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MEMORANDUM



TO: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

FROM: Courtney Shaff, Grant Program Coordinator
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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item G: OWEB Grant Award Recommendations
Region 4, Central Oregon
April 28-29, 2014 OWEB Board Meeting**

I. Introduction

This staff report summarizes the Central Oregon Regional Review Team (RRT) and staff recommendations for funding.

II. Summary of Regional Review Team Funding Recommendations

Applicants submitted 18 applications for a total request of nearly \$2.6 million. The RRT met in January 2015 to review the applications and make recommendations to OWEB staff. The Restoration, Technical Assistance, and Outreach applications were reviewed for merit and given a “fund” or “no fund” recommendation by the RRT. The RRT then prioritized the applications recommended for funding by application type.

The Central Oregon RRT recommended funding for 13 applications: Eight Restoration applications, three Technical Assistance applications, and two Outreach applications. No monitoring applications were submitted. The RRT did not recommend funding for the two of the Technical Assistance applications submitted. One Outreach and two Restoration grants were not reviewed as they were withdrawn by the applicants prior to the review team meeting.

The RRT also reviewed and prioritized application 215-4035, Threemile Joint Fish Screen and Stream Flow Restoration, which proposed alterations to a previously awarded grant due to unforeseen changes in circumstances and new opportunities. However, it was withdrawn after the applicant and staff determined that an amendment to the existing grant would accomplish the same goals, while allowing for a more efficient and timely project implementation and grant administration process.

III. Staff Recommendation

For the April Board meeting, staff recommends funding for thirteen applications for a total award of: \$1,824,530: \$1,613,052 for Restoration, \$146,142 for Technical Assistance, and \$65,336 for Outreach. (For additional information, see the summaries of the Review Team Evaluations.)

Attachment A shows the proposals, funding amounts, conditions (if any), and priority rankings recommended as “fund” to OWEB staff by the RRT. Attachment A also indicates: OWEB staff “fund” recommendations, shown in gray shading.

For some “fund” projects, the amount shown in the table and the conditions may be the staff recommendation rather than the RRT recommendation. Staff-recommended funding adjustments and conditions are described in the Review Team Evaluations and incorporated by reference into this staff report.

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

Staff recommends the Board approve the staff funding recommendation as shown in the gray shaded sections of Attachment A to this report.

Attachments

- A. Applications Recommended for Funding by the RRT
- B. Applications Not Recommended for Funding by the RRT

Region 4 - Central Oregon
Restoration Applications Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 20, 2014 Grant Cycle

Grant Award Staff Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray			
Project #	Project Name	Total Amount	Priority
215-4026	Upper Thomas Creek Restoration Phase III *	153,646	1
215-4034	Evans Creek Restoration and Culvert Replacement at Hutson Drive *	390,500	2
215-4029	Horse Heaven Creek Instream Restoration ^	89,981	3
215-4023	McGarva Diversion Replacement ^	227,023	4
215-4035	Landscape Restoration of Upper Crooked River Basin ^	337,865	6
215-4022	Willow Creek Upland and Riparian Enhancement ^	142,800	7
215-4031	Warner Ranch Wetland Enhancement and Fish Passage Project ** ^	271,237	8
Total Restoration Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT		\$1,613,052	
Total Restoration Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board		\$1,613,052	

* Listed Amount Reflects Recommended Reduction ** Listed Amount Reflects Recommended Increase ^ Fund With Conditions + 215-4037 was reviewed and ranked as #5, but the applicant withdrew the application after the ranking.

Region 4 - Central Oregon
Technical Assistance Application Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 20, 2014 Grant Cycle

Grant Award Staff Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray			
Project #	Project Name	Total Amount	Priority
215-4025	Goose Lake Basin Stream Reconnaissance Plan	49,710	1
215-4020	Crooked River Watershed Sage Grouse Conservation ^	50,000	2
215-4032	Big Summit Prairie Restoration Plan ^	46,432	3
Total Technical Assistance Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT		\$146,142	
Total Technical Assistance Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board		\$146,142	

^ Fund with Conditions

Region 4 - Central Oregon
Outreach Applications Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 20, 2014 Grant Cycle

Grant Award Staff Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray			
Project #	Project Name	Total Amount	Priority
215-4028	Crook County Natural Resources CTE Outreach Program	48,836	1
215-4021	Youth Watershed Council Restoration Team ^	16,500	2
Total Outreach Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT		\$65,336	
Total Outreach Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board		\$65,336	

^ Fund with Conditions

Region 4 - Central Oregon
Monitoring Application Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 20, 2014 Grant Cycle

Grant Award Staff Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray			
Project #	Project Name	Total Amount	Priority
	NONE SUBMITTED		
Total Monitoring Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT		\$0	
Total Monitoring Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board		\$0	

**Region 4 - Central Oregon
Restoration Applications Withdrawn by the Applicant
October 20, 2014 Grant Cycle**

Project #	Project Name	Total Amount Requested
215-4036	Muddy Creek Upper Watershed Restoration	354,660
215-4037	Threemile Joint Fish Screen and Stream Flow Restoration	152,325
215-4038	Jack Creek Headcut and Meadow Restoration	72,000

**Region 4 - Central Oregon
Technical Assistance Applications Not Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 20, 2014 Grant Cycle**

Project #	Project Name	Total Amount Requested
215-4024	Lost River Recovery Unit TA	6,279
215-4030	Sellers Marsh Wetland Restoration Engineering Design Development	17,072

**Region 4 - Central Oregon
Outreach Applications Withdrawn by the Applicant
October 20, 2014 Grant Cycle**

Project #	Project Name	Total Amount Requested
215-4027	Lake County Watershed Council Outreach: Our Resources, Our Responsibility	27,947