



UMATILLA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Annual Plan of Work 2006-2007

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Umatilla County SWCD Mission Statement: To conserve, protect, and develop soil, water, and other natural resources for the economic and environmental benefit of the residents of Umatilla County

Brief summary about the Annual Plan of Work

Management of all natural resources, including water, land, air and other resources are important for sound environmental stewardship. As part of this plan the District will conduct programming with the ultimate goal of following these “Values”.

- the proper administration of district funds
- quality customer service
- the capabilities and contributions of the Umatilla County SWCD staff
- the economic importance of agriculture and natural resources to our community
- the respect, trust, confidence and confidentiality of all property owners/operators
- a voluntary, common-sense approach to problem solving rather than a bureaucratic or regulatory approach
- the stewardship of soil and water
- the application of science and research
- communication with the public and within the office infrastructure
- managed use of natural resources

Promoting a healthy, sustainable natural resource based economy

- Protect and improve Umatilla County’s air, soil, wildlife, timber, and water resources in concert with agriculture, recreation and urban uses,
- Improve landowners management of natural resources ensuring both economic and resource sustainability,
- Increase adoption of integrated crop-livestock production systems to improve farm profitability and environmental quality,
- Increase the adoption of practices that reduce nitrate export from subsurface drainage,
- Increase the understanding of water quality issues and problems associated with poor stewardship practices,
- Identify site-specific strategies (grants) and facilitate the implementation of these strategies to improve air and soil quality and address concerns,
- Change the attitudes and practices of how landowners use and protect natural resources.

Managing the business of the District

- Administer programs of the District,
- Provide technical and information resources to the public and partners,

- Capacity building,
- Secure adequate, stable funding for District operations,
- Retain competent, reliable staff,
- Recognize outstanding contributions to resource conservation,
- Develop and maintain cooperative partnerships,
- Maintain organizational structure,
- Maintain accountability

Outputs for the Work Plan

Activities (what will be done?)

- Promote implementation of the Agriculture Water Quality Management Area Plans (AgWQMAP).
- Support the Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area Action Plan (LUBGWMA).
- Promote USDA Programs and participate in NRCS Contribution agreement.
- Promote information sharing.
- Provide technical assistance to watershed councils.
- Provide technical and fiscal services to partners.
- Support other SWCDS, including Tiicham.
- Maintain membership in OACD, SDAO, NACD and Columbia Blue Mountain RC&D.
- Participate in youth education activities, such as, Morrow/Umatilla ESD Watershed Field Days, Sunridge Outdoor School, Salmon Walk, and Educate the Educators.
- Cooperate with OSU and ARS.
- Seek grants to provide incentives to landowners promoting agricultural activities that protect and improve soil and water resources.
- Provide assistance to natural resource partners and stakeholders of Umatilla County.
- Provide an easy access to a variety of assistance to crop and livestock producers, private citizens and State agencies.
- Develop strategies and programs to increase community involvement in Board activities.
- Develop and execute education programs about local management plans.
- Produce, update or revise handbooks, newsletters, e-notes , web site and fact sheets as appropriate.
- Hold monthly board meetings, workshops, conduct farm/field visits, and participate in school educational events.
- Develop educational materials to promote the environmental benefits of USDA programs i.e.; CSP, CREP, and EQIP.
- Provide staff and director training to provide a healthy and secure work environment.
- Meet State requirements for audits, reports, budget and meetings.
- Administer programs and projects of the District.
- Seek grant opportunities that address the degradation of our natural resources including air, land and water.

Type(s) methods used to reach contacts

Direct Methods	Indirect Methods
Workshops	Web site
Board meetings	Newsletter, e-NOTES
Farm/field visits	Fact sheets
Partnerships	Annual Report
Annual meeting	Notices
Educational events	
Surveys	
Landowners	

Description of targeted contacts

- Property owners and operators
- Public and private conservation organizations
- Agricultural groups
- Public agencies
- Citizens

Output measures

Number of persons (contacts) to be reached through direct and indirect contact methods.

	Workshops Seminars	Board Meetings (12)	Farm/Field visits	Annual Meeting (1)	Education (4)	Web (hits)	Fact Sheets (2)	Newsletter e-NOTES (16)	Annual Report (1)	Surveys (3)
Direct Contact	150	14 monthly	60	150	1195	1009	2	150	50	2100
Indirect Contact	750	10,000	75	10,000			200	900	150	6200

Number of producers participating in programs directly focused on utilization of the Districts Incentive Programs.

OWEB 206-138 Forest Restoration	OWEB 203-092 Stream Crossing	OWEB 206- 136 Precision Ag	OWEB 206- 378 Weed Seeker	EPA Precision Ag	DEQ Precision Ag	Total acres addressed
10	2	9	40	10	5	12,800

Number of products from other funded projects.

Spring developments	Watering developments	Feet riparian fencing	Acres timber thinning	Annual monitoring reports	Final reports	Bridges installed
14	12		440	3	5	2

Surveys	Cross Fence	Pipeline	Status reviews NRCS	CRP folder development	EQIP Status Reviews NRCS	Recon's NRCS	Practices approved
3	15840	4800	51	152	19	15	80

External factors which may affect outcomes

- Weather conditions
- Grant funding
- Internal resources

Evaluation

- ODA Quarterly reports
- Six Month Financial review
- Monthly Staff reports to Directors
- Monthly DEQ reports
- OWEB reports
- EPA reports
- Annual Audit

Acronyms

• CAFO	Confined Animal Feeding Operation
• CREP	Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
• CRP	Conservation Reserve Program
• DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality (Oregon)
• District	Soil and Water Conservation District
• DSL	Department of State Lands (Oregon)
• EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentives Program
• ESA	Endangered Species Act (Federal)
• EWP	Emergency Watershed Protection Program
• FSA	Farm Service Agency (formerly ASCS)
• GIS	Geographic Information System
• LAC	Local Advisory Committee
• LMA	Local Management Agency (Oregon SB1010)
• NACD	National Association of Conservation Districts
• NRCS	Natural Resource Conservation Service (formerly SCS)
• OACD	Oregon Association of Conservation Districts
• OAR	Oregon Administrative Rule
• OCEAN	Oregon Conservation Employees Association Network
• ODA	Oregon Department of Agriculture
• ODF	Oregon Department of Forestry
• ORS	Oregon Revised Statute
• OSU	Oregon State University
• OWEB	Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
• RC and D	Resource Conservation and Development
• RD	Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration)
• SCS	Soil Conservation Service (currently NRCS)
• SDAO	Special Districts Association of Oregon
• SB1010	Agricultural Water Quality Management Act of 1993 (OR)
• SWCD	Soil and Water Conservation District
• USDA	United States Department of Agriculture