



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

Management Area: Inland Rogue
Meeting Date(s): October 15, 2015, November 16, 2015, March 23, 2016
LAC Members Present: Robert Niedermeyer, Paul Kay, Tom Dover, Ron Meyer, Bob Crouse, Amy Patton, Ron Hillers, Larry Ford
Implementation Summary (September 2013 - September 2015)
<p>AgWQ Outreach and Education: <u>Illinois Valley SWCD:</u> Presentations: 2 articles posted to website & newspaper, 7 WQ Quarterly Newsletters, 2 Native Plant Sales <u>Josephine SWCD:</u> Workshops: 14 (193 participants), Displays: 4 (5,000 viewer estimated), Landowner contact: 231, Publications distributed: 3,000 <u>Jackson SWCD:</u> Workshops: 60 (1,455 participants), Tours: 19 (258 participants) Displays: 13 (1,296 visitors) Fact Sheets Developed: 18 (1,353 distributed) <u>Illinois Valley Watershed Council:</u> Partnered with the Middle Rogue Steelheaders in hands-on demonstration of AgWQ BMP's at three local events utilizing a stream simulation table</p> <p>AgWQ Technical assistance & Planning: <u>Illinois Valley SWCD:</u> Technical assistance: 17 landowners, Site visits: 4 resulting in 4 projects <u>Josephine SWCD:</u> Landowner Contacts: 76, Site Visits: 32 <u>Jackson SWCD:</u> Landowners Provided Technical Assistance: 3,008; Site Visits: 303; Fund Applications Landowner Projects: 13; WQ Projects Implemented: 8; Total Acres Implemented WQ Projects: 329 <u>Illinois Valley Watershed Council:</u> Distributed approximately 500 pieces of AgWQ outreach materials (IVSWCD brochures, fact sheets, etc.) at events to local residents. Partnered with Illinois Valley SWCD to develop AgWQ aspects of the Deer Creek Streamflow and Channel Restoration project within the Middle Deer Creek Focus Area</p> <p>Projects implemented to improve water quality on agricultural lands: <u>Illinois Valley SWCD:</u> Deer Creek Riparian Livestock Enclosure, Villa Novia Vineyard Riparian Restoration, LBMS Riparian Projects <u>Josephine SWCD:</u> 3 projects completed (others in various stages of implementation); Projects implemented for mud/manure, pasture restoration, and irrigation improvement</p> <p>Monitoring: <u>Jackson SWCD:</u> Pesticide monitoring at the mouth of 5 tributaries to Bear Creek</p> <p>Funding and Grants: ODA/OWEB support to LAC: \$ 100,000 to each District to accomplish the annual Scope of Work, plus \$41,860 in administrative funding <u>Illinois Valley SWCD:</u> 2013-2015 OWEB Small Grants \$6,497 <u>Josephine SWCD:</u> 5 OWEB Small Grants were submitted, 3 were funded <u>Jackson SWCD:</u> District Funds Grants: 8 projects at \$34,605; Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board - \$58,595 <u>NRCS:</u> \$150,596 obligated for direct implementation cost-share of conservation practices <u>Illinois Valley Watershed Council:</u> OWEB Capacity Grant \$88,275</p>
Progress Measurement: Focus Area Progress
<p><u>Illinois Valley SWCD:</u> Deer Creek - 1.5% of parcels in Riparian Class III were re-classified as Class II <u>Josephine SWCD:</u> Williams Creek – Landowner contacts: 167, Landowner meetings 10, Uplands reseeded: 20 acres, Riparian exclusion fence: 3.75 acres <u>Jackson SWCD:</u> Little Butte Creek – Acres converted from flood to sprinkler = 72, Landowners Contacted = 330, Stream Miles affected by conversion = 16, Water Quality Monitoring Projects Completed = 1, Grants Received by the District for Conversion Projects = \$58,595, District Funds Allocated to Conversion Projects = \$10,000</p>
Summary of Impediments: Lack of agricultural landowner and operator awareness of the Plan and Rules. Local county and city ordinances that inhibit riparian restoration and require wider buffers than what is required by the Rules.
Recommendations for Modifications: Improve outreach and education. Coordinate with local planning departments regarding the Plan and Rules and local ordinances.
DEQ Recommendations: How the Plan links to CZARA is lacking; include more specifics about drinking water and potential agricultural impacts; more clearly define Plan objectives for areas outside the Focus Area; include discussion of the Watershed Approach Action Plan; improve measurable objectives to assess the entire management area.
Enforcement: Letter of Compliance-2 Water Quality Advisory-5 Letter of Warning-0 Notice of Noncompliance-0 Civil Penalty -0 Alternative Measures-1 Total Complaints: 8