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SWCC Long-range Business Plan Statutory Compliance Recommendation

Background

Currently each conservation district is required to submit specific documents to Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Soil and Water Conservation District Program. Three documents showing compliance with Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) that must be submitted to ODA before release of Support Grant funds are:

- ORS 568.554, Annual Work Plan
- ORS 568.580, Annual Report
- ORS 568.610, Annual Financial Report

ODA Request to the Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 568.554 states ***“District to submit program and work plans for department review. Each conservation district shall submit to the State Department of Agriculture its proposed long-range program and annual work plans for review and comment.”***

Oregon Department of Agriculture would like Soil and Water Conservation Commission (SWCC) support for requiring that each conservation district have a current Long-range Business Plan before release of Support Grant funds beginning with the 2015–2017 biennium. This recommendation will assist ODA in ensuring conservation districts comply with core ORS legal requirements.

Recommendation

The SWCC recommends that beginning with the 2015-2017 biennium, each conservation district be required to have a current Long-range Business Plan, as per ORS 568.554, on file with ODA in order to be eligible for the SWCD Support Grants.

Recommendation Number

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