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MEMORANDUM

TO: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

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**SUBJECT: Agenda Item F: OWEB Grant Award Recommendations
Region 2, Southwest Oregon
March 19-20, 2008 OWEB Board Meeting**

I. Introduction

This staff report describes the Southwest Oregon Regional Review Team recommendations and staff recommendations for funding.

II. Background and Summary

Applicants submitted 61 applications for a total request of \$5,483,833. The Regional Review Team (RRT) recommended 45 applications for approximately \$3.9 million. Because the demand for funding exceeds available funds, staff recommended 33 applications for a total award of \$2,742,222: \$2,115,083 for Restoration, \$406,769 for Monitoring, \$129,499 for Technical Assistance, and \$90,871 for Education and Outreach.

III. Regional Review Team Recommendations

The Southwest Oregon Regional Review Team met at the DEQ Regional offices in Medford on January 15, 2008, 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.

The RRT recommended a small increase in funding for Restoration application 208-2090. The RRT also recommended reductions in funding for eight Restoration applications, two Education applications and one Monitoring application. Many of these reductions were minor to moderate; a few were significant in dollar amount. For example:

- Application 208-2087 proposed funding Restoration work in nine different areas. The RRT felt that only one area, Dean Creek, was ready, and reduced the recommended award from \$205,771 to \$47,429.
- Application 208-2091 proposed funding fish passage work for five areas; the RRT recommended funding for two of these five areas, reducing the recommended award from \$499,238 to \$403,915.

- Application 208-2084 proposed to continue several different monitoring activities in the Umpqua Basin. The RRT recommended funding only trapping for smolt out-migration from habitat restoration sites, reducing the award from \$155,442 to \$104,818.

IV. Staff Recommendations

A. Capital Applications

Region 2 received an unusually high number (34) of Restoration applications, causing the demand to far exceed available funds. No Acquisition applications were submitted for Region 2. Staff recommend funding for only 17 of the 25 Restoration applications recommended by the RRT.

The on-the-ground results of implementing all 17 staff-recommended applications will be approximately 45 miles of stream receiving large wood placement (with an average of 60 pieces of wood per mile), addressing nine fish passage barriers and opening up access to 16 miles of stream, planting 177 acres of riparian area, treating 37 acres of noxious vegetation, stabilizing one mile of stream bank, and enhancing 17 acres of estuarine wetland through planting and large wood placement.

B. Non-Capital Applications

Region 2 also received a high number (27) of non-capital applications this grant cycle, causing the demand to exceed available funds.

- *Technical Assistance.* Staff recommend funding all five of the Technical Assistance applications recommended by the RRT.
- *Education and Outreach.* Because of the limited amount of non-capital funds, staff recommend funding for five of the seven RRT-recommended Education and Outreach applications. The two Education and Outreach applications not recommended by staff each have merit, but the limitation of non-capital funds makes it impossible to meet these needs.
- *Monitoring.* Staff recommend funding for six of the eight RRT-recommended Monitoring applications.

Attachment A shows the applications, funding amounts, conditions (if any), 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 applications, the amount shown in the table is the staff or RRT funding recommendation rather than the amount requested in the application.

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

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

Attachments

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

Region 2 - Southwest Oregon
Education Applications Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 22, 2007 Grant Cycle

Staff Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray			
App #	Application Name	Total Amount	Priority
208-2065	Bear Creek Watershed Education Project *	22,405	1
208-2039	Stream Bank Erosion: What Can I Do? Part II	3,355	2
208-2088	Non-point Source Pollution Education Package	25,500	3
208-2057	Deer Creek Center Education Stations	24,711	4
208-2066	Seven Basins Education and Outreach Publication	14,900	5
208-2058	Increasing Public Awareness and Knowledge in the Coos Watershed *	22,544	6
208-2048	Applegate Salmon-Safe Education Project	21,835	7
Total Education Applications Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT		\$135,250	
Total Education Applications Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board		\$90,871	

* Listed Amount Reflects Recommended Reduction

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Monitoring Applications Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 22, 2007 Grant Cycle

Staff Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray			
App #	Application Name	Total Amount	Priority
208-2093	Upper South Umpqua Life Cycle Monitoring	11,856	1
208-2037	Tenmile Lakes Watershed Monitoring	137,876	2
208-2089	Curry Watersheds Monitoring Program	112,626	3
208-2076	Willow-Witt Ranch Headwater Monitoring	8,521	4
208-2084	PUR Monitoring Oct 2007 *	104,818	5
208-2095	Rogue Basin Streamflow Monitoring	31,072	6
208-2082	Diamond Lake Restoration Project Post-Treatment Monitoring	72,763	7
208-2046	Monitoring OR Coastal Marine Habitats to Examine Linkages to Ws /Upstream Land Use ♦	98,795	8
Total Monitoring Applications Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT		\$578,327	
Total Monitoring Applications Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board		\$406,769	

* Listed Amount Reflects Recommended Reduction

♦ Ranked No Fund in Region 1

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Technical Assistance Applications Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 22, 2007 Grant Cycle

Staff Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray			
App #	Application Name	Total Amount	Priority
208-2072	Riley Creek Fish Passage Design	50,000	1
208-2075	Fitch Creek Habitat Design	11,050	2
208-2074	Buck Creek Fish Passage	13,650	3
208-2096	Rogue Basin Stream Flow Enhancement Project	34,799	4
208-2051	Thompson Creek Restoration Action Plan Development	20,000	5
Total Technical Assistance Applications Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT		\$129,499	
Total Technical Assistance Applications Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board		\$129,499	

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Restoration Applications Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 22, 2007 Grant Cycle

Staff Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray					
App #	Application Name	Capital Funds	Non-Capital Funds	Total Amount	Priority
208-2050	Applegate Riparian Restoration *	68,481		68,481	1
208-2067	North Fork Coquille Watershed Restoration Project	335,100		335,100	2
208-2071	Riley Creek Fish Passage	127,953		127,953	3
208-2080	Black Canyon Creek Instream Restoration	98,000		98,000	4
208-2042	Jones Creek Fish Passage *	23,685		23,685	5
208-2036	Jeff Creek Structure Placement II	35,960		35,960	6
208-2043	Louse Creek Restoration "Rendata Reach"	81,483	375	81,858	7
208-2090	Curry Large Wood Placement □	213,130	400	213,530	8
208-2060	0600 High Risk Road Sediment Reduction	42,839		42,839	9
208-2059	Bottom Creek Sediment Reduction *	106,381		106,381	10
208-2038	Hawk Creek Habitat Enhancement Project	34,000		34,000	11
208-2041	Stream Riparian Corridor Restoration Project *	113,616	2,675	116,291	12
208-2077	Lees Creek Habitat Restoration	108,640		108,640	13
208-2086	English Settlement Stream Restoration Project	47,761		47,761	14
208-2087	Lower Umpqua River and Associated Tributaries *	47,129	300	47,429	15
208-2061	Marlow Creek Stream Complexity Restoration *	223,260		223,260	16
208-2091	PUR Fish Passage October 2007 *	403,915		403,915	17
208-2092	Lutsinger Creek Enhancement	288,926		288,926	18
208-2062	Oxbow Ranch Habitat Enhancement Project	360,639	4,900	365,539	19
208-2054	WCWC/BLM Joint Bill Creek Restoration Project	37,100		37,100	20
208-2083	South Fork Deer Creek Restoration Phase II	32,229		32,229	21
208-2069	South Fork Coquille (Rock Creek) Instream 2008	38,720		38,720	22
208-2068	Myrtle Creek North Fork Stream Enhancement	50,485		50,485	23
208-2085	South Umpqua River Watershed Restoration	110,041		110,041	24
208-2052	Anderson Creek Restoration *	47,342		47,342	25
Total Restoration Applications Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT		\$3,076,815	\$8,650	\$3,085,465	
Total Restoration Applications Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board		\$2,111,333	\$3,750	\$2,115,083	

* Listed Amount Reflects Recommended Reduction □ Listed Amount Reflects Recommended Increase

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Education Applications NOT Recommended for Funding by the RRT
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App #	Application name	Total Amount Requested
208-2044	Field Guide to Shrubs of SW Oregon	19,401
208-2047	Applegator Newspaper	26,400
208-2073	Diamond Lake Restoration Symposium	23,163

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Monitoring Applications NOT Recommended for Funding by the RRT
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App #	Application name	Total Amount Requested
208-2064	Jackson County Surface Water Monitoring Program	192,670
208-2094	Elk Creek Bacterial DNA Source Tracking	86,600

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Technical Assistance Applications NOT Recommended for Funding by the RRT
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App #	Application name	Total Amount Requested
208-2055	Ashland Forest Resiliency, City of Ashland Technical Assistance	50,000
208-2078	Umpqua Basin Fish Barrier Identification and Removal	39,449

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App #	Application name	Total Amount Requested
208-2040	Jumpoff Joe In-Stream Habitat Enhancement	33,218
208-2045	Coquille Irrigation Efficiency Project	166,564
208-2049	Upper Little Applegate Stream Crossing Restoration	34,108
208-2053	Watts Topping Dam Fish Passage	148,478
208-2056	Hunter Water Quality Improvement Project	63,710
208-2063	Grayback Creek Culver Replacement	80,000
208-2070	Coquille Riparian 2007	143,880
208-2079	Urban Riparian Restoration Tree Program	30,598
208-2081	Lofrano Riparian Restoration Project	50,502