

March 16-17, 2010 OWEB Board Meeting Executive Director Update #C-2: Partnerships

Background

OWEB has developed a number of partnerships to invest in specific ecological outcomes and effectively leverage OWEB funding. Because the partnership projects undergo different review processes, the Board formed the Partnership Investment Subcommittee in 2008 to provide greater focus on these investment areas. The Subcommittee meets periodically to review the status of existing partnership projects and to review potential new ideas and proposals before they are introduced to the full Board. This report lists the current partnerships and their status.

Whole Watersheds Restoration Initiative

In October 2009, Ecotrust solicited new applications for community-based habitat restoration projects for the 2010 cycle of the WWRI. At the January Board meeting, the Board awarded \$500,000 to continue the agency's support of the partnership during the 2009-2011 biennium. Since the January Board meeting, the partners have allocated \$1,390,000 to 24 projects. The OWEB funds will go to seven projects in Oregon. The final list of Oregon projects is attached. (Attachment A) Staff are preparing grant agreements with Ecotrust to implement the projects.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

The status of CREP technical assistance efforts is addressed in Executive Director Update #C-10.

Willamette Special Investment Partnership (SIP)

On February 17, 2010, the Willamette SIP Technical Review Team met to review six projects and discuss the potential relationship between the Willamette SIP and the Willamette Biological Opinion on the operation of the system of dams on the Willamette River. Staff are pursuing opportunities to work with Meyer Memorial Trust and Bonneville Environmental Foundation to implement restoration strategies in the Meyer "model watersheds."

Deschutes SIP

The Deschutes SIP partners will give a presentation on the SIP status at the Board meeting under Agenda Item H.

Staff Contact

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Ken Bierly, at ken.bierly@state.or.us or 503-986-0182.

Attachment

- A. Final list of Oregon Projects

Whole Watersheds Restoration Initiative 2010

Attachment A

Applicati on No.	Organization	Project Name	State	Amount Req	OWEB	Forest Serv	BLM	NOAA
50	Chelan County Natural Resource Department	N1 Oxbow Reconnection	WA	70,000.00		25,000.00		NOAA
34	Columbia River Estuary Study Task Force (CREST)	Grays River Whole Watershed Restoration Initiative	WA	99,993.52				NOAA
23	Coquille Watershed Association	Restoring Salmonid Habitat & Stream Dynamics in Rock Creek Phase II	OR	45,800.00	16,000.00	30,000.00		
7	Freshwater Trust, The	Rudio Creek Ranch Habitat Restoration Project	OR	98,572.00				NOAA
57	Illinois Valley Watershed Council	Sucker Creek Phase II	OR	100,000.00		50,000.00		
3	Latah SWCD	Potlatch River Restoration/Corral Creek	ID	38,994.00				NOAA
9	Malheur National Forest	Camp Creek Log Weir Removal Project (Phase II)	OR	50,000.00	30,000.00	20,000.00		
53	Malheur National Forest	Eagle Creek Culvert Replacement	OR	80,000.00		80,000.00		
16	McKenzie River Trust	Waite Ranch Tidal Wetland Restoration Project	OR	100,000.00				NOAA
36	Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group	Wind River Watershed Fish Passage Improvement	WA	90,000.00		50,000.00		NOAA
13	Mt. Hood National Forest - Hood River	McGee Creek In-channel and Floodplain Restoration	OR	72,550.00		72,550.00		
26	National Center for Conservation Science & Policy	Little Butte Creek Meander Restoration	OR	100,000.00	64,000.00			NOAA
5	Nez Perce Tribe	Spring Creek Wetland and Riparian Restoration	ID	43,058.00				NOAA
11	North Fork John Day Watershed Council	Granite Riparian Revegetation Project	OR	34,989.00		35,000.00		
41	Northwest Watershed Institute	Tarboo Creek Stream and Wetland Restoration	WA	27,400.00				NOAA

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30	Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers	Upper South Umpqua Instream Restoration Project Phase III - Gravel	OR	95,675.00	15,000.00			NOAA
18	Siuslaw National Forest	Pixieland and Fraser Creek Restoration, Salmon River Estuary	OR	97,000.00		97,000.00		
44	Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group	Upper Skagit Invasive Plant Control Project	WA	86,420.00				NOAA
46	Skagit River System Cooperative	Queensgate Floodplain and Riparian Restoration	WA	96,000.00		86,000.00		
19	Tillamook Bay WC	Waldron Creek Enhancement Project	OR	69,800.00	45,000.00			
32	Umpqua National Forest - Tiller	Middle Jackson Creek Salmon and Steelhead Restoration	OR	100,000.00	30,000.00	70,000.00		
37	Underwood Conservation District	Little Wind River Community Habitat Restoration	WA	89,293.00		55,000.00		NOAA
33	Williams Creek Watershed Council	West Fork Williams Stream Restoration	OR	49,600.00	15,000.00		20,000.00	
	Total			1,735,144.52	215,000.00	670,550.00	20,000.00	440,000.00