/1/1	1030	
Utilize regional culvert inventory database and GIS application to inform forest land manager about the FFFPP program and inform agriculture and rural residential landowners about opportunities to correct fish passage through the GSRO process	6/2017	MGR/RT	2/2/2	2060	
<u>General technical assistance</u>					
Assist walk-in/cal-in customers with technical assistance needs. Typically over 35 per year	6/2017	Mgr/RT/BK	5/8/20	10295	
Assist about five landowners with the development of plans.	6/2017	Mgr/RT/BK	10/8/5	8320	
Continue to develop staff abilities and proficiency through available training opportunities (WADE, USDA, WSU Ext...)	6/2017			475	
<u>Forestry Program</u>					
Continue seeking funds to reinstate a full time forestry position capable of meeting cooperators needs	Ongoing	Mgr/Brd	1/1	475	
Continue providing forestry assistance to cooperators	6/2017	Mgr/ Forester	5 / 113	32375	
<u>SWPE</u>					
Continue to participate in the ECB in support of the SW Region PE position	6/2017	Mgr/BK	1	475	



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Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Information, Education, and Outreach

Goal(s):

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective: Continue providing community service activities and promote an understanding of land use through sponsorship of forums, meetings, training sessions, participation in local natural resources oriented events, and use of local media.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: [

Assist ~10 landowner with stewardship forestry training

Assist 4 local school district with environmental education

Promote natural resource stewardship by providing information to the public through county fair

Assist local partners disseminate natural resource information through a wide range of local venues (earth day, kids fishing day, arbor day, parks and recreation...)

Funding Source(s): The principal funding sources for this program is WSCC implementation funds.

Activities for FY2017	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Education/Outreach					
<u>Wahkiakum High School</u> Continue to provide assistance to Wahkiakum High School with technical assistance to conduct field assessments, implement best management practices. Coordinate with Marine Resource Committee.	6/2017	Mgr/RT	1/1	740	
<u>Coached Planning Workshops</u> Partner with Department of Natural Resources and Cooperative Extension to host local workshops	6/2017	Mgr	2	950	

<p><u>Envirothon</u> Participate in regional Envirothon and promote the State Envirothon event</p>	5/2017	RT/BK	1/5	1715	
<p><u>Wahkiakum County Fair</u> Participate in the county fair by developing and displaying an exhibit in the natural resource building. Cooperate with building exhibitors to foster a cooperative effort to manage the building and draw in fair-goers.</p>	8/2016	Mgr/RT/BK	.5/1/5	1953	
<p><u>Miscellaneous Activities</u> Continue to participate when possible in local activities oriented around natural resources (e.g. earth day celebrations, classroom partnerships, and assistance to student groups for tree planting days, and annual tree sale).</p>	6/2017	RT/BK	2/5	1980	
<p><u>County Wide Education Forums</u> Explore opportunities to partner with WSU Ext, USDA NRCS, Wahkiakum Noxious Weed Board, ... to provide agriculture related workshops</p>					



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District Program Area: District Operations

Goal(s): To maintain effective and efficient operation including accounting, grant administration, personnel management, and implementation of district policies.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:

Proper use of public money

At least one meeting to inform the public of district activities and upcoming plans

Funding Source(s):

Activities for FY2017	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
District Operations	Monthly	Mgr/BK	4/24	8860	
Submit grant vouchers and misc. grant paperwork as required.	Monthly	Mgr/BK/	2/12	4430	
Prepare business information for Board meetings/Board Meetings	Monthly	Mgr/BK	2/6	2690	
Mid-Month AP/AR	Monthly	Mgr/BK	1/2	1055	
Annual Plan of Accomplishments	Oct 2016	Mgr	2	950	
Prepare Southwest Association Meeting	Oct 2016	BK	1	290	
Prepare for and conduct annual election	April 2017	BK	1	290	
Arrangements to participate in WACD Annual Meeting	Oct 2016	BK	1	290	
Continue to prepare and submit grant applications as needed	Ongoing	Mgr/RT	2/4	2010	
Prepare annual plan of work/review Long Range Plan	May 2017	Mgr/Brd	1.5/1	713	
Submit reports as required (quarterly and semiannual reports)	Ongoing	Mgr/BK	2/1	1240	
Complete and submit annual financial report	5/1/2017	Mgr/BK	1/5	1925	
Complete internal audit / Schedule 22	3/1/2017	Mgr /BK	1/5	1925	
Apply for WSCC Funding	5/1/2017	Mgr/BK	1/2	1055	



FY2017 Annual Budget Wahkiakum Conservation District

(Insert district budget for FY2017 (7/1/16 - 6/30/17))

Salaries and Benefits		
	District Operations	\$40,000
	Community Watershed*	\$80,000
	Technical*	\$45,000
	Education Outreach	\$10,000
Facilities		\$35,000
Vehicle		\$4,000
Equipment		\$3,500
Travel		\$5,000
Misc Goods & Services		\$5,000
ESTIMATED OPERATING BUDGET*		\$227,500
* +/- \$30,000 depending on local ability to fund a forestry position		