

August 26, 2005

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

**FROM:** Roger Wood, Grant Program Manager

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item K: OWEB Grant Award Recommendations  
Region 5, Eastern Oregon  
September 13-14, 2005 OWEB Board Meeting**

### **I. Background**

Forty-one restoration applications were received from the Eastern Oregon region seeking a total of \$4,941,300. The Eastern Oregon Regional Review Team met in Burns on July 11 and 12, 2005, to review the applications received in this grant cycle. All applications were reviewed for technical merit and a fund/no fund recommendation was made by the Team. The Review Team then prioritized the applications recommended for funding.

### **II. Regional Review Team Recommendations**

The Eastern Oregon Regional Review Team recommended 29 restoration projects totaling \$2,774,615 for funding. Three of the projects were recommended for funding at a lesser amount than requested by the applicants. Special conditions were suggested for eight of the projects recommended for funding.

### **III. Staff Recommendations for Project Funding**

Attachment A shows the proposals, funding amounts, conditions (if any), and priority rankings recommended as “do fund” to OWEB staff by the Review Team. The table also indicates, by means of shaded entries, the OWEB staff “do fund” recommendations to the Board. For some “do fund” projects, the amount shown in the table is the staff funding recommendation rather than the Review Team’s recommendation. The shaded items total \$2,774,615 of which \$2,770,716 is *capital* funds and \$3,899 is *non-capital* funds.

Attachment B shows those applications not recommended for funding at this time by either the Review Team or by OWEB staff.

### **Powder River Water Quality Enhancement – Final Phase (z206-134)**

This is the final phase of an extensive project that has been the top priority for this Regional Review Team the past two grant cycles. While it ranked fourth out of 29 projects this time, the RRT continues to be very enthusiastic about it, as does OWEB staff. The project has grown in size since the original proposal was submitted. That original proposal, for almost \$850,000, could not be implemented within a single grant cycle, or year for that matter, and so was split into funding phases. Subsequent dramatic increases in pipe costs (due to increased oil prices) significantly increased project costs, but efforts to enhance efficiency have resulted in total

Board-approved funding for the project to date of \$656,283. Meanwhile, the local reception for the project was so enthusiastic that a number of additional landowners agreed to participate, and the extent of the project was expanded to cover 14 miles (instead of the original 9 miles) of the Powder River. Should the Board approve the staff recommendation to fund the latest phase, OWEB's total award of funds for this project will be \$1,669,872. At approximately \$119,277 per mile, this grant is a bargain as it has enabled beneficial "re-plumbing" of the irrigation system of much of the basin which, in turn, is allowing a myriad of in-stream and riparian treatments that will restore very significant biological capacity and quality to most of the privately owned portion of the central Powder River.

Attachments

- A. Projects Recommended for Funding
- B. Projects Not Recommended for Funding

# ATTACHMENT A

## Region 5 – Eastern Oregon Restoration Projects Recommended for Funding by the Review Team April 25, 2005 Grant Cycle

Staff Funding Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray

Project #	Project Name	Non-Capital Funds	Capital Funds	Total Amount	Priority
z206-152	Sumpter Municipal Water Diversion & Fish Habitat Restoration	0	55,595	55,595	1
z206-156	Cucamonga/Kiger Juniper Management Phase II**	0	89,300	89,300	2
z206-144	City of Fossil Culvert Replacement	0	43,885	43,885	3
z206-134	Powder River Water Quality Enhancement –Phase IIb-End	500	1,013,089	1,013,589	4
z206-140	Upper John Day River Watershed Restoration	0	79,282	79,282	5
z206-127	Morrow County OHV Park Watershed Improvements Phase II	0	54,150	54,150	6
z206-141	Granite Cr Stockwater & Riparian Improvements	0	60,232	60,232	7
z206-145	Alder Cr Culvert Replacement	0	31,900	31,900	8
z206-139	Upper Rhea Cr Diversion & Culvert Replacements	0	50,667	50,667	9
z206-143	Little Willow Cr Elimination of Irrigation Return Flow	0	39,553	39,553	10
z206-157	Ruby Springs Vegetation Management-Steens Mountain*	399	51,562	51,961	11
z206-128	Powell-Pleasantview Piping	0	109,650	109,650	12
z206-161	Rose Cr Juniper Control Phase Two	0	28,177	28,177	13
z206-138	Umatilla County Forest Restoration & Fuels Reduction	0	89,840	89,840	14
z206-125	Fish Passage Improvements, North Fork Malheur River**	0	60,000	60,000	15
z206-150	Grande Ronde Healthy Forest 2005	0	146,350	146,350	16
z206-160	Wheaton Cr Juniper Control**	0	36,523	36,523	17
z206-151	Butte Cr Watershed Juniper Abatement Project**	0	78,887	78,887	18
z206-142	Rowe Cr Range Management**	0	34,795	34,795	19
z206-155	Otis Mountain Brush Management & Range Restoration	0	27,561	27,561	20
z206-154	Crane/Drewsey Attack on Medusahead	0	19,200	19,200	21
z206-164	Nelson Cr Uplands Management*/**	0	68,375	68,375	22
z206-162	Shoestring Canal Water Quality Improvement Phase 1**	0	69,983	69,983	23
z206-131	Moore Push up Dam Removal	0	40,835	40,835	24
z206-129	Morrow County Weed Seeker Incentive	600	93,750	94,350	25
z206-148	HY-LINE Canal Piping-Walla Walla River Conservation	0	84,600	84,600	26
z206-146	Lower Twickenham Irrigation	0	21,810	21,810	27
z206-159	Willow Cr Re-Channelization**	0	145,868	145,868	28
z206-136	Precision Agriculture in the Lower Umatilla Basin*	2,400	45,297	47,697	29
<b>Total Restoration Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by the RRT</b>		<b>\$3,899</b>	<b>\$2,770,716</b>	<b>\$2,774,615</b>	
<b>Total Restoration Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to the Board</b>		<b>\$3,899</b>	<b>\$2,770,716</b>	<b>\$2,774,615</b>	

\*Listed Amount Reflects Recommended Reduction

\*\*Fund with Conditions

**Region 5 – Eastern Oregon**  
**Restoration Projects Not Recommended for Funding by the Review Team and OWEB Staff**  
**April 25, 2005 Grant Cycle**

<b>Project #</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
z206-124	Grande Ronde River Restoration	816,080
z206-126	Wallowa Canyonlands Weed Partnership	68,450
z206-130	Dry Gulch Off-Stream Watering & Water Quality Improvement	132,200
z206-132	Baker Valley Early Intervention Juniper Control	67,700
z206-133	Fisher Wildlife Habitat Enhancement	64,100
z206-135	Willow Farms Irrigation Improvement	162,176
z206-137	Installing AgriMet in Southern Umatilla County	44,214
z206-147	Cottonwood Cr Restoration	44,478
z206-149	Westland Alluvial Recharge/Flow Enhancement	258,200
z206-153	Big Cr Ditch Erosion Reduction	154,900
z206-158	Bully Cr Stream Bank Stabilization	29,961
z206-163	Snake River Irrigation Erosion Control	317,858