

August 29, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

FROM: Ken Bierly, Deputy Director
Wendy Hudson, Willamette Basin Regional Program Representative

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item F: OWEB Grant Award Recommendations
Region 3, Willamette Basin
September 18-19, 2007 OWEB Board Meeting**

I. Introduction

This staff report describes the Willamette Basin Regional Review Team recommendations, regional issues, land acquisition grant applications, and staff recommendations for funding.

II. Background

The Willamette Basin received 15 Technical Assistance applications requesting \$587,626, 20 Restoration applications requesting \$2,268,162, and a Land Acquisition application requesting \$550,000. The Willamette Basin Regional Review Team (RRT) met at the Roth's Hospitality Center in Salem on July 19, 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 RRT recommended eight Technical Assistance applications totaling \$292,921. The RRT also recommended 13 Restoration applications for funding totaling \$792,832.

IV. Regional Issues

The top four ranked Restoration applications involve highly motivated private landowners, some of whom appear to be influential members of their communities. The top two-ranked Technical Assistance applications are strategically linked to restoration activities in their respective areas.

The Scappoose Creek Restoration Plan (208-3031) will help the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council understand and address the changing dynamics of the creek, and identify restoration opportunities and design options for stream corridor rehabilitation and floodplain reconnection. The project will involve local citizens and other partners in creating a restoration plan for four miles of the creek that have been heavily armored by well-meaning landowners.

The Calapooia Watershed Council is planning ahead for the removal of the Brownsville and Sodom dams over the next five years (funded by OWEB in September of 2006) with its Middle Calapooia River Project (208-3031). These dam removals are expected to restore runs of spring Chinook, winter steelhead, cutthroat trout, and Pacific and western brook lamprey. The Council seeks technical assistance funding to develop a comprehensive assessment of the middle reach (eight miles) and an implementation plan for restoring these runs.

V. Acquisitions

One land acquisition grant application, the Zena Property application (208-101), was received in this region. The Trust for Public Land withdrew this application.

VI. Summary

Staff recommend funding for all eight RRT-recommended Technical Assistance applications. Staff also recommend funding for all 13 Restoration applications.

Attachment A shows the applications, funding amounts, and priority rankings recommended for funding to OWEB staff by the RRT. The table also indicates, by means of shaded entries, the OWEB staff recommendations to the Board. For some projects, the amount shown in the table is the staff funding recommendation rather than the amount applied for.

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

VII. Staff Recommendations

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 3 – Willamette Basin
Technical Assistance Projects Recommended for Funding by the RRT
April 23, 2007 Grant Cycle

Staff Funding Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray

Project #	Project Name	Total Amount	Priority
208-3028	South Scappoose Creek Restoration Plan	50,000	1
208-3031	Middle Calapooia River Project Implementation Plan	34,100	2
208-3030	Calapooia-Santiam Landowner Recruitment for Restoration	30,000	3
208-3013	Rock Creek Restoration Project Design	29,306	4
208-3015	Wolf Creek Culvert Design & Permitting	17,100	5
208-3005	Middle Fork Willamette Watershed False-brome Control Project	43,349	6
208-3025	Marys and Luckiamute Watersheds Fish Passage Survey & Action Plan *	39,491	7
208-3000	Klein Point Fish Habitat Improvement Design	49,575	8
Total Technical Assistance Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by the RRT		\$ 292,921	
Total Technical Assistance Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to the Board		\$ 292,921	

* Listed Amount Reflects Recommended Reduction

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Restoration Projects Recommended for Funding by the RRT
April 23, 2007 Grant Cycle

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Project #	Project Name	Non-Capital Funds	Capital Funds	Total Amount	Priority
208-3016	Murphy Wet Prairie & Stream Restoration	1,874	66,592	68,466	1
208-3019	Budeau Restoration Project	120	34,813	34,933	2
208-3026	Maxfield Creek Aquatic Restoration Phase 2		4,708	4,708	3
208-3034	Snake Deford Floodplain Restoration Project		63,316	63,316	3
208-3032	Canemah Bluffs Oak Enhancement Project		52,550	52,550	5
208-3003	Brey Riparian Restoration		43,760	43,760	6
208-3017	Winter Green Farm Pond Enhancement & Invasive Species Control	825	18,633	19,458	6
208-3001	Greener Road Fish Passage Barrier Removal		100,000	100,000	8
208-3024	Holcomb Creek Fish Passage Improvement *		82,961	82,961	9
208-3007	Lost Creek Watershed Enhancement Project *	200	75,150	75,350	10
208-3011	Blair Creek Fish Passage Restoration Project	2,250	107,580	109,830	11
208-3033	Respect the River Riparian Restoration & Protection		49,500	49,500	12
208-3029	Round Lake Wetland Restoration		88,000	88,000	13
Total Restoration Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by the RRT		\$ 5,269	\$ 787,563	\$ 792,832	
Total Restoration Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to the Board		\$ 5,269	\$ 787,563	\$ 792,832	

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**Region 3 – Willamette Basin
Acquisition Project Receiving a Positive Rating for Ecological Merit by the RRT
And Withdrawn by Applicant**

Project #	Project Name	Amount
208-101	Zena Property Acquisition	550,000

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Technical Assistance Projects Not Recommended for Funding by the RRT and OWEB Staff
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Project #	Project Name	Total Amount
208-3004	HBRA-Mt. Pisgah Habitat Management Planning	44,000
208-3008	Deep Creek Landowner Recruitment	30,631
208-3010	Norwood Island Restoration Planning	42,648
208-3014	Ritner Creek Barrier Removal Design	29,225
208-3021	The Middle Molalla River Rehabilitation Phase I	50,000
208-3022	The Lower Molalla River Rehabilitation Phase I	50,000
208-3027	Sauvie Island Drainage & Irrigation Canal Water Quality, Functions, Plant & Wildlife Improvement	37,790

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Project #	Project Name	Total Amount
208-3002	Clark Creek Demonstration Project	194,403
208-3006	South Meadow Floodplain Enhancement Project Phase 3 (2008)	158,846
208-3009	Columbia Sedge Meadows Expansion	81,066
208-3012	Riparian Restoraion - Cardwell Hills	177,960
208-3018	Salmon River Side Channel Fish Passage Improvement	94,260
208-3020	Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge Fish Passage & Habitat Restoration Project Phase I	721,645
208-3023	Beaver Creek Riparian Restoration	24,435