

Lower Deschutes Agricultural Water Quality Management Area
Biennial Review Report to the Board of Agriculture & ODA Director
Submitted by the Local Advisory Committee (LAC)



Meeting Date(s): December 4, 2019
LAC Members Present: Bob Klein, Mike Carter, Brandon Beachamp, Rory Wilson
Reporting Time Frame: 12/2018-12/2019 (only 1 year since last full review)

PROGRESS		
<i>This was a Lite Review; quantitative details related to Measurable Objectives are not reported at Lite Reviews.</i>		
Activities	Number	Discussion
Active Events	8	<i>Regular neighborhood meeting series was cancelled due to ongoing federal gov't shutdown.</i>
Landowners Participating in Active Events	587	
Landowners Provided Technical Assistance	80	
Site Visits	100	
Conservation Plans Written	62	CREP
Funding Applications Submitted	15	
Funding Applications Awarded	13	
Implementation Funding Received	\$77,048.37	

Summary of Progress and Impediments
<p>Eightmile SIA: All landowners that were identified as an Opportunity for Improvement are working directly with the Wasco SWCD. No Potential Violations were identified.</p> <p>Focus Areas: Sherman and Wasco SWCD will stay in their 2017-2019 Focus Areas for the 2019-2021 Biennium. They will continue to provide outreach and technical assistance to landowners to improve agricultural water quality.</p> <p>Impediments: <i>None identified.</i></p>
Recommended Modifications and Adaptive Management
<p>1. Local county planning department: Type 1 forms hold up applications for grants, especially small grants. Plus a \$300 fee.</p> <p>2. OWRD water rights transfers can take a lot of time (partly OWRD's fault); this doesn't work well with OWEB's timeline for payments.</p> <p>3. Can CREP be modified to apply to more situations?</p> <p>Adaptive Management: Due to catastrophic wildfires, landowners are disking/mowing the perimeter of their fields to help prevent wildfires from spreading, especially in Sherman County. Some erosion is being observed post wildfire. SWCDs received TA Grant from OWEB to rehab the wildfire areas. In addition, EQIP dollars were used to spray for weeds.</p> <p>The LAC feels that streamside vegetation is being adequately addressed in the Management Area through CREP and other programs. They also feel that manure management is not a major concern in the Management Area and that any manure management is being addressed through SIAs.</p> <p>LAC members will need to be recruited for the next Biennial Review.</p>

COMPLIANCE ACTIONS				
Location	Letter of Compliance	Pre-Enforcement Notification	Notice of Noncompliance	Civil Penalty
Outside SIA	0	0	0	0
Within SIA	0	0	0	0