UMPQUA BASIN Agricultural Water Quality Management Area



Biennial Review Report to the Board of Agriculture and ODA Director Submitted by the Local Advisory Committee (LAC)

Meeting Date: March 9, 2023

LAC Members Present: George Sandberg, Paul Heberling, Ken Ferguson, Nathan Jackson, Bill Hoyt,

Walt Gayner

Reporting Time Frame: Calendar years 2021-2022

PROGRESS MEASUREMENT									
This was a Light Review; progress toward Measurable Objectives will be reported at the next Full Review.									
Activities: Umpqua SWCD (USWCD), Douglas SWCD, Partnership for Umpqua Rivers (PUR), NRCS	#	Discussion							
Events That Actively Engage Landowners	3	PUR: Southside Smith River Road tidegate owners met with watershed council staff and tidegate manufacturer to talk about replacement products for failing tidegates. USWCD: Hosted Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Local Work Group, ODA Agricultural Drainage Channel Maintenance Program, OSU Extension Small Farms/Soil Health.							
Landowners Participating in Active Events	27								
Landowners Provided Technical Assistance*	32								
Site Visits	29	PUR met with multiple agricultural landowners regarding tidegates, culverts, instream habitat restoration, barn gutter/drainage.							
Conservation Plans Written	1								
Funding Applications Submitted	4	PUR submitted applications for funding for culverts, instream and riparian restoration. USWCD: Tidegate grant, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) small grant.							
Funding Applications Awarded		PUR: \$30,000 Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Council; \$60,000 OWEB. USWCD: OWEB small grant.							

^{*} Number reported likely double-counts some landowners due to tracking methods.

LAC DISCUSSION

Summary of Progress

Douglas SWCD is now functioning and has two new employees and several new board members. There are resources for landowners available from the SWCDs, PUR, and NRCS. Progress has been made on replacing tidegates on the coast in a way that provides fish habitat and grazing land.

Impediments

Some landowners are still unaware of the Rules or are unwilling to make changes to improve water quality. A shift seems to be occurring with the new generation.

Recommended Modifications and Adaptive Management

The LAC would like a map of past projects to be created as a way to have a visual representation of progress that has been made on agricultural lands to improve water quality and fish habitat. The SWCD and partners may be able to hire a contractor to do this work.

ODA COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES											
Location	Cases		Site Visits	Agency Actions							
				Letter of	Compliance	Pre-	Notice of	Civil			
	New	Closed		Already in compliance	Brought into compliance	Enforcement Notification	Noncompliance	Penalty			
Outside SIA	6	6	3	3	2	1	0	0			
Within SIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			