

**Title**

SWCC 2015 – 2017 Biennium SWCD Funding Distribution Recommendation

**Background**

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) is expecting to allocate approximately \$6.1 million to the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Support (Capacity) Grants. Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) is proposing to follow the same distribution formula as in past biennia; distribute total funds equally among all SWCDs except for the four Baker County SWCDs. The anticipated distribution for the 2015-2017 biennium, except for the four Baker County SWCDs, would be \$100,000 for the Scope of Work tasks and \$41,860 for district operations. Anticipated distribution for Baker County districts would be \$200,000 for the Scope of Work tasks and \$83,720 for district operations.

Beginning with the 2013-2015 biennium all SWCDs were requested to spend 75 percent of total Scope of Work funding for district-wide Scope of Work tasks and 25 percent for Focus Area tasks. All SWCDs have implemented the 75/25 percent concept for funding district-wide Scope of Work tasks and Focus Area tasks. ODA is proposing to continue the 75/25 percent Scope of Work concept.

**ODA Request to the Soil and Water Conservation Commission**

ODA would like continued SWCC support for following the same funding distribution formula and continuing the 75/25 percent funding district-wide and Focus Area Scope of Work tasks.

**Recommendation**

The SWCC recommends ODA distribute the anticipated \$6.1 million for the 2015-2017 biennium Support Grant funds as follows: each conservation district will receive \$100,000 for Scope of Work tasks and \$41,860 for District Operations, except the Baker Valley, Eagle Valley, Keating, and Burnt River SWCDs will receive \$200,000 for Scope of Work tasks and \$83,720 for District Operations, to be divided equally, and continuing the 75/25 percent Scope of Work as distributed in the 2013-2015 biennium.

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