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MEMORANDUM

TO: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

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SUBJECT: Agenda Item N: Upper Klamath Special Investment Partnership (SIP) Accomplishments Summary Report April 26-27, 2016 OWEB Board Meeting

I. Introduction

Staff will present the Upper Klamath SIP Accomplishments Summary Report to the Board and provide an opportunity for the Board, staff, and Upper Klamath SIP implementation partners to engage in a discussion about the report's results.

II. Background about the Upper Klamath SIP

The Board approved the Upper Klamath SIP at its January 2012 meeting. The Upper Klamath SIP implementation partners are known as the Upper Klamath Conservation Action Network. When funding the Upper Klamath SIP, OWEB joined with National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Upper Klamath Basin Keystone Fisheries Initiative, which had been operating since 2008. The overarching goal of the Upper Klamath SIP is to contribute to chemical, thermal, and physical aquatic conditions that will benefit fish populations and water quality in the Upper Klamath Basin by reestablishing, improving, and sustaining the ecological and hydrologic connectivity of aquatic ecosystems.

III. Upper Klamath SIP Accomplishments Summary Report

As the agency transitions from SIPs to Focused Investment Partnerships (FIPs), it is important for the Board to hear accomplishments from past SIP investments, learn about success stories, and reflect on lessons learned over the period of the investment.

In January 2015, staff received Board input about the information that would be most relevant to better understand the SIP investments and accomplishments to date. At subsequent meetings of the Board's Monitoring Subcommittee, staff and the subcommittee discussed how to use this foundation as a framework for tracking and reporting progress of future FIPs. One goal of the SIP reporting is to help inform standardized accomplishments reporting and effectiveness monitoring for the newly funded FIPs.

Based on Board and Subcommittee input, staff developed a template for the SIP accomplishments summary reports. An extensive amount of information is compiled in these reports, including:

- Partnership and Background Summary
- Map of Geographic Focus Area
- Desired Ecological Outcomes
- Applying a Scientific Framework
- Implementation Accomplishments
- Summary of Contributions
- Local Economy and Community Outcomes
- Reflections from the Funders' and Practitioners' Perspectives

The Upper Klamath SIP Accomplishments Summary Report will be provided at the April 2016 Board meeting. Staff will present an overview of the report and Board members will have an opportunity to engage with the Upper Klamath SIP partners in a discussion.

IV. Recommendation

This is an information item only.

Attachments

- A. Upper Klamath SIP Accomplishments Summary Report – To be provided at the April Board meeting