

Brownsville Dam Project Update

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Highlights of work accomplished to date:

- Council recommended (by OWEB Regional Review Team and OWEB Staff) to receive total OWEB grant request (\$676,100). Final decision will be made at OWEB Board meeting September 19th and 20th in Bend.
- Council received recommendation for \$45,000 in funding from US Forest Service Title II RAC and \$45,000 from BLM Title II RAC. These two sources combined with the \$30,000 Bella Vista award is the 25% match needed toward the OWEB grant. Funding for the entire project is now secure.
- OWEB Staff participated in a tour of the Thompson's Mills, Sodom Dam and Brownsville Dam and canal (August 23rd, 2006). Tour organized by Denise and Kees Ruurs, Oregon State Parks.

Next Steps (September/October 2006)

- Draft scopes of work are prepared for a channel survey and seismic refraction study. As soon as OWEB Board decision is final, these two small contracts will be awarded (total less than \$10,000). This work has to be done while the River is at low flow and after the flashboards have been removed. This data is necessary background information to move forward with dam removal engineering designs to be completed this winter. Denise is working with the Canal Company to get the boards out the end of September so this data collection can take place in early October. (*Electronic copies of scopes of work for these projects available upon request.*)
- Technical Team is being formed to assist the Council in hiring an engineer, reviewing designs, consulting on ESA issues, etc. Representatives of DEQ, ODFW and NMFS are committed to the Team. Other agencies being asked to participate include: OWEB, DSL, USACE. First Technical Team meeting will be during the last week of September. Interested Council members are invited to attend. Please let Tara or Denise know you would like to attend and an agenda will be sent to you. Note that the meeting will take place during the work day since it is primarily aimed at gathering agency input to the draft RPP/RFQ to hire the project engineer.
- Draft RFP/RFQ has been prepared to hire the project engineer. Electronic copy available upon request. Ask Tara or Denise for a copy.

NOTE: Denise will be out of town September 10th-22nd. Any questions during this time should be directed to Bud or Tara.