

# **Middle Willamette Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan Biennial Review April 14, 2016**

## **2.5.2 Streamside Area Management**

DEQ Comment: DEQ understands the use of “site capable vegetation.” It is important for survivability. Reference to how “site capable vegetation” supports TMDL load allocations like that of System Potential Vegetation is the key for water quality temperature improvements.

ODA Response: Site Capable Vegetation (SCV) is the vegetation that will grow at a site given existing conditions and limiting factors. For example, SCV reflects the trees and shrubs that will grow along a straight, incised stream. System Potential Vegetation (SPV) reflects the trees and shrubs that will grow along the same stream after it has been re-meandered and the bed graded. SCV vegetation represents the current vegetation and the water quality functions the vegetation can provide

## **3.1 Measurable Objectives**

DEQ Comment: Measureable objectives for the AP as whole seem important under the MOU between ODA and DEQ. Unlikely plan will meet the AP goal with focus only in Focus Areas. Another objective may be to estimate the % of farms in compliance with ODA rules and % farms in compliance with the LAC AP. Can measureable objectives that apply to the plan overall could be phased in overtime?

ODA Response: ODA continues to work with the LAC and SWCD to establish measurable objectives, including milestones and timelines, which achieve the goals of the area plan as resources allow. ODA will work with the LAC the SWCD to review available resources and then write appropriate measurable objectives with milestones and timelines and include them in the plan at the 2018 biennial review. This will be an iterative process based on continual review and adaptive management.

ODA currently uses the Strategic Implementation Area (SIA) process throughout the state to measure and report progress on attaining compliance. This is also an iterative process as available resources and technology allow.

## **4.4 Monitoring Status & Trends**

### ***ODA Aerial Monitoring***

DEQ Comment: Recommend objectives tied to actions, improvements, education and outreach.

ODA Response: ODA works with the LAC and the SWCD to incorporate multiple data sources to plan and prioritize projects and outreach efforts. The ODA Aerial Monitoring is one information source. This monitoring also attempts to measure change over time so that the ODA, LAC, and SWCD may evaluate the progress and adapt as needed.

## **Appendix A**

DEQ Comment: Recommend future removal due to lag between old and new list that do not correspond w/AP updates

ODA Response: Appendix A provides the latest version of the 303(d) list. We use the most recent 303(d) list during the biennial review.