

CLACKAMAS

Agricultural Water Quality Management Area

Biennial Review Report to the Board of Agriculture and ODA Director

Submitted by the Local Advisory Committee (LAC)



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Meeting Date: August 22, 2024
LAC Members Present: Barry Bushue, Lydon Scheef, Roger Fantz, Jim Calcagno, Judy Bible, and Sam Doane
Reporting Timeframe: Calendar years 2022-2023

PROGRESS MEASUREMENT

This was a Light Review; progress toward Measurable Objectives will be reported at the next Full Review.

Activities (Clackamas SWCD, Clackamas River Basin Council)	#	Descriptions
Events That Actively Engage Landowners	3	Small Farm School events focused on soil health, no-till production and cover crops; Cover Crop Field Day.
Landowners Participating in Active Events	96	Attendance at Small Farm School and Cover Crop Field Day.
Landowners Provided Technical Assistance*	40	Manure management; pasture and grazing management; riparian management; cover crops; erosion control; irrigation efficiency.
Site Visits	40	
Conservation Plans Written	0	
Funding Applications Submitted	0	
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* Number reported likely double counts some landowners due to tracking methods.

LAC DISCUSSION

Summary of Progress

- Ninety-eight percent of landowners in the Lower and Middle Clear Creeks Strategic Implementation Area (SIA) were found in compliance.
- Good collaboration with partners in the watershed.
- Pesticides of concern frequency are decreasing except for imidacloprid.

Impediments

- Need more monitoring in the watershed.
- Continued disconnect between ODA's Pesticide Stewardship Partnership and Water Quality Program.
- Closing an SIA compliance case and saying landowners are in compliance is confusing if the Pesticides Program shows elevated pesticides in the same watershed.
- Landowner understanding of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and how they relate to Area Rules.

Recommended Modifications and Adaptive Management

- Need more outreach and education for landowners about TMDLs and messaging that there is a standard to meet.
- Encouragement and support of farm demonstrations that highlight and clarify conservation management practices.
- Increase monitoring in the Management Area.

ODA COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES

Location	Cases		Site Visits	Agency Actions				
	New	Closed		Letter of Compliance		Pre-Enforcement Notification	Notice of Noncompliance	Civil Penalty
				Already in compliance	Brought into compliance			
Outside SIA	8	8	21	1	6	10	1	0
Within SIA	9	7	11	2	5	7	0	0