

COOS-COQUILLE Agricultural Water Quality Management Area

Biennial Review Report to the Board of Agriculture and ODA Director
Submitted by the Local Advisory Committee (LAC)



Meeting Date: November 10, 2022
LAC Members Present: Joan Mahaffy, JoAnn Mast, Sharon Waterman, Reg Pullen, Mike Mader, Marc Van Camp
Reporting Time Frame: Calendar years 2021-2022

PROGRESS MEASUREMENT

This was a Light Review; progress toward Measurable Objectives will be reported at the next Full Review.
Lower North Fork Coquille River Focus Area Measurable Objective: By 2030, increase tree/native shrubs to 60 percent of riparian area (402.58 acres). Expected progress by June 30, 2021: Increase acres of riparian trees/native shrub from 243.27 acres (36 percent) to 322 acres (48 percent) native shrub or tree. Reduce invasive shrub by 15 percent.

Activities (Coos SWCD, CREP, NRCS)	#	Discussion
Events That Actively Engage Landowners	2	Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) local work group meetings; stakeholder engagement limited by COVID-19 social distancing restrictions.
Landowners Participating in Active Events	50	
Landowners Provided Technical Assistance*	53	In-office discussions of potential water quality protection measures, operational needs.
Site Visits	53	On-site discussion of resource concerns including water quality and riparian function.
Conservation Plans Written	19	Including complete Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) packets and other Farm Bill planning support.
Funding Applications Submitted	22	Grant applications for projects in Lower Coquille SIA; North Bank Working Landscapes; Randolph Island; Noble Creek.
Funding Applications Awarded	10	This number is likely higher than stated.

* Number reported likely double-counts some landowners due to tracking methods.

LAC DISCUSSION

Summary of Progress

1. The Coos Soil and Water Conservation District, Coquille Watershed Association, Coos Watershed Association, and Ten Mile Lakes Basin Partnership are all strong organizations that are partnering on projects to improve agricultural water quality.
2. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, CREP, and NRCS staff play vital roles in the partnerships.
3. There have been significant improvements made in capacity and cooperation in the past several years.

Impediments

1. Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board should have specific funding for ag water quality improvement projects.
2. Projects that landowners are completing on their own are not captured in the plan.

Recommended Modifications and Adaptive Management

1. Continue building local partnerships to help leverage funds.
2. Develop and implement strategies for obtaining more information regarding self-initiated landowner projects.

ODA COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES (1/1/2021 through 8/31/2022)

Location	Cases		Site Visits	Agency Actions				
	New	Closed		Letter of Compliance		Pre-Enforcement Notification	Notice of Noncompliance	Civil Penalty
				Already in compliance	Brought into compliance			
Outside SIA	5	3	9	0	1	5	0	0
Within SIA	8	1	4	1	0	2	0	0