

March 16-17, 2010 OWEB Board Meeting
Executive Director Update #C-10: CREP Technical Assistance

Background

The Board allocated \$1.3 million in capital funds to support the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program for the 2009-2011 biennium.

CREP Technical Assistance

Staff have been working with a work group following the discussion at the September 2009 Board meeting to review the distribution and approach to providing technical assistance for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). The working group includes the Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Oregon Association of Conservation Districts, and the Department of Agriculture. The work group discussed alternative approaches with the Soil and Water Conservation Commission at their February meeting.

The work group has evaluated where technical assistance is being provided by OWEB funds and other funding partners. We have looked at the distribution of technical staff in relation to number of contracts and acreage of enrollments. The group has identified a number of criteria to evaluate to more efficiently allocate resources. The group expects to have an analysis prepared for the Board to consider in June that will be used for the funding recommendation for the 2011-2013 biennium.

Care is being taken to use a process that will maintain the current investment in technical capacity and more effectively provide assistance. The group is also looking at other needs to facilitate program implementation. Attachment A provides some of the background information on the allocation of technical assistance at this time.

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. Current Technical Assistance Allocations

CREP Technical Assistance					
Basin	Districts	Contracts	Acreage	OWEB CREP TA	Other CREP TA
North Coast	Clatsop	*			
	Columbia	8	388		
	Tillamook	0	0		
Lower Willamette	Clackamas	14	73		SWCD
	Tualatin	41	247		Clean Water Services
	Yamhill	51	361	Yamhill	NFWF
	W. Multnomah	14	73		SWCD
	E. Multnomah	4	94		SWCD
	Polk	49	526	Polk	NFWF
	Marion	18	195		SWCD
Central Coast/Upper Willamette	Lincoln	8	173		
	East Lane	33	172		
	Siuslaw				
	Benton	26	556		
	Linn	27	339		
Southwest	Coos	27	232		
	Curry	22	617	Curry	
	Douglas	83	1,050	Douglas	
	Umpqua				
	Jackson	5	264		SWCD
	Josephine	*		Josephine	
	Illinois Valley				
Deschutes	Deschutes	0			
	Jefferson	11	439		
	Crook	13	459	Crook	
	Wasco	230	7,847	Wasco	BPA
	Sherman	87	4,899	Sherman	BPA
	Hood River	0			
High Desert	Klamath	37	1,614	Klamath	
	Lake	0			
	Ft. Rock-Silver Lake	23	1,314		
	Harney				
John Day/Umatilla	Gilliam	60	1,654	Gilliam	BPA
	Wheeler	25	661	Wheeler	BPA
	Umatilla	185	2,462	Umatilla	
	Grant	46	1,931		
	Morrow	70	1,361		
Snake	Baker Valley	34	1,996	Baker Valley	
	Burnt River				
	Eagle Valley				
	Keating				
	Wallowa	67	1,542		
	Union	64	1,482		
	Malheur	4	277		
		* Likely single contract			