Management Area: Molalla-Pudding-French Prairie-North Santiam

Meeting Date(s): November 1, 2018

LAC Members Present:
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Progress Measurement:
Upper Mill Creek Focus Area
The SWCD completed the preassessment of streamside vegetation in 2017. The 2017-2019 milestone is to increase desirable streamside vegetation (trees and shrubs) by 3-acres. Most streamside areas are already forested and the SWCD is implementing outreach aimed at irrigation efficiencies and building relationships with the local growers.

Pudding Focus Area
The 2017-2019 milestone is to increase streamside trees and shrubs 15 acres. The SWCD has achieved a 3-acre increase thus far. The SWCD continues to outreach to producers to build a relationship with the local growers. The SWCD is also focusing efforts to engage growers about cover crops.

Bear Branch Focus Area
This Focus Area has just begun and a pre-assessment of streamside conditions is underway. Milestones will be identified after the pre-assessment has been conducted. The milestone will be set to measure an increase in trees and shrubs over the fiscal biennium.

Actions/Implementation Summary:

Community and Landowner Engagement:
- # of landowners provided with brochures, fact sheets, mailings, etc. – 12,553
- # of landowners provided technical assistance – 638
- # of on-site evaluations/on-site visits – 170
- # funded applications for projects – 49
- # conservation plans written – 27
- # acres in conservation plans – 1,131
- # Ag WQ projects implemented – 49
- Total acres in Ag WQ projects implemented - 688

Planning and Projects:
- Streamside planting (trees, shrubs, filter strips) – 40
- Wetland enhancement – 33 acres
- Stream habitat enhancement – 1 acre
- Streambank protection – 860 feet
- Upland: Tiling 710 feet and Grass waterways – 6 acres over 1,100 feet

Monitoring:
- The SWCDs are assessing pre- and post- streamside conditions within their Focus Areas and tracking the projects

Funding and Grants:
- OWEB Grants - $ 32,600
- Marion SWCD Landowner Assistance Funding - $184,734

Summary of Impediments:
- Timing of grant funding programs does not sync well with the timelines a grower needs to complete work
- Farmers often do restoration that improves water quality that are not reported due to a variety of cultural perceptions
- Monitoring should be sector-specific to know how to assign water quality status and trends impacts
- Effectiveness monitoring of completed work is also needed

Recommendations for Modifications:
- Monitor at a scope and scale to provide increased source analysis; effectiveness monitoring; the inclusion of flow and precipitation data; and a consideration of the frequency, duration, and magnitude of exceedances

DEQ Recommendations: Measurable objectives are needed for the management area.

Compliance:
- Compliance actions outside Strategic Implementation Areas (SIAs)
  - Letter of Compliance - 9
  - Pre-Enforcement Notification - 0
  - Notice of Noncompliance - 0
  - Civil Penalty - 0
- Compliance actions within SIA(s)
  - Letter of Compliance - 7
  - Pre-Enforcement Notification - 0
  - Notice of Noncompliance - 0
  - Civil Penalty - 0

Notes: Between Pudding PSP, the Focus Areas, and Abiqua SIA most of this Management Area is served by various initiatives.