

**Upper Willamette-Upper Siuslaw Agricultural Water Quality Management Area
Biennial Review Report to the Board of Agriculture and ODA Director**
Submitted by the Local Advisory Committee (LAC)



Oregon
Department
of Agriculture

Meeting Date(s): January 29, 2020								
LAC Members Present: Jerry Marguth, Robin Pfeiffer, Jeff Levy, Jan Nelson, and Brian Parker								
Reporting Time Frame: 2018 to 2020								
PROGRESS								
Management Area								
Measurable Objective: ODA is working with SWCD and LAC to establish long-term measurable objectives to achieve desired conditions. Currently, ODA and the Upper Willamette SWCD are using Focus Area milestones and the Camp Creek SIA to show progress in this Management Area.								
Focus Area: Upper Siuslaw Focus Area								
Measurable Objective: A measurable objective was not developed for this Focus Area.								
Milestone(s): During 2015-2017 and 2017-2019 - Increase Trees and Shrubs by 51 acres								
Current Conditions (acres):								
Bare	Bare Ag	Grass	Grass Ag	Shrub	Shrub Ag	Tree	Tree Ag	Water
0	2	5	8	7	5	37	0	6
Progress Towards Milestones: There were no changes in vegetation types.								
Activities and Accomplishments: Landowners in the Focus Area received communications about soil health, pasture management, and invasive species. Although site visits were done with many landowners, they were not interested in participating. These initial attempts to build relationships may result in future projects. The SWCD has opened the Bear Creek and Long Tom River Focus Area where relationships and momentum to do projects is strong. Measurable Objectives for the new area will be identified once the streamside vegetation pre-assessment has been completed.								
Activities		Number		Discussion				
Active Events		9		Workshops (8) + Public Tour (1)				
Landowners Participating in Active Events		204		"Get Outdoors" Information Booth (515 visits)				
Landowners Provided Technical Assistance		262		Phone calls, walk-in, email and site visits (WQ topics)				
Site Visits		75		On site landowner visits				
Conservation Plans Written		12		OWEB Small Grant (10), NRCS EQIP (2) and 2 underway				
Funding Applications Submitted		12		National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) Pre-proposal 8 OWEB Small Grants; 2 NRCS Plans + 1 Monroe Drinking Water Protection Program Grant				
Funding Applications Awarded		11		All OWEB Small Grants (8), 2 NRCS Plans				
Implementation Funding Received		10		\$428,586				
Summary of Progress and Impediments								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The UW SWCD, Long Tom WC, and Siuslaw WC have been successfully building relationships with producers and have begun focused work in areas where there is a need to improve water quality. Many producers in these areas have expressed interest in conducting water quality improvement projects. The areas where work is planned to be done coincides with DEQ effective shade modeling that highlights where shade is most need to reach shade targets. The LAC highlighted that the SWCD and WC partners are successful because of the way they communicate with landowners. We are optimistic about the work that is occurring in the Management Area. 								
Recommended Modifications and Adaptive Management								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue work in the Bear Branch Focus Area, Amazon PSP, and Southern Willamette Valley (SWV) GWMA. Conduct a joint field trip between the SWV GWMA and the three Ag Water Quality LACs in 2021/2022 to consider measurable objectives for upland soil health, discuss management practices to reduce erosion, reduce nitrates in ground water and learn about the Hazelnut Commission's work to develop sustainability guidelines. 								
COMPLIANCE ACTIONS								
Location	Letter of Compliance	Pre-Enforcement Notification	Notice of Noncompliance	Civil Penalty				
Within SIA(s)	3	1	1	1				