



**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: Mid Coast
Meeting Date(s): September 29, 2015
LAC Members Present: Kevin Carroll, Wayne Hoffman, Richard Huff, Joe Steere and Shiloh Sundstrom
Focus Area Progress Measurement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lincoln SWCD completed a pre-assessment of streamside vegetation conditions of the Big Elk Creek Focus Area and implemented riparian restoration projects to improve water quality functions over six percent of the assessment area. ▪ Siuslaw SWCD completed a pre-assessment of streamside vegetation conditions of the Fiddle Creek Focus Area and implemented riparian restoration projects to improve water quality functions over one percent of the assessment area.
Actions/Implementation Summary for Lincoln and Siuslaw SWCDs. Community & Landowner Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individual outreach & education provided to farmers and ranchers: 22 ▪ Presentations to community groups and local partners including Siuslaw SWCD’s presentation to OACD: 4 ▪ Tours of multiple prior and potential restoration sites with OWEB, ODFW, NOAA, NRCS and BLM ▪ Administered Siuslaw Stream Team VII and VIII and Forest Field Day with over 250 students ▪ Information booths at local events (native plant sales, garden shows): 3 ▪ Brochures developed (SWCD overview, native plant guide, rural living handbook): 6 ▪ Water quality monitoring reports & quarterly reports: 12 ▪ SWCD newsletters published and dispersed to 428 recipients per newsletter: 6 ▪ Newspaper articles (sediment sources, water quality) 4 ▪ Native Plant Sales: 2 ▪ Website development and launch ▪ Multi-stakeholder meetings and technical work groups: 81 Land Stewardship & Water Quality Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Technical assistance provided to landowners for a range of management practices: 263 ▪ Site visits conducted (water quality technical assistance, project development, management & follow-up): 257 ▪ Area Plan information to individual landowners: 100 ▪ Agricultural water quality projects developed (streambank erosion, riparian improvements, livestock exclusion, off-stream livestock water sources, manure storage facilities & livestock crossings): 23 ▪ Agricultural water quality projects implemented (streamside plantings, maintenance, livestock exclusion, manure storage facility and off-channel livestock water): 44 ▪ Invasive species control projects: 36 sites Monitoring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Water quality sampling events conducted each quarter: 23 sites ▪ Effectiveness monitoring of restoration sites: 8 ▪ Assisted DEQ with coordination and installation of continuous turbidity and Total Suspended Solids sampling ▪ Completed streamside vegetation pre-assessments on the Lower Big Elk and Fiddle Creek Focus Areas ▪ Provide summary of water quality monitoring, focus area and compliance results to the Mid Coast LAC Funding and Grants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Water quality grant applications submitted: 23 + 8 additional in the focus areas ▪ Federal and local cost-share program information provided: 42 ▪ CREP enrollment assistance: 14 + 4 additional in a focus area ▪ USDA cost share program enrollment assistance: 24 ▪ Area Plan implementation including annual and long-range plans 2015-2020
Summary of Impediments: Uncertainty with how Mid Coast TMDL temperature load allocations will be implemented with regard to natural conditions criteria makes it difficult for growers to implement actions they feel will be sufficient.
Recommendations for Modifications: Research regarding livestock flash grazing is needed to provide growers with best management practices that combine both resource protection and livestock production.
DEQ Recommendations: Once DEQ has established load allocations for pollutants in the Mid Coast Basin, those implementing the Area Plan will have more explicit information, including targets to set milestones and timelines for the management area.
Compliance: Letter of Compliance - 4; Water Quality Advisory – 3; Letter of Warning – 1; Notice of Noncompliance – 0; Civil Penalty – 0; Alternative Measures – 0; Total Complaints/Notifications: 5 (one complaint did not provide sufficient info to proceed)
Notes: Siuslaw SWCD received the “West Side Spotlight in Conservation Award” at the 2013 Annual OACD Conference.