



# FY2017 (7/1/17 – 6/30/18) 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 (ECY), 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 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), 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, NRCS*

Activities for FY2017	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
<i>Assist landowners in developing on-farm irrigation efficiencies projects.</i>	<i>On-going</i>	<i>Lisa Stearns Lance Horning</i>	<i>40 50</i>	<i>45,000</i>	<i>other CD/NRCS MOU, Irr eff.</i>
<i>Work closely with the Walla Walla Basin Partnership to ensure that water use data is collected to improve management of water.</i>	<i>On-going</i>	<i>Greg Kinsinger Renee M. Hadley</i>	<i>5 30</i>	<i>10,000</i>	<i>Irrigation Efficiency</i>
<i>Install 50 water meters to facilitate effective water use of shallow well or surface water withdrawals within Walla Walla County.</i>	<i>June '18</i>	<i>Greg Kinsinger Lisa Stearns Lynda Oosterhuis</i>	<i>160 40 60</i>	<i>185,000</i>	<i>ECY Meters 3</i>

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Collect water samples and monitor Schwenke Aquifer Recharge project.	June 2018	Greg Kinsinger	5	1,400	Irrigation. Eff.
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**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, NRCS, Dept. of Ecology, RCO

<b>Activities for FY2017</b>	<b>Target Dates</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Time (Days) Required</b>	<b>Estimated Funding</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<i>Install 100 acres of forested riparian buffers, maintain and monitor current enrollment of ~3,400 acres, about 155 contracts.</i>	June '18	Joanna Cowles Lynda Oosterhuis Audrey Ahmann	120 40 30	148,000	CREP TA plus CS
<i>Re-enroll 25-30 expiring contracts, providing landowners with conservation plans and protecting 10-15 year old buffers.</i>	June '18	Joanna Cowles Lynda Oosterhuis	65 40	30,000	CREP TA plus CS
<i>Conduct mid-management reviews on 16 CREP contracts.</i>	June '18	Lynda Oosterhuis Joanna Cowles	20 5	10,000	CREP TA plus CS
<i>Seek funding for urban riparian buffers and area waterways not eligible for CREP.</i>	On-going	Joanna Cowles Renee M. Hadley	3 3	3,600	Implementation
<i>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 area rivers and resultant impacts to water quality.</i>	on-going	Lisa Stearns Renee M. Hadley	10 20	15,600	Implementation
<i>Coordinate with Walla Walla County to address damages to streams, fields from natural disasters.</i>	on-going	Lisa Stearns Renee M. Hadley	10 10	5,300	Imp., Disaster Funding
<i>Monitor Construction of McCaw Restoration project on Touchet River</i>	Oct-18	Lisa Stearns Audrey Ahmann Renee M. Hadley Lance Horning	40 20 20 20	227,000	RCO Salmon Recovery
<i>Monitor construction of Jensen off stream watering &amp; fencing project on Dry Creek</i>	Nov-17	Renee M. Hadley Joanna Cowles	4 10	27,000	ECY-THA grant
<i>Monitor construction of Mill Creek repair near Stiller Pond</i>	Oct-18	Lisa Stearns	5	4,200	Non-shellfish
<i>Complete permitting, obtain cost share, and monitor construction of Rea bridge across ford on Russell Creek</i>	June '19	Renee M. Hadley	10	3000	Non-shellfish

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**Natural Resource Priority Program Areas:** *Air Quality*

**Goal(s):** *Assist with Agricultural Burn Permits in Walla Walla County.*

**Funding Source(s):** Department of Ecology

Activities for FY2017	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
<i>Assist over 150 landowners with permitting for prescribed agricultural burn permits</i>	Jun-18	<i>Lisa Stearns Jeff Klundt</i>	<i>24 92</i>	30,000	<i>ECY/WW Co. MOU</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):** WS Conservation Commission, RCO, NRCS

Activities for FY2017	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
<i>Design and install 5 fish screens in cooperation with appropriate agency partners.</i>	<i>Jun-18</i>	<i>Greg Kinsinger Lisa Stearns Lynda Oosterhuis</i>	<i>20 10 10</i>	60,000	<i>RCO Salmon Recovery</i>
<i>Design and monitor various restoration projects</i>	<i>Jun-18</i>	<i>Lance Horning</i>	100	62,000	<i>CD/NRCS MOU</i>
<i>Seek funding to design and construct four fish barrier removal projects on Pine Creek and Russell Creek.</i>	<i>Jun-18</i>	<i>Renee M. Hadley</i>	10	2,400	<i>Non shell- fish</i>
<i>Obtain cost share: Oliver, Grant and West habitat site on Touchet River.*</i>	<i>Jun-18</i>	<i>Renee M. Hadley</i>	8	2,000	<i>Non shell- fish</i>

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**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 efforts

**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):** WSCC, NRCS, RCO

<b>Activities for FY2017</b>	<b>Target Dates</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Time (Days) Required</b>	<b>Estimated Funding</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Coordinate a minimum of 5 Mini-Sessions with area producers to inform them of conservation innovations and cost-share assistance.	On-going	Renee M. Hadley	8	2,400	Imp./ NRCS
Participate in the regulatory review of Community Development zoning changes, Shoreline Management Plan, or other documents pertaining to land use and stream restoration.	On-going	Renee M. Hadley Greg Kinsinger	5 5	3,000	Imp., Irr. Eff.
Lead the Voluntary Stewardship Program and facilitate development of the draft work plan for completion in 2017.	Dec. 2018	Renee M. Hadley Jeff Klundt Lisa Stearns Joanna Cowles Audrey Ahmann	80 12 40 12 25	90,000	As per WSCC/WW Co. contract
Collect yearly rainfall data and maintain records of historic rainfall data to benefit the agriculture community.	On-going	Lisa Stearns	4	1000	Imp.
Educate area youth through the Fourth Grade Foresters Program.	Spring	Audrey Ahmann	5	1,200	Imp.
Inform the public of WWCCD mission accomplishments through quarterly newsletter (800 readers), website, and radio broadcasts.	On-going	Renee Hadley Audrey Ahmann	6 6	3,000	Imp.
Actively participate in regional Lead Entity Committee/Regional Technical Team/Snake River Salmon Recovery Board activities throughout the year.	On-going	Joanna Cowles Renee M. Hadley	10 4	4,000	RCO Lead Entity
Meet all statutory requirements of RCW 89.08: conducting regular audits, fiscal management, commission reporting, and grant management.	On-going	Audrey Ahmann	130	60,000	Imp.



# FY2017 Annual Budget Walla Walla County Conservation District

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## FY 2017 OPERATING BUDGET

### Revenues

<u>Project</u>	<u>Salary plus cost share</u>
Implementation	63,000.00
CREP	188,000.00
Category 3 Non-Shellfish	161,600.00
Irrigation Efficiency	11,400.00
Voluntary Stewardship Program	90,000.00
ECY Meter 3 Program	185,000.00
Priority Projects (RCO McCaw PhB, ECY-THA Jensen SRB Lead Entity, RCO Screens)	313,000.00
ECY/ Walla Walla Co. MOU for Burn Permit	30,000.00
Other CD/NRCS MOU	107,000.00
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$1,149,000.00</b>

### Expenses and Other Uses

<u>Description</u>	<u>FY17 Estimated Expenses</u>
Wages and Benefits: 6 FT, 2 PT employees	416,000.00
General Office Expenses	61,900.00
CREP	62,000.00
Category 3 Non-Shellfish	150,000.00
ECY Meter 3 Program	148,000.00
Priority Projects (RCO McCaw PhB, ECY-THA Jensen, RCO Screens)	266,000.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$1,103,900.00</b>

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