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: Upper Willamette and Upper Siuslaw

Meeting Date(s): December 2, 2015

LAC Members Present: Robin Pfeiffer, John Reerslev, Jeff Levy, Brian Parker and Jan Nelson

Progress Measurement – Measurable Objectives: The Upper Willamette SWCD has selected the Upper Siuslaw Focus Area. Measurable objectives for the Focus Area will be determined following completion of the pre-assessment.

Actions/Implementation Summary:

Outreach and Education:

- Presentations to community groups including Junction City HS class and Small Farms Group Annual Meeting: 42
- Developed curriculum for week-long Water Wonders Summer Camp
- Sure Crop Farm Services soil testing related to nutrient application: 150 producers
- Landowner Tours: 2
- Information booths at local events (native plant sales, garden shows): Over 1,377 attendees
- Brochures developed (SWCD overview, native plant guide, rural living handbook): 2,500 copies distributed
- Rain Garden Workshops: 7
- Multi-stakeholder meetings and technical work groups including the Siuslaw Watershed Council and PINE Committee, Willamette River WAINS Group

Planning and Projects:

- Technical assistance provided to landowners for a range of management practices: 150
- Site visits conducted (water quality technical assistance, project development, management, and follow-up): 50
- Agricultural water quality projects developed (streambank erosion, riparian improvements, livestock exclusion, off-stream livestock water sources, manure storage facilities and livestock crossings): 12
- NRCS staff assisted projects: 20

Monitoring:

- A pre-assessment of the Upper Siuslaw Focus Area has been completed. A post-assessment will be conducted following a period of project implementation
- The SWCD monitors results following compliance site visits to document success of achievement of compliance objectives

Funding and Grants:

- A total of $110,000 for project implementation was provided through OWEB Small and Regular Grants and RAC funds
- Over $500,700 was allocated through federal cost/share programs
- An additional $130,000 was allotted to individual landowners within the Management Area
- Area Plan implementation including annual and long-range plans 2015-2020

Summary of Impediments:
There are too many regulations for farmers to stay informed and knowledgeable about. Better ways of providing information about what is required by various government agencies is needed.

Recommendations for Modifications:
A central repository of monitoring data and analyses that provides information in a clear and concise way that farmers can access, understand, and apply in a site-specific manner is needed. More information is needed regarding surface and ground water interconnections and about the effects and benefits of grazing in streamside areas.

DEQ Recommendations:
A better understanding about surface and ground water interconnections within the management area is needed to inform growers and agencies about best practices to improve water quality.

Compliance: *Letter of Compliance -1* *Water Quality Advisory -0* *Letter of Warning -0*
Notice of Noncompliance -0 *Civil Penalty -0* *Alternative Measures -0*

Total Complaints/Notifications: 1

Notes: