



# Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

## Investments in Hood River County

### OWEB MISSION

*"To create and maintain healthy watersheds and natural habitats that support thriving communities and strong economies."*

### WHAT OWEB DOES

- Provides grants in local communities to preserve water quality and improve fish and wildlife populations.
- Monitors and manages information, and reports on implementation of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds.

### OWEB FUNDS COOPERATIVE CONSERVATION

- OWEB-funded projects are voluntary and incentive-based.
- OWEB builds local partnerships and empowers communities to develop solutions.

*Partners include:*

- Private agricultural and forest landowners
- Urban, rural, and industrial landowners
- Tribes
- Watershed councils
- Soil and water conservation districts
- Cities and counties
- Business and industry
- Conservation groups
- Public interest groups
- State and federal natural resource agencies

### OWEB BOARD

- OWEB is led by a 17-member policy oversight and decision-making board.
- Members represent the public-at-large, tribes, state natural resource agency boards and commissions, OSU Extension, and federal natural resource agencies.

### OWEB STAFF

- OWEB has 24 Salem and five field staff positions who handle the agency's grant management, monitoring and reporting programs, policy development, and fiscal control responsibilities.

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### Local Economies and Communities Benefit

- **Each dollar** OWEB grants for watershed council support generates an additional **five dollars** for watershed projects in the local community.
- **Eighty percent** of OWEB grant funds are spent in the county in which a grant is awarded, supporting **local** businesses through contracting and the purchase of supplies and equipment, and supporting family incomes.
- Watershed enhancement projects **support jobs** locally and increase the **long-term sustainability** of the local economy.

### OWEB Funding Sources

- Constitutionally dedicated Ballot Measure 66 State Lottery revenues
- Congressionally appropriated Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund
- Salmon License Plate proceeds

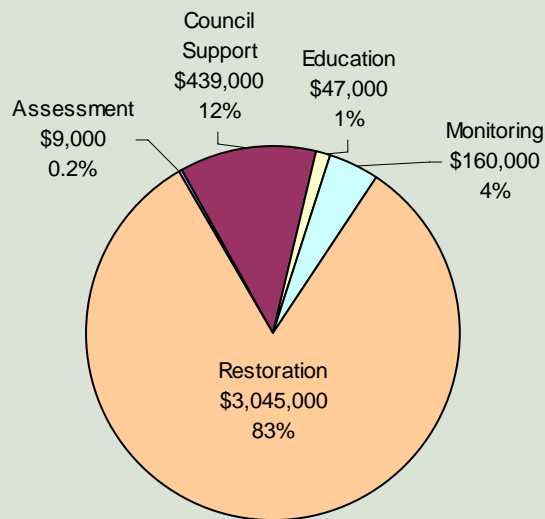
### OWEB Competitive Grant Awards

From 1999 through 2007, OWEB awarded nearly \$176.6 million in competitive grants for watershed enhancement projects statewide.

Since 1999, OWEB has awarded \$3.7 million to grants in Hood River County.

The largest portion of the dollars awarded in Hood River County went to on-the-ground restoration (83%), including projects to improve fish passage, irrigation efficiency, riparian and upland conditions, stream habitat, and water quality.

### Hood River County Competitive Grant Awards by Project Type



Total = \$3.7 million (1999-2007)

### Other OWEB Statewide Programs

**Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).** Since 1999, OWEB has provided more than \$6 million as state match funding for Oregon CREP projects. CREP provides funding to agricultural landowners to establish riparian vegetation along streams.

#### Questions? Please contact...

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