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MEMORANDUM

TO: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

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**SUBJECT: Agenda Item F: OWEB Grant Award Recommendations
Region 6, Mid-Columbia
September 14-15, 2010 OWEB Board Meeting**

I. Introduction

This staff report describes the Mid-Columbia Regional Review Team recommendations and staff recommendations for funding.

II. Background and Summary

Applicants submitted 24 applications for a total request of about \$2.1 million. No Acquisition applications were submitted. The Mid-Columbia Regional Review Team (RRT) recommended 19 applications for funding. Staff recommend 19 applications for a total award of \$1,266,518: \$1,205,023 for Restoration and \$61,495 for Technical Assistance.

III. Regional Review Team

The Mid-Columbia RRT met in Condon on July 7 and 8, 2010, to review applications. The RRT reviewed all Restoration and Technical Assistance applications for technical merit and gave a “do fund” or “no fund” recommendation to each. The RRT recommended budget reductions and funding conditions for some of the applications, as described in the Region 6 Review Team Evaluations for April 19, 2010, Applications. The RRT then prioritized the applications recommended for funding.

IV. Staff Recommendations for Project Funding

A. Capital Applications

- *Restoration.* Staff recommend funding for all 17 of the applications recommended by the RRT. The RRT ranked applications 211-6011, Hermiston Irrigation District B4 Ditch Conversion, and 211-6005, Stanfield Irrigation District C-line, as priorities 16 and 17 out of 17. The RRT ranking was based on the quality of the information in the applications and the competitive nature of the other applications, which the RRT saw as providing more direct watershed benefits. However, staff believe it is important to

fund these applications, since they complete irrigation efficiency projects identified as priority work in local plans, and OWEB has previously funded prior phases of these projects.

B. Non-Capital Applications

- *Technical Assistance.* Staff recommend funding both of the applications recommended by the RRT.

Attachment A shows the applications, funding amounts, conditions (if any), and priority rankings recommended for funding to OWEB staff by the RRT. The table also indicates, by means of shaded entries, the OWEB staff recommendations to the Board. For some applications, the amount shown in the table is the staff or RRT funding recommendation rather than the amount requested in the application. The conditions shown in the table also may reflect staff or RRT funding conditions; staff conditions may differ from RRT-recommended conditions. Staff funding recommendations and funding conditions are contained in the Region 6 Review Team Evaluations for the April 19, 2010, Applications.

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

Region 6 - Mid Columbia
Technical Assistance Applications Recommended for Funding by the RRT
April 19, 2010 Grant Cycle

Staff Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray

Project #	Project Name	Total Amount	Priority
211-6008	Fish Passage & Stream Connectivity Restoration Project	50,000	1
211-6022	Butte Creek Landowner Recruitment [^]	11,495	2
Total Technical Assistance Applications Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT		\$61,495	
Total Technical Assistance Applications Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board		\$61,495	

[^]Fund with Conditions

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Restoration Applications Recommended for Funding by the RRT
April 19, 2010 Grant Cycle

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Project #	Project Name	Capital Funds	Non-Capital Funds	Total Amount	Priority
211-6016	Ramsey/Rock Creek Riparian	94,950		94,950	1
211-6015	Lower Kayser Fish Passage Improvements*	58,090		58,090	2
211-6013	Eight-Mile Creek Culvert Replacement	104,040		104,040	3
211-6012	Rudio Creek Ranch Habitat Restoration Project* [^] PE	300,000		300,000	4
211-6018	Twickenham Declining Habitat Restoration* [^]	24,970		24,970	5
211-6014	Rudio Creek Upland Watershed Restoration* [^]	40,584		40,584	6
211-6020	Richmond Upland Improvement Project [^]	29,700		29,700	7
211-6000	North Fork Ranch Irrigation Efficiency* [^]	60,000		60,000	8
211-6001	Sherman County Area Watersheds Upland Erosion Control	88,887		88,887	9
211-6003	Broken Spur Ranch Watershed Enhancement* [^]	30,603		30,603	10
211-6017	Bates Riparian Rehabilitation Project* [^] PE	119,108		119,108	11
211-6006	Hasenbank Ranch Watershed Improvements* PE	41,771		41,771	12
211-6002	Weinke Ranch Off-stream Water Developments*	17,026		17,026	13
211-6010	Upper Walla Walla River Irrigation Efficiency Project* [^]	73,038		73,038	14
211-6007	Francis Water Quality Enhancement Project** [^]	42,565		42,565	15
211-6011	Hermiston Irrigation District B4 Ditch Conversion Project [^]	33,602		33,602	16
211-6005	Stanfield Irrigation District C-line Project [^]	46,089		46,089	17
Total Restoration Applications Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT		\$1,205,023	\$0	\$1,205,023	
Total Restoration Applications Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board		\$992,703	\$0	\$1,205,023	

* Listed Amount Reflects Recommended Reduction **Listed Amount Reflects Recommended Increase [^]Fund with Conditions PE=Plant Establishment Award

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Restoration Applications NOT Recommended for Funding by the RRT
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Project #	Project Name	Total Amount Requested
211-6004	Hermiston Irrigation District LA Conversion Project	143,106
211-6009	Westland Irrigation District Conversion Project	261,254
211-6019	Mulvaney Upland Improvement Project	29,160
211-6021	Fruitvale Water Management Phase 2	75,372
211-6023	Lampson Levee Setback and Habitat Restoration	102,212