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Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Biennial Review Report to the Board of Agriculture and ODA Director

Submitted by the Local Advisory Committee (LAC)

Meeting Date: March 9, 2023

LAC Members Present: George Sandberg, Paul Heberling, Ken Ferguson, Nathan Jackson, Bill Hoyt, Walt Gayner

Reporting Time Frame: Calendar years 2021-2022

PROGRESS MEASUREMENT This was a Light Review; progress toward Measurable Objectives will be reported at the next Full Review. Activities: Umpqua SWCD (USWCD), Discussion **Douglas SWCD, Partnership for Umpgua** # **Rivers (PUR), NRCS** Events That Actively Engage Landowners PUR: Southside Smith River Road tidegate owners met with watershed council staff and tidegate manufacturer to talk about replacement products for failing tidegates. USWCD: 3 Hosted Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Local Work Group, ODA Agricultural Drainage Channel Maintenance Program, OSU Extension Small Farms/Soil Health. Landowners Participating in Active Events 27 Landowners Provided Technical Assistance* 32 Site Visits PUR met with multiple agricultural landowners regarding 29 tidegates, culverts, instream habitat restoration, barn gutter/drainage. **Conservation Plans Written** 1 PUR submitted applications for funding for culverts, instream **Funding Applications Submitted** and riparian restoration. USWCD: Tidegate grant, Oregon 4 Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) small grant. **Funding Applications Awarded** PUR: \$30,000 Bureau of Land Management Resource Advi-3 sory Council; \$60,000 OWEB. USWCD: OWEB small grant.

Number reported likely double-counts some landowners due to tracking methods.

LAC DISCUSSION

Summary of Progress

Douglas SWCD is now functioning and has two new employees and several new board members. There are resources for landowners available from the SWCDs, PUR, and NRCS. Progress has been made on replacing tidegates on the coast in a way that provides fish habitat and grazing land.

Impediments

Some landowners are still unaware of the Rules or are unwilling to make changes to improve water quality. A shift seems to be occurring with the new generation.

Recommended Modifications and Adaptive Management

The LAC would like a map of past projects to be created as a way to have a visual representation of progress that has been made on agricultural lands to improve water quality and fish habitat. The SWCD and partners may be able to hire a contractor to do this work.

ODA COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES								
Location	Cases		Site Visits	Agency Actions				
				Letter of Compliance		Pre-	Notice of	Civil
	New	Closed		Already in compliance	Brought into compliance	Enforcement Notification	Noncompliance	Penalty
Outside SIA	6	6	3	3	2	1	0	0
Within SIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0