



Oregon

Department of Agriculture

Management Area: Mid Coast

Meeting Date(s): September 24, 2019

LAC Members Present: Richard Huff, Kevin Carroll, Joe Steere, Howard Pazdrall

Progress Measurement – Measurable Objectives:

Fiddle Creek Focus Area: Siuslaw SWCD aimed to increase trees by 9.8 acres, native shrubs by 0.96 acres while decreasing bare ag by 0.26 acres, grass ag by 7.9 acres and invasive shrub by 0.87 acres. Modest improvements were achieved. However, monitoring indicates attaining the Temperature standard at all but one monitoring station. The SWCD conducted site preparation and streamside planting on 13.2 acres, established plants on 37 acres, placed large wood in 1.7 miles of stream and replaced failing culverts with bridges on 1.9 miles of stream. While the milestones were not achieved, the SWCD implemented important projects on the ground.

Siletz River Focus Area: Lincoln SWCD has completed the ODA SVA pre-assessment and is in the process of identifying measurable objectives and milestones. They are working with many Partners in the Focus Area and have begun outreach and are conducting monitoring.

Actions/Implementation Summary:

Outreach and Education:

- Workshops and Presentations – 6 with 284 attendees
- Distributed 619 Fact Sheets/Brochures
- Provided technical assistance to 153 landowners
- Conducted 66 site visits

Planning and Projects:

- Implemented 9 water quality projects
- Completed 12 acres of riparian release projects
- Completed 21 acres of water quality projects
- Planted 1.5 acres riparian forest buffers
- Improved .5 miles stream habitat
- Provided aquatic organism passage on .5 acres
- Conducted pest management on .25 acres

Monitoring:

- Participated in ODA Temperature Monitoring Project
- Participated in Oregon Health Authority Monitoring
- Assisted with DEQ Monitoring

Funding and Grants:

- Eight grant applications applied for
- WSC/NOAA - \$230k
- SCWRP - \$68,200 (pending an additional \$30k)
- OWEB - \$100,967/OWEB PE - \$25,400/SCWRP \$62,744/Siuslaw RAC \$55k
- OWEB Small Grant \$6,198
- ODA Water Temperature Monitoring \$11,924

Summary of Impediments:

Oregon should provide more resources for water quality monitoring for both the basics and for emerging contaminants. More funding to assist willing landowners to implement projects is needed.

Recommendations for Modifications: Focus on improving streamside vegetation throughout the Management Area. Instream habitat improvements are an important component of addressing water quality.

DEQ Recommendations: Focus agricultural landowner outreach and education and BMP implementation projects on (a) nutrient management and (b) riparian protection and improvement to improve both water temperature and dissolve oxygen conditions throughout the freshwater streams in the Mid Coast Basin.

Compliance: Letter of Compliance -0 Water Quality Advisory -1 Letter of Warning -0
Notice of Noncompliance -0 Civil Penalty -0 Alternative Measures -0

Total Complaints/Notifications: 1

Notes: