

March 1, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

FROM: Ken Bierly, Deputy Director
Rick Craiger, Central Oregon Regional Program Representative

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item F: OWEB Grant Award Recommendations
Region 4, Central Oregon
March 14-15, 2007 OWEB Board Meeting**

I. Introduction

This staff report describes the Central Oregon Regional Review Team recommendations, special issues, and staff recommendations for funding.

II. Background

The table attached to the Overview report contains the numbers and types of applications received and dollar amounts requested. The Central Oregon Regional Review Team (RRT) met at the ODOT office in Bend on January 18, 2007, to review the applications received in this grant cycle. All applications were reviewed for technical merit and given a “do fund” or “no fund” recommendation by the RRT. The RRT then prioritized the applications recommended for funding.

III. Regional Review Team Recommendations

The Region 4 RRT recommended for funding five Technical Assistance applications totaling \$204,525. Special conditions were suggested for one of the proposed projects. The RRT also recommended for funding six of the Education/Outreach applications totaling \$256,867, three Monitoring applications totaling \$251,314 and two Assessment applications totaling \$236,127.

The RRT recommended for funding four Restoration applications totaling \$1,640,833. One application (207-319) was reduced in amount with special conditions.

IV. Special Issues

The Middle Deschutes Streamflow Project, Phase II (207-319) requested approximately \$1.9 million. This project is the final phase of a project awarded last September. The final phase will result in a legal dedication of 24 cubic feet per second of flow in the Deschutes River. The timing of the project is such that staff recommend an award of \$500,000 from this biennium to support the project, with the remainder to be allocated in September of 2007 from the 2007-2009 budget.

The Williamson River Delta monitoring project (207-241) is an excellent project designed to provide information about water quality changes from wetland restoration. The project is proposed to be funded from capital funds because of the direct connection to a previously funded project (Williamson Delta restoration project, 206-328).

V. Staff Recommendation

Staff recommend funding for four of the six Education/Outreach applications recommended by the RRT. The two applications not recommended by staff were ranked low by the RRT, but have previously been funded by OWEB. These two applications are important Deschutes Basin education efforts but are not recommended because of limited non-capital funding.

Likewise, staff are not recommending two Technical Assistance applications that were recommended by the RRT because of the limited non-capital funding.

Attachment A shows the proposals, funding amounts, conditions (if any), and priority rankings recommended as “do fund” to OWEB staff by the RRT. The table also indicates, by means of shaded entries, the OWEB staff “do fund” recommendations to the Board. For some “do fund” projects, the amount shown in the table is the staff funding recommendation rather than the RRT’s recommendation.

Attachment B shows those applications not recommended for funding at this time by the RRT or by OWEB staff.

Staff recommend the Board approve the staff funding recommendation as contained in Attachment A to this report.

Attachments

- A. Projects Recommended for Funding
- B. Projects Not Recommended for Funding

Region 4 – Central Oregon
Technical Assistance Projects Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 16, 2006 Grant Cycle

Staff Funding Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray

Project #	Project Name	Total Amount	Priority
207-173	Crooked River Watershed Council Hydrologist	49,575	1
207-179	Riparian Improvements in Gilliam County	50,000	2
207-174	Stream Channel Restoration Design at Rimrock Ranch (Whychus Creek)**	33,600	3
207-177	The Thirtymile Creek Watershed Action Plan	31,505	4
207-172	Willow Creek Channel Renovation Design	39,845	5
Total Technical Assistance Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by the RRT		\$204,525	
Total Technical Assistance Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to the Board		\$133,175	

** Fund with Conditions

Region 4 – Central Oregon
Education Projects Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 16, 2006 Grant Cycle

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Project #	Project Name	Total Amount	Priority
207-210	Outdoor Science Education Camps	48,356	1
207-214	The Traveling Watershed Box	11,369	2
207-211	Hood River County Rural Living Handbook	14,505	3
207-212	Community Education on Western Juniper Impacts and Management	6,937	4
207-215	Deschutes Basin Watershed Education	72,000	5
207-216	Community Rivers Program	103,700	6
Total Education Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by the RRT		\$256,867	
Total Education Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to the Board		\$81,167	

Region 4 – Central Oregon
Monitoring Projects Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 16, 2006 Grant Cycle

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Project #	Project Name	Total Amount	Priority
207-242	Restoration Effectiveness Monitoring in Priority Watersheds of the Upper Deschutes Basin	76,725	1
207-241	Williamson River Delta WQ Monitoring ●	149,647	2
207-243	Jefferson County WQ Monitoring	24,942	3
Total Monitoring Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by the RRT		\$251,314	
Total Monitoring Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to the Board		\$101,667	

● Fund from capital funds

Region 4 – Central Oregon
Assessment Projects Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 16, 2006 Grant Cycle

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Project #	Project Name	Total Amount	Priority
207-254	Pine Hollow/Jackknife Watershed Assessment	104,233	1
207-255	Rock Creek/Lonerock Creek Watershed Assessment	131,894	2
Total Assessment Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by the RRT		\$236,127	
Total Assessment Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to the Board		\$236,127	

Region 4 – Central Oregon
Restoration Projects Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 16, 2006 Grant Cycle

Staff Funding Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray

Project #	Project Name	Non-Capital Funds	Capital Funds	Total Amount	Priority
207-319	Middle Deschutes Streamflow Restoration Project Phase II **/❖		500,000	500,000	1
207-323	Livestock Management Practices for Improved Riparian Ecosystems		63,749	63,749	2
207-320	Beaty Butte Grazing Distribution Project		56,604	56,604	3
207-321	Stump Grinder Demonstration		21,730	21,730	4
207-241	Williamson River Delta WQ Monitoring		149,647	149,647	2
Total Capital Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by the RRT		\$0.00	\$642,083	\$1,640,833	
Total Capital Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to the Board		\$0.00	\$791,730	\$791,730	

** Fund with Conditions

❖ Total amount is \$1,498,750. Staged award with \$500,000 recommended now and \$998,750 to be awarded from 2007-09 funds in September 2007.

Region 4 – Central Oregon
Projects Not Recommended for Funding by the RRT and OWEB Staff
October 16, 2006 Grant Cycle

Project #	Project Type	Project Name	Amount Requested
207-175	Technical Assistance	Lower Grass Valley Canyon Creek Restoration Action Plan	32,035
207-176	Technical Assistance	The Hay Creek/Scott Canyon Watershed Action Plan	31,505
207-178	Technical Assistance	Technical Assistance for Lower Crooked River Restoration	26,080
207-213	Education	Demonstration of Drip Irrigation in Orchard Crops	29,887
207-217	Education	The Four W Strategy for Watershed Enhancement	22,500
207-240	Monitoring	Crooked River Watershed WQ Monitoring	39,243
207-318	Restoration	Tim Long Creek Juniper Thinning	17,343
207-322	Restoration	Herbicide Use Reduction Program for Dryland Crop	194,065