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MEMORANDUM

TO: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

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**SUBJECT: Agenda Item F: OWEB Grant Award Recommendations
Region 5, Eastern Oregon
March 16-17, 2010 OWEB Board Meeting**

I. Introduction

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

II. Background and Summary

Applicants submitted 41 applications for a total request of \$4,126,102. The Regional Review Team recommended 32 applications. Staff recommend 22 applications for a total award of \$2,113,376: \$1,955,761 for Restoration; \$59,180 for Education/Outreach; \$56,455 for Monitoring; and \$41,980 for Technical Assistance.

III. Regional Review Team Recommendations

The Eastern Oregon Regional Review Team (RRT) met in Burns in December 2009 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 for 22 Restoration applications; two Education/Outreach applications; four Monitoring applications; and four Technical Assistance applications.

Staff concur with the RRT-recommended funding conditions for the following Restoration applications recommended by staff for funding: 210-5037, 210-5040, 210-5060, 210-5067 and 210-5073. The conditions are described in the Region 5 evaluations for these applications.

The RRT recommended significant budget reductions for one Technical Assistance application, 210-5047. Staff concur with this recommendation, as described in the evaluation. The RRT also recommended, and staff concur with, budget reductions for one Restoration application, 210-5067.

The RRT recommended a slight budget increase to add a flow meter to Restoration application, 210-2053 (Homestead Irrigation Efficiency). Staff concur with this recommendation.

IV. Staff Recommendation

Staff recommend funding 13 Restoration applications, two Education/Outreach applications, four Monitoring applications, and three Technical Assistance applications.

Staff also recommend funding conditions for Restoration applications 210-5058, 210-5049, 210-5050, 210-5059, and 210-5054, as described in the Region 5 evaluations for those applications.

Attachment A shows the proposals, funding amounts, conditions (if any), and priority rankings recommended for funding to OWEB staff by the RRT. The tables also indicate, 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 and 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 5 - Eastern Oregon
Restoration Applications Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 19, 2009 Grant Cycle**

Staff Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray					
Project #	Project Name	Capital Funds	Non-Capital Funds	Total Amount	Priority
210-5049	Vale Water Quality Improvement Project (Lateral 230)^	382,821		382,821	1
210-5058	Blackjack Irrigation and Sediment Control^	187,037		187,037	2
210-5044	Clear Creek Fish Passage & Irrigation Efficiency	218,419		218,419	3
210-5059	Grand Irrigation Efficiency^	43,653		43,653	4
210-5050	Vale Water Quality Improvement Project^	383,792		383,792	5
210-5073	Upper Grande Ronde Invasive Weed Control^	38,750	1,250	40,000	6
210-5046	North Powder River Push Up Dam Removal	27,551		27,551	7
210-5040	Wallowa River/Cross-Country Canal Diversion Replacement^	124,740		124,740	8
210-5060	Homestead Irrigation Efficiency^**	182,259		182,259	9
210-5037	Foothill Return Flow Elimination & Drain Ditch Restoration^	59,958		59,958	10
210-5067	Van Riparian Rehabilitation Project^*	151,120		151,120	11
210-5065	Wilson Family Ranches Habitat Restoration	88,423		88,423	12
210-5054	Bettis Juniper Control Project^	65,988		65,988	13
210-5045	McEwen Valley Fish Passage Restoration^	84,740		84,740	14
210-5055	Belnap Juniper Control Project^	109,615		109,615	15
210-5072	Wallowa County Weed Control^	52,700		52,700	16
210-5043	Not Dry Gulch Offstream Watering Project*	21,247		21,247	17
210-5052	Clover Creek Juniper Control Project^	40,782		40,782	18
210-5066	Smith Brothers Forest Health & Restoration^** EM \$10,186	32,824	1,500	34,324	19
210-5039	Cottonwood Creek Diversion Improvement^	130,852		130,852	20
210-5069	Stinkingwater Habitat Enhancement and Grazing Management Phase II^	27,853		27,853	21
210-5068	Lone Pine Stream Stabilization	24,480		24,480	22
Total Restoration Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT		2,479,604	2,750	2,482,354	
Total Restoration Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board		1,954,511	1,250	1,955,761	

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

Region 5 - Eastern Oregon
Education Applications Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 19, 2009 Grant Cycle

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Project #	Project Name	Total Amount	Priority
210-5048	Wallowa Resources - Wallowa Mountain Institute's Wallowa and Imnaha River WET Program	11,992	1
210-5064	South Eastern Oregon Watershed Education, Phase 2	47,188	2
Total Education Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT		59,180	
Total Education Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board		59,180	

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Monitoring Applications Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 19, 2009 Grant Cycle

Staff Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray			
Project #	Project Name	Total Amount	Priority
210-5056	Luther Wetland Intensive Monitoring Project - Phase 2 ❖	6,653	1
210-5057	Continuation of Migratory Assessment of Spring Chinook in the Lostine River	19,906	2
210-5035	Phase II Wallowa Mountains Bull Trout Redd Monitoring (2010-2011)	24,000	3
210-5063	Choirboys Wetland Pond Monitoring Project ❖	5,896	4
Total Monitoring Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT		56,455	
Total Monitoring Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board		56,455	

❖Fund with capital.

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Technical Assistance Applications Recommended for Funding by the RRT
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Project #	Project Name	Total Amount	Priority
210-5033	Luther Meander Constructed Wetland	7,534	1
210-5036	Three P's Wetland Addition	9,009	2
210-5047	Perkins Dam Removal/Baldock Slough Restoration*	25,437	3
210-5042	Historical Wetlands of Harney Basin	49,966	4
Total Technical Assistance Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT		91,946	
Total Technical Assistance Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board		41,980	

* Listed Amount Reflects Recommended Reduction

ATTACHMENT B

Region 5 - Eastern Oregon
Monitoring Applications NOT Recommended for Funding by the RRT
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Project #	Project Name	Total Amount Requested
210-5041	A Rigorous Assessment of Restoration Projects with Greater Grande Ronde Watershed	403,526

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Restoration Applications NOT Recommended for Funding by the RRT
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Project #	Project Name	Total Amount Requested
210-5034	Graham Blvd Water Quality Improvement Project (Lateral 216)	143,730
210-5038	Wheaton Creek Alternative Water System	32,082
210-5051	Fletcher Gluch Pipeline Project	514,695
210-5053	Indian Creek Juniper Control Project	74,168
210-5061	Napton Sediment Reduction Phase I	34,355
210-5062	Howarth Farm Irrigation Efficiency Project	66,948
210-5070	Summerville Off-Stream Watering	27,220
210-5071	Catherine Creek Water Quality Improvement	79,180