



February 19, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

FROM: Lauri Aunan, Grant Program Manager
Rick Craiger, Central Oregon Regional Program Representative

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item F: OWEB Grant Award Recommendations
Region 4, Central Oregon
March 16-17, 2010 OWEB Board Meeting**

I. Introduction

This staff report describes the Central Oregon Regional Review Team evaluations and staff recommendations for funding.

II. Background and Summary

Applicants submitted 38 applications for a total request of \$2,614,421. The Central Oregon Regional Review Team (RRT) recommended funding 30 applications. Staff recommend 20 applications for a total award of \$1,276,046: \$908,562 for Restoration; \$120,829 for Education/Outreach; \$151,165 for Monitoring; and \$95,490 for Technical Assistance.

III. Regional Review Team Recommendations

The RRT met in Redmond in January 2010 to review the applications received in this grant cycle and make recommendations to OWEB staff. All applications were reviewed for merit and given a “do fund” or “no fund” recommendation by the RRT. The RRT then prioritized the applications recommended for funding.

The RRT recommended funding 11 Restoration applications; nine Education/Outreach applications; four Monitoring applications; and six Technical Assistance applications.

Staff concur with the RRT-recommended funding conditions for the following applications recommended by staff for funding: three Restoration applications (210-4050, 210-4058, and 210-4052), one Education/Outreach application (210-4031), and one Technical Assistance application (210-4047). The conditions are described in the Region 4 evaluations for these applications.

The RRT recommended a moderate reduction for one Restoration application (210-4032), and staff agree with the reduction, described in the evaluation.

IV. Staff Recommendation

Staff recommend funding eight Restoration applications; four Education/Outreach applications; four Monitoring applications; and four Technical Assistance applications recommended by the RRT.

Following the review team evaluation meeting, staff learned that Restoration application 210-4039 had also been submitted to, and will be fully funded by, the Whole Watershed Restoration Initiative. As a result, staff do not recommend this application for funding, allowing OWEB to fund further down the line for other applications. In addition, staff recommend a small reduction for Restoration application 210-4058, as described in the evaluation.

Attachment A shows the proposals, funding amounts, conditions (if any), and priority rankings recommended as “do fund” to OWEB staff by the RRT. The table also indicates, by means of shaded entries, the OWEB staff “do fund” recommendations to the Board. For some applications, the amount shown in the table and the conditions are the staff recommendation rather than the RRT recommendation.

Attachment B shows those applications not recommended for funding at this time by the RRT or by OWEB staff.

Staff recommend the Board approve the staff funding recommendation as contained in Attachment A to this report.

Attachments

- A. Applications Recommended for Funding
- B. Applications Not Recommended for Funding

ATTACHMENT A

**Region 4 - Central Oregon
Restoration Applications Recommended for Funding by the RRT
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Staff Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray

Project #	Project Name	Capital Funds	Non-Capital Funds	Total Amount	Priority
210-4036	North Fork Sprague/Bailey Flat	95,591		95,591	1
210-4032	Lone Pine Main Canal Piping Project*	429,332		429,332	2
210-4054	Horseshoe Ranch - Wood River Restoration Project	20,952		20,952	3
210-4057	North Fork Sprague Fish Passage	161,093	100	161,193	4
210-4039	McGee Creek In-channel and Floodplain Restoration (funded by USFS Whole Watersheds)	73,150		73,150	5
210-4050	Sprague River at Dusty Lane^	10,320		10,320	6
210-4058	Crazy Creek and Deep Creek Restoration Project^*	112,450	2,500	114,950	7
210-4052	Kircher's Riparian Enhancement Project^	31,239		31,239	8
210-4045	Threemile Creek Culvert Replacement	44,985		44,985	9
210-4029	Hess Irrigation Efficiency (Phase I)	31,021		31,021	10
210-4061	Badger Springs Reconnection and Wetland Enhancement	58,563		58,563	11
Total Restoration Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT		1,068,696	2,600	1,071,296	
Total Restoration Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board		905,962	2,600	908,562	

* Listed Amount Reflects Recommended Reduction **Listed Amount Reflects Recommended Increase ^Fund with Conditions

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Education Applications Recommended for Funding by the RRT
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Project #	Project Name	Total Amount	Priority
210-4042	Crook County High School Watershed Education Project	44,295	1
210-4043	Environmental Education for Elementary Students on the Warm Springs Reservation	41,434	2
210-4040	Landmark Project	12,000	3
210-4031	Resources and People Camp^	23,100	4
210-4035	Student Stewardship Projects	36,600	5
210-4025	Seeds to Streambanks Native Plant Education	30,215	6
210-4060	Outdoor Science Education Camps 2010	49,097	7
210-4049	Teaching Core Biology to Save Salmon	49,500	8
210-4048	Central Oregon Weed Education Program	30,000	9
Total Education Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT		316,241	
Total Education Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board		\$120,829	

^Fund with Conditions

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Monitoring Applications Recommended for Funding by the RRT
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Project #	Project Name	Total Amount	Priority
210-4027	Fifteenmile Watershed Flow Monitoring	20,106	1
210-4055	Sprague River Past-Project Effectiveness Evaluation❖	104,855	2
210-4051	Streamflow & Water Quality Monitoring in the Wood River Valley, Upper Klamath Basin	16,225	3
210-4030	Hood River Irrigation Upgrade Flow Meter Monitoring	9,979	4
Total Monitoring Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT		151,165	
Total Monitoring Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board		\$151,165	

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Technical Assistance Applications Recommended for Funding by the RRT
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Project #	Project Name	Total Amount	Priority
210-4053	Fourmile Creek and Harriman Spring Delta Restoration, Upper Klamath Basin	14,960	1
210-4047	Antelope Creek Subbasin Restoration Planning^	36,000	2
210-4033	TTDC Diversion Improvement and Habitat Restoration	35,000	3
210-4059	Westside Water Users Irrigation Efficiency Project	9,530	4
210-4024	Aquifer Recovery Planning for Streamflow Restoration	50,000	5
210-4056	Upper Klamath Landowner Recruitment^	46,782	6
Total Technical Assistance Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT		192,272	
Total Technical Assistance Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board		\$95,490	

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Education Applications NOT Recommended for Funding by the RRT
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Project #	Project Name	Total Amount Requested
210-4026	Wasco County Rural Living Handbook	8,707
210-4028	Woody Species Planting Guide and Workshop	10,359
210-4046	Urban Homesteading for Healthy Communities and Watersheds	15,207

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Project #	Project Name	Total Amount Requested
210-4037	Middle Fork Hood River Instream Flow Assessment	50,000
210-4038	MFID Clear Branch Dam Fish Passage Feasibility Assessment	50,000

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Restoration Applications NOT Recommended for Funding by the RRT
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Project #	Project Name	Total Amount Requested
210-4034	Ryan Meadow Wetland Restoration Project	98,150
210-4041	Horse Heaven Creek Watershed Restoration Project	593,450
210-4044	The Dalles Waterfront Restoration	34,906