

August 26, 2005

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

**FROM:** Tom Byler, Executive Director

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item E: 2005-2007 Non-Capital Fund Spending Plan  
September 13-14, 2005 OWEB Board Meeting**

### **E-1. Allocation of Non-Capital Funds for Watershed Council Support**

#### **I. Introduction**

This report seeks Board authorization to allocate \$561,002 of non-capital funds for Watershed Council Support grants.

#### **II. Background**

In May 2005, the Board awarded \$4,480,580 for Watershed Council Support for the 2005-2007 biennium, contingent upon available funds. Subsequently, the Legislature approved a \$3,936,837 budget line item for watershed councils, leaving \$543,743 needed to meet the May Board award.

During the summer, staff wrote Watershed Council Support grant agreements for a pro rated amount of the legislatively approved \$3.9 million, with the understanding that in September staff would recommend that the Board allocate the remaining funds.

In addition, staff recently discovered a data input error for the Nestucca-Neskowin Watershed Council, which resulted in a funding shortfall to the council of \$17,259. Staff have corrected the error and reviewed the data for all councils to ensure that no further errors occurred. Additional funds are needed to address the Nestucca-Neskowin Watershed Council shortfall.

#### **III. Proposed Board Action**

The two amounts (\$543,743 and \$17,259) combine for \$561,002 in additional funds for a total 2005-2007 Watershed Council Support award of \$4,497,839. The current budget for non-capital funds for the 2005-2007 biennium is \$4.35 million, \$2.8 million of which is PCSRF funds. Staff propose the Board allocate \$561,002 of non-capital funds to fund Watershed Council Support for the 2005-2007 biennium at the level awarded at the May Board meeting.

#### **IV. Recommendation**

Staff request Board action to allocate \$561,002 of non-capital funds to fund Watershed Council Support for the 2005-2007 biennium at the level approved during the May 2005 OWEB meeting, which includes the \$17,259 adjustment for the calculation error made for the Nestucca-Neskowin Watershed Council.