



Management Area: Willow Creek			
Meeting Date(s): February 19, 2015			
LAC Members Present: Al Osmin, Kyle Robinson, Travis Harrison, Larry Lutchter, Mark Reitman, Bev Bridgewater			
Implementation Summary:			
Education and Outreach			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Watershed Field Day is held each spring for county 5th graders with education stations dealing with water quality, weather, weed/plant identification, and riparian planting stations. • A free spray day was held May 24, 2013 and May 23, 2014 at 3 locations in the county to provide mixed chemicals to homeowners for weed control along with information on clean water and watershed information. • Staff participated in the Morrow County Fair in August 2013 to encourage protection/improvement of watershed health. 			
Technical Assistance			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status reviews on 19,074 acres of CRP grass stands for sign-up #39, 41, 43 and 45 • Provided funding information and field visits for grant writing to landowners: 38 individuals • Provided application and final reporting for 9 small grants 			
Planning and Projects			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associated with CRP: 75,045 acres; 1,021 applied practices • Forest stand improvement - 288 acres • Spring development: 28 • Irrigation improvement: 561 acres • Range planting acres: 190 acres • Access control not CRP: 65 acres • Brush management: 931 acres • Prescribed burning: 230 acres • Direct seed/no-till: 5,736 acres • Herbaceous weed control: 64 acres • Riparian fence: 2,754 feet • Habitat improvement: 962 acres • Livestock management improvements: 172,982 acres • Soil quality improvement: 22,946 			
Funding			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ODA/OWEB support to LAC was approved in the amount of \$118,600 to accomplish the annual Scope of Work. • The district received \$16,933 from a Contribution Agreement with NRCS to assist in conservation program accomplishments. • OWEB Small Grants: \$47,932 • USDA program funding: EQIP - \$1,267,082 (47,910 acres) 			
Progress Measurement: Focus Area Summary			
<p>Upper Willow and Balm Fork creeks above the reservoir are designated a Focus Area to increase knowledge and awareness of the clean water program. The creeks are 303 (d) listed for water quality limitations for temperature and bacteria. Each year blue/green algae blooms cause the reservoir to be closed to contact recreation. The SWCD is helping to increase public awareness.</p> <p>An assessment, field survey, and water quality monitoring are being conducted to determine where contributions are occurring. Landowner and agency involvement are very important to the success of the project.</p>			
Summary of Impediments:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of funding for restoration work • Lack of understanding of the regulations by landowners • Question the value of the scores generated by the vegetation assessments 			
Recommendations for Modifications:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepted Area Plan reformatting • Approved measurable objectives • Added monitoring data to Chapter 4 			
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>
Total Complaints: 1			