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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

**FROM:** Lauri Aunan, Grant Program Manager  
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**SUBJECT: Agenda Item H: OWEB Grant Award Recommendations  
Region 2, Southwest Oregon  
September 16-17, 2008 OWEB Board Meeting**

### I. Introduction

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

### II. Background and Summary

Applicants submitted 25 applications for a total request of \$2,448,955. The Regional Review Team (RRT) recommended, and staff concur and also recommend, 14 applications for approximately \$1.78 million: \$1,575,220 for Restoration; \$56,437 for Assessment; and \$144,062 for Technical Assistance.

### III. Regional Review Team Recommendations

The Southwest Oregon Regional Review Team met in Roseburg on June 17, 2008, to review the applications received in this grant cycle. All applications were reviewed for technical 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 increases in funding for Restoration applications 209-2005 and 209-2017. The RRT also recommended reductions in funding for two Restoration applications, one Assessment application and one Technical Assistance application. Several of these budget change recommendations were minor to moderate in amount, including the increase to 209-2017, but some were significant. The RRT also recommended significant conditions for some of the applications. The significant budget changes and conditions are summarized below.

- Application 208-2005 proposes to complete the Farmers’ Dam Removal begun with an OWEB grant in 1999. The completion will increase and protect instream flow by about 6 cubic feet per second (cfs) and remove a diversion dam that is the lowest human-made fish passage barrier on the Little Applegate River. The RRT recommended adding funds to support a contract officer and provide the full 10 percent for fiscal administration due to the complex water rights and landowner agreements involved with this application. The budget change increased the recommended award from \$301,400 to \$334,840.

- Application 208-2010 proposes funding the third phase of restoration in the Bottom Creek watershed, a tributary to Williams River, a fork of the Coos River. Phase III will restore instream complexity by placing large wood. The application requests more than \$26,000 in effectiveness monitoring funding. The RRT recommended funding only for road surveys and aquatic habitat surveys, and did not support juvenile and adult salmonid surveys because of the lack of enough baseline information to allow snorkel surveys to provide meaningful information. The RRT recommended, and staff concur, reducing the recommended award by \$17,630 from \$220,783 to \$203,153.
- Application 208-2013 proposes to restore a riparian buffer along 2.25 miles of the Millicoma River, a large tidally influenced river in the Coos watershed. The application requests more than \$13,000 for effectiveness monitoring for five years to measure shade produced by the riparian plantings. The RRT had several questions about whether this monitoring would provide significant information in this period of time; the project is located on tidally influenced waters and it will take many years for shade benefits to be realized. Staff concur with the RRT recommendation to eliminate the effectiveness monitoring components, reducing the award from \$198,994 to \$183,025.

#### **IV. Staff Recommendations**

##### **A. Capital Applications**

- *Restoration.* Region 2 received 13 Restoration applications and no Acquisition applications. The RRT and OWEB staff recommend funding eight Restoration applications for a total of \$1,575,220.

##### **B. Non-Capital Applications**

- *Technical Assistance.* Staff recommend funding all five of the Technical Assistance applications recommended by the RRT.
- *Assessment.* Staff recommend funding the one RRT-recommended Assessment application.

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.

Attachment B shows those applications not recommended for funding at this time by the RRT or 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 2 - Southwest Oregon**  
**Assessment Projects Recommended for Funding by the RRT**  
**April 21, 2008 Grant Cycle**

Staff Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray			
<b>Project #</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>Priority</b>
209-2012	Isthmus Slough Assessment*	56,437	1
<b>Total Assessment Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT</b>		<b>\$56,437</b>	
<b>Total Assessment Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board</b>		<b>\$56,437</b>	

\*Listed Amount Reflects Recommended Reduction

**Region 2 - Southwest Oregon**  
**Technical Assistance Projects Recommended for Funding by the RRT**  
**April 21, 2008 Grant Cycle**

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<b>Project #</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>Priority</b>
209-2019	Lower Umpqua River Restoration Program Development	47,348	1
209-2018	Curry Road Inventory & Sediment Plan Development*	38,802	2
209-2011	East Fork Millicoma River Oxbow Reconnection	31,639	3
209-2006	Beaver Creek Sediment Source Assessment & Design	11,263	4
209-2023	Billy Creek Restoration Design	15,010	5
<b>Total Technical Assistance Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT</b>		<b>\$144,062</b>	
<b>Total Technical Assistance Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board</b>		<b>\$144,062</b>	

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**Region 2 - Southwest Oregon**  
**Restoration Projects Recommended for Funding by the RRT**  
**April 21, 2008 Grant Cycle**

Staff Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray

<b>Project #</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Capital Funds</b>	<b>Non-Capital Funds</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>Priority</b>
209-2021	Wolf Creek Basin Restoration^	366,244	660	366,904	1
209-2020	Lutsinger Creek Enhancement	191,941	330	192,271	2
209-2005	Farmers' Dam Removal, Fish Passage Enhancement**/^	334,840	0	334,840	3
209-2022	Lower North Umpqua Oak Creek Restoration	34,011	168	34,179	4
209-2017	Walker Ranch Water Quality Restoration**	75,597	0	75,597	5
209-2010	Bottom Creek Large Wood Placement*	203,153	0	203,153	6
209-2008	Coquille NF/Bear Cr Riparian*	184,651	600	185,251	7
209-2013	Millicoma Pastures Riparian Restoration*	183,025	0	183,025	8
<b>Total Restoration Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by RRT</b>		<b>\$1,573,462</b>	<b>\$1,758</b>	<b>\$1,575,220</b>	
<b>Total Restoration Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to Board</b>		<b>\$1,573,462</b>	<b>\$1,758</b>	<b>\$1,575,220</b>	

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

**Region 2 - Southwest Oregon**  
**Assessment Projects NOT Recommended for Funding by the RRT**  
**April 21, 2008 Grant Cycle**

Attachment B

<b>Project #</b>	<b>Project name</b>	<b>Total Amount Requested</b>
209-2009	Williams Creek 10 year Assessment and Action Plan Revision	14,850
209-2024	Elk Creek Watershed Assessment and Action Plan	96,800

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**Technical Assistance Projects NOT Recommended for Funding by the RRT**  
**April 21, 2008 Grant Cycle**

<b>Project #</b>	<b>Project name</b>	<b>Total Amount Requested</b>
209-2000	Jumpoff Joe "Ellison Watson Reach" Technical Design	6,792
209-2001	Landowner Recruitment for Middle Rogue WSC Restoration Projects	49,792
209-2004	Kelley Creek Project	23,095
209-2016	Quartz Creek Fish Restoration Pilot Project	11,865

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**Restoration Projects NOT Recommended for Funding by the RRT**  
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<b>Project #</b>	<b>Project name</b>	<b>Total Amount Requested</b>
209-2002	WCWC/BLM Joint Bill Creek Restoration	37,405
209-2003	Tucker Ditch Push-Up Removal	34,179
209-2007	Upper Little Applegate Restoration - Phase II	32,517
209-2014	Williams River Quarry Fish Passage Improvement	56,806
209-2015	Oxbow Ranch Habitat Enhancement Project	302,135