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MEMORANDUM

TO: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

FROM: Courtney Shaff, Grant Program Coordinator
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**SUBJECT: Agenda Item G: OWEB Grant Award Recommendations
Region 5, Eastern Oregon
April 28-29, 2015 OWEB Board Meeting**



I. Introduction

This staff report summarizes the Eastern Oregon Regional Review Team (RRT) and staff recommendations for funding.

II. Summary of Regional Review Team Recommendations

Applicants submitted 34 applications for a total request of \$2,003,214. The Eastern Oregon Region Review Team (RRT) met in December 2014, to review the applications and make recommendations to OWEB staff. Restoration, Technical Assistance, Monitoring and Outreach applications were reviewed for merit and given a “fund” or “no fund” recommendation by the RRT. The RRT then prioritized the applications recommended for funding by application type.

The Eastern Oregon RRT recommended 24 applications for funding: 15 Restoration, four Technical Assistance, three Outreach and two Monitoring applications. (For additional information, see the summaries of the Review Team Evaluations.)

III. Staff Recommendation

For the April Board meeting, staff recommends funding 24 applications for a total award of \$1,524,968: \$1,104,111 for Restoration, \$174,397 for Technical Assistance, \$167,116 for Monitoring and \$79,344 for Outreach.

Attachment A shows the proposals, funding amounts, conditions (if any), and priority rankings recommended as “fund” to OWEB staff by the RRT. Attachment A also indicates OWEB staff “fund” recommendations, shown in gray shading.

For some “fund” projects, the amount shown in the table and the conditions may be the staff recommendation rather than the RRT recommendation. Staff-recommended funding adjustments and conditions are described in the Review Team Evaluations and incorporated by reference into this staff report.

Attachment B shows those applications not recommended for funding at this time by the RRT or by OWEB staff.

Staff recommend the Board approve the staff funding recommendation as shown in the gray shaded sections of Attachment A to this report.

Attachments

- A. Applications Recommended for Funding by the RRT
- B. Applications Not Recommended for Funding by the RRT

**Region 5 - Eastern Oregon
Restoration Applications Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 20, 2014 Grant Cycle**

Grant Award Staff Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray			
Project #	Project Name	Total Amount	Priority
215-5045	Lostine River/Sheep Ridge Fish Passage Improvement	89,150	1
215-5044	Zumwalt Prairie and Imnaha Medusahead Rye	95,299	2
215-5060	Parsnip Peak Invasive Annuals ^	68,482	3
215-5062	Continuing the War on Weeds in the Owyhee	101,729	4
215-5050	Clover Creek: The Whole Thing ^	135,989	5
215-5038	Cleaning Up Overstreet H2O ^	30,060	6
215-5042	Defreezing the McEwen Valley Ditch * ^	50,000	7
215-5052	Junicide on Blackbutte ^	138,329	8
215-5066	Alkali Forage Reserve Restoration Project ^	180,775	9
215-5049	Cowboy's Big Circle ^	24,420	10
215-5065	Mike Williams Chesnimnus Fencing and Off-Site Water Development ^	28,949	11
215-5064	Across the Creek ^	50,760	12
215-5048	Harper Valley WQ Improvement #2 * ^	31,466	13
215-5061	Bench Ground-Flood to Sprinklers ^	31,803	14
215-5039	Ralph's Water Quality Improvement ^	46,900	15
Total Restoration Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT		\$1,104,111	
Total Restoration Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board		\$1,104,111	

* Listed Amount Reflects Recommended Reduction ^ Fund with Conditions

Region 5 - Eastern Oregon
Technical Assistance Applications Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 20, 2014 Grant Cycle

Grant Award Staff Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray			
Project #	Project Name	Total Amount	Priority
215-5057	Malheur Sage-Grouse Specialist	50,000	1
215-5055	Lower Clear Creek Restoration Plan	40,397	2
215-5041	Powder Valley Connector Design	34,000	3
215-5068	SONEC Partner Conservation Delivery Position	50,000	4
Total Technical Assistance Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT		\$174,397	
Total Technical Assistance Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board		\$174,397	

Region 5 - Eastern Oregon
Outreach Application Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 20, 2014 Grant Cycle

Grant Award Staff Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray			
Project #	Project Name	Total Amount	Priority
215-5047	High Desert Youth Range Camp	24,876	1
215-5063	Wallowa Resources' Watershed Evaluation Teams (WET) Program	17,779	2
215-5054	Powder Basin Strategic Planning Outreach ^	36,689	3
Total Outreach Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT		\$79,344	
Total Outreach Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board		\$79,344	

^ Fund with Conditions

Region 5 - Eastern Oregon
Monitoring Applications Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 20, 2014 Grant Cycle

Grant Award Staff Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray			
Project #	Project Name	Total Amount	Priority
215-5037	Grande Ronde Basin Stream Flow Gauging Stations Operation - Water Years 2015 & 2016	105,230	1
215-5051	Monitoring the Mighty Malheur	61,886	2
Total Monitoring Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT		\$167,116	
Total Monitoring Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board		\$167,116	

**Region 5 - Eastern Oregon
Restoration Applications Not Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 20, 2014 Grant Cycle**

Project #	Project Name	Total Amount Requested
215-5040	Jackson Spring Development	53,722
215-5043	Jacob's Spring Development	27,118
215-5046	Little Crane Creek and 16 Road Enclosures	28,598
215-5056	Community Line Project	16,732
215-5058	227 Ray of Sunshine	17,360
215-5059	Stoves Drainage Erosion Control Project	57,837
215-5069	Little Creek Channel Complexity Project (LCH-1)	80,857
215-5070	Bird Bath	51,995
215-5071	Up in Smoke	102,906

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Monitoring Applications Not Recommended for Funding by the RRT
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Project #	Project Name	Total Amount Requested
215-5053	Powder Basin Stream Flow Monitoring	25,220