



Management Area: Walla Walla
Meeting Date(s): February 16, 2016
LAC Members Present: Bob Lewis (chair), Dennis Rea, Brian Wolcott, Vern Rodighiero
<p>Implementation Summary:</p> <p><i>Outreach and Education:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWCD Conservationist of the Year – Couse Creek Ranches • WWBWC - Project tours, Summer Science Camp, STEP <p><i>Planning and Projects:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescribed grazing plans in uplands – 162.7 acres • Upland water developments – 2 • Irrigation efficiency/water management - 6 (477.2 acres) • Riparian habitat • Shallow aquifer recharge – 10 contracts • Upriver streambank erosion/habitat project • White ditch piping • Fruitvale Water Users weir boxes and measurement <p><i>Monitoring:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pesticide Stewardship Program • WWBWC – Surface water monitoring program (7 mainstem gauges + 47 seasonal gauges), groundwater monitoring program (100+ wells) <p><i>Funding and Grants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA – 6 EQIP contracts, 4 New CREP contracts • OWEB – monitoring, Shallow Aquifer Recharge (SAR) • BPA – SAR, White pipeline, Fruitvale turnouts, monitoring, habitat • EPA – PSP, Smith Sill, Nursery Bridge
<p>Progress Measurement: Focus Area Summary</p> <p>The pre-assessment has been completed. There is one active OWEB small grant and four landowners have agreed to stream setbacks.</p>
<p>Summary of Impediments:</p> <p>Water rights and diversion of water have serious impact of water quality.</p>
<p>Recommendations for Modifications:</p> <p>The measurable objectives were updated to include a two-year timeline for contact with additional landowners in need of increasing buffers.</p>
<p>Enforcement: <i>Letter of Compliance -0</i> <i>Water Quality Advisory -0</i> <i>Letter of Warning -1</i> <i>Notice of Noncompliance -0</i> <i>Civil Penalty -0</i> <i>Alternative Measures -0</i></p> <p>Total Complaints: 0</p>
<p>DEQ Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Plan does not provide a link between the PMP and water quality in the Walla Walla Subbasin. • The Plan does not discuss the relationship of agricultural activities to drinking water source areas in the geographic area. • The Plan does not include clear and measureable objectives. • The Plan needs a monitoring plan.
<p>Notes:</p> <p>Many producers in the Management Area participate in product certification programs. Operations are inspected and receive certification if they meet rigid standards for land and produce management, and meeting water quality. Certification include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) – 2,700 acres (70% of total orchard acres) • Salmon Safe Program – Wheat/pea growers - acres not available • VINEA – Winegrowers Sustainable Trust – acres not available