Management Area: Southern Willamette Valley
Meeting Date(s): March 28, 2019
LAC Members Present: Alan Petersen, Glenn Miller, and Steve Houston

Progress Measurement:

Gettings Creek Focus Area:
The SWCD completed the preassessment of streamside vegetation in 2017. The 2017-2019 milestone was to increase site capable vegetation in streamside areas on agricultural land by 20% and decrease the number of landowners feeding livestock within the active floodplain by 25%. No additional changes in the site capable vegetation occurred during this biennium. Landowners were interested in doing projects, and although grant applications were submitted for these projects, the grants were not funded. Even though this Focus Area has closed, the Upper Willamette SWCD will continue to seek funding so that work may be done as funds become available.

Camp Creek Strategic Implementation Area:
The SWCD began work in the Camp Creek SIA in 2017. Twenty-five landowners attended the ODA Open House; subsequently, 18 individuals reached out to the SWCD for 1:1 site visit resulting in four project plans developed. Two of these include potential compliance cases and both landowners are making strides to achieve compliance. ODA is completing the SVA within the SIA and we will track progress over time as well as initiate a monitoring plan to help assess project implementation and effectiveness over time.

Actions/Implementation Summary:

Community and Landowner Engagement:
- # Fact sheets distributed (650) to over 900 individuals at 12 different events
- # of landowners or partners provided information about the ag water quality program – 36
- # of landowners provided technical assistance – 30
- # of on-site evaluations/on-site visits – 73

Technical Assistance:
- # of ag water quality projects developed -21
- Projects funded (six) with five completed. The projects include manure management, exclusion fencing, riparian enhancement, heavy use protection, pasture rotation and cross-fencing, nutrient management, irrigation water management, off-stream water facility, low-water crossing, and streambank stabilization.

Monitoring:
- The SWCD assessed pre- and post-streamside conditions within their Focus Area
- The SWCD is developing a monitoring plan for the Camp Creek SIA

Funding and Grants:
- OWEB SIA Funding - $125,000 ($25,000 is to initiate monitoring)
- # funded applications for projects – six projects were funded @ $900,000 with five projects completed
- ODA Technical Assistance Grant - $130,000
- Pure Water Partners – Program leveraged over $500,000 of outside funding and invested over $300,000 to assist landowners
- NRCS Conservation Incentive Strategy (CIS) - $300,000
- National Water Quality Initiative (NQIS) - $77,000 for Phase I

Summary of Impediments:
- 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 - 1  Pre-Enforcement Notification - 0  Notice of Noncompliance - 0  Civil Penalty - 0
- Compliance actions within SIA(s)
  - Letter of Compliance - 0  Pre-Enforcement Notification - 0  Notice of Noncompliance - 0  Civil Penalty - 0

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