

Objectives and Accomplishments of the OWEB Watershed Council Support Work Group

Objective #1: A streamlined application and funding processes with improved reporting for accountability and tracking of accomplishments.

Accomplishments

- Development of a draft work plan to be used by OWEB as the application and reporting mechanism for council support.
- Recommendation that OWEB move to an equitable distribution of funds for council support. All councils that meet the threshold should be award the same amount of funds, and those that do not meet the threshold would be put on probation and would receive less funding.
- Recommendation that OWEB develop a capacity building fund for targeted council needs.
- Recommendation that OWEB require councils to submit financial information, however the information will not be used to determine threshold.
- Development of DRAFT Threshold Criteria.

Objective #2: How council “effectiveness indicators” proposed by the Network of Oregon Watershed Councils as part of its Service Strategy might be incorporated into OWEB council support processes.

Accomplishments

- OWEB will continue to consider the “effectiveness indicators” proposed by the Network of Oregon Watershed Councils as it works out the details of the proposed new council support process.

Objective #3: Refined council support eligibility criteria to better ensure that OWEB invests in local groups that reflect the watershed’s interests and potential to protect and enhance the quality of the watershed.

Accomplishments

- Recommendation that OWEB investigate and discuss the differences between watershed councils and “friends groups”.