



**AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
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 BIENNIAL REVIEW SUMMARY REPORT TO THE BOA & DIRECTOR
 SUBMITTED BY THE LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Management Area: South Santiam			
Meeting Date(s): May 30, 2019			
LAC Members Present: Clint Bentz, Sudy Lamb, Chuck Knoll, Karren Cholewinski, John Marble and Arlene Gourley			
Progress Measurement – Measurable Objectives: Streamside conditions in the Lower Crabtree Creek Focus Area were assessed using a pre- and post-project comparison. Of 10 stream miles identified needing improvement, 0.9 stream miles were improved. Over the biennium, outreach was conducted with 81 landowners, 134 fact sheets were distributed, technical assistance was provided to 22 landowners, 9 applications for funding were submitted with a \$15,000 OWEB Small Grant awarded. Three conservation plans were developed for 100 acres, 1,200 feet of streambank was fenced and streamside vegetation was planted on 3 acres.			
Actions/Implementation Summary:			
<i>Outreach and Education:</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published quarterly articles for the OSU Extension’s <i>Growing</i>. Topics included: <i>Wetlands, the New Farming; What Is An SWCD; Conserving Resources for Gains; Conservation Enhancement with CREP; Composting for Profit; Six Reasons to Incorporate Grazing into Your Production; Strategic Implementation Area in Linn County; Drainage Considerations</i> • Conducted 5 landowner engagement events such as workshops and tours with 6,158 attendees. Workshops included the Living on the Land Workshop series; 4 workshops with OSU were conducted in Scio near the Focus Area and 4 of the Living on the Land Workshop series were conducted in Harrisburg. • Presented biennial results for the South Santiam Agricultural LAC at the biennial review meeting. • Linn SWCD collaborates with a variety of partners such as the Calapooia Watershed Council, North Santiam Partners, OSU Extension, NRCS and FSA meetings. Staff attended 101 partner events and meetings, 8 of which were hosted by the SWCD with a total attendance of 89 participants. Highlights include: Slug Task Force and hosting the Slug; Symposium with OSU; Drought Task Force; Annual Ryegrass Growers Association. 			
<i>Planning and Projects:</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CREP Technical Assistance resulted in 32 contracts for a total of 381 acres. To date Linn SWCD has provided CREP Technical Assistance on 1,006 acres in Linn County, with 74 cumulative contracts, which require status reviews and mid-management assessments and 848 practice implementation certifications for the first two-years of each contract. • Provided 1:1 technical assistance for 243 landowners with 51 on-site technical assistance visits. • 745.5 acres of irrigation management • 173.9 acres of nutrient management • 0.5 acres of riparian establishment • 9.4 acres of cover crop • 105.3 acres of brush management • 10,550 feet water transference pipeline installed • 102.8 acres of prescribed grazing • 2,862 feet of hedgerow • 5,478 sq feet high tunnels 			
<i>Monitoring:</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linn SWCD is the lead for OWEB’s westside CREP Monitoring Pilot Project • ODA temperature monitoring in the Bear Branch Focus Area 			
<i>Funding and Grants:</i> EQIP \$976,936 and CSP \$213,597			
Summary of Impediments: Increased incentives for voluntary additional restoration beyond compliance is lacking in the Willamette Valley where crop values are high. Where landowners are willing to do additional restoration, competition for limited funds can result in lack of progress.			
Recommendations for Modifications: Seek additional funds for natural resource projects so that willing landowners have the incentives and assistance that is necessary for success. Funding for monitoring at a scope and scale to know whether agricultural land projects are making a difference that is needed.			
DEQ Recommendations: Measurable objectives to help evaluate progress over time are needed for this management area.			
Compliance:	<i>Letter of Compliance -2</i>	<i>Water Quality Advisory -4</i>	<i>Letter of Warning -0</i>
	<i>Notice of Noncompliance -0</i>	<i>Civil Penalty -0</i>	<i>Alternative Measures -0</i>
Total Complaints/Notifications: 4			
Notes:			