



**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: Lower Willamette Agricultural Water Quality Management Area**

**Meeting Date(s):** November 10, 2015

**LAC Members Present:** Gordy Webster, Kathy Taggard, Chris Foster, Roy Iwai, Martha Mitchell

**Progress Measurement:** The primary objective of the 2015 biennial review of the Lower Willamette Agricultural Water Quality Management Plan was to adopt the new statewide chapter format. ODA, the SWCDs, and the LAC completed this objective, and will collaborate to develop measurable objectives over the next biennium for review and discussion at the next review.

**Actions/Implementation Summary:**

***Outreach and Education:***

- Pesticide collection events collected and disposed of over 55,000 pounds of agricultural pesticides
- Newsletters and publications targeting Christmas tree and nursery producers
- 10 conservation workshops offered with over 300 attendees
- Developed 'Rural Living Handbook' for agricultural producers in the Lower Willamette Management Area
- 2 conservation tours offered
- 22 booth displays
- 15 newspaper articles

***Planning and Projects:***

- 24 conservation plans approved on over 540 acres of agricultural land
- 3 new manure storage facilities built
- 195 ft. of livestock exclusion fencing installed
- 60 site visits resulting in site preparation and riparian planting along 135 acres of streams
- 25 water quality projects implemented

***Monitoring:***

- 14 water quality sites monitored by the East Multnomah SWCD and West Multnomah SWCD

***Funding and Grants:***

- 1 grant application submitted for landowner project
- 7 cost share projects implemented

**Summary of Impediments:**

Lack of awareness of the rules in the agricultural community. Rapid change of ownership on small acreage farms makes landowner outreach and improving water quality conditions more difficult. Overall, a lack of financial incentives for landowners to implement conservation practices.

**Recommendations for Modifications:**

Create a user-friendly version of the Area Plan (ex. Growers Addition). New science is needed to further understand agricultural influences to channel conditions. Target large commercial farms to become the leaders in conservation and outreach in the industry and communities.

**DEQ Recommendations:**

DEQ did not provide comments for this biennial review.

<b>Compliance:</b>	<i>Letter of Compliance -1</i>	<i>Water Quality Advisory -1</i>	<i>Letter of Warning -2</i>
	<i>Notice of Noncompliance -0</i>	<i>Civil Penalty -0</i>	<i>Alternative Measures -0</i>

**Total Complaints/Notifications: 1**

**Notes:**

The Lower Willamette Management Area currently hosts a Strategic Implementation Area.