
UMATILLA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

LONG RANGE PLAN 2003-2008

APPROVED MARCH 13, 2002

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

GOAL 1 - SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE ECONOMY

- A. IMPROVE SOIL HEALTH
 - 1. PROMOTE LONGER / INTENSIFIED CROP ROTATIONS
 - 2. SUPPORT DIRECT SEEDING PRACTICES WITH INCENTIVE PAYMENTS AND RESEARCH
 - A. SEEK FUNDING
 - B. PROMOTE LONG TERM RESEARCH
 - C. SUPPORT CARBON SEQUESTRATION OPPORTUNITIES
- B. REDUCE SOIL EROSION
 - 1. ENCOURAGE CONTINUED COMPLIANCE WITH CONSERVATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
 - A. AG WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA PLANS
 - B. FARM BILL
 - C. SUPPORT AND SEEK IMPROVEMENT IN CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAMS
 - 2. PROMOTE CONSERVATION FARMING SYSTEMS
 - A. CONTINUE DIRECT SEED DEMONSTRATION COST SHARE PROJECT AND PROMOTE ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF DIRECT SEED SYSTEM
 - B. PROMOTE ALTERNATIVE CROPS AND ROTATIONS
 - C. HOLD ANNUAL OR MONTHLY GROWERS WORKSHOP OR MEETINGS
 - D. PROVIDE PUBLIC INFORMATION
 - 3. PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM (EQIP)
 - A. PROMOTE GEOGRAPHIC PRIORITY AREAS -MISSION CREEK, BUTTER CREEK, SOUTH RESERVATION, TUTUILLA, PATAWA, REZ TRIBUTARIES, BUCKAROO CREEK AND GEORGE CANYON
 - B. UTILIZE RESOURCE CONCERN AREAS - MID COLUMBIA, SALMON HABITAT, WATERSHED HEALTH
 - 3. ENCOURAGE AND EVALUATE PRIORITY AREAS
 - A. DEVELOP GREASEWOOD AND WILDHORSE PROJECTS
 - B. EVALUATE LITTLE GREASEWOOD PROJECT
- C. IMPROVE IRRIGATION SYSTEM EFFICIENCY
 - 1. ASSIST WALLA WALLA BASIN IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
 - 2. ENCOURAGE BMP'S FOR IRRIGATION EFFICIENCY
- D. MINIMIZE FLOOD DAMAGE TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS
 - 1. ASSIST LANDOWNERS WITH STREAM BANK STABILIZATION PROJECTS
 - 2. ENCOURAGE LESS INTRUSIVE PRACTICES SUCH AS:
 - A. FENCING AND USE EXCLUSION
 - B. RIPARIAN PLANTINGS
 - 3. REVIEW FILL / REMOVAL APPLICATIONS
 - A. PARTICIPATE IN ALTERNATE PERMIT REVIEW PROCESS
 - B. PARTICIPATE IN COMPLIANCE REVIEW OF PERMITTED PROJECTS

- E. IMPROVE RANGE AND FOREST HEALTH
 - 1. PROMOTE WEED CONTROL AND RANGE RESEEDING
 - A. DISCUSS CRP MAINTENANCE FUNDS WITH FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE
 - B. SUPPORT COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF WEED CONTROL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS
 - 2. PROMOTE GRAZING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
 - A. ENCOURAGE WATER DEVELOPMENTS, ETC.
 - B. INVESTIGATE HERDING AS A PRACTICE
- F. IMPROVE FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT
 - 1. SUPPORT LOCAL HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
 - 2. MAINTAIN EXISTING PARTNERSHIP WITH OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

GOAL 2-IMPROVE WATER QUALITY AND WATER QUANTITY

- A. REDUCE SURFACE WATER POLLUTION
 - 1. IMPLEMENT THE UMATILLA, WALLA WALLA AND NORTH FORK JOHN DAY AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA PLAN
 - A. PROVIDE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH
 - B. ASSIST ODA WITH COMPLIANCE INVESTIGATION
 - 2. ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF INDIVIDUAL WATER QUALITY FARM PLANS
 - A. PROVIDE DISTRICT PLANNER
 - B. SEEK FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION
 - 3. SUPPORT CURRENT AND FUTURE ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION (AFO) AND CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS (CAFO) REGULATIONS
 - A. ASSIST WITH EDUCATION AND OUTREACH
 - B. ASSIST WITH PROJECT PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION
 - 4. SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD PLANS
 - 5. PROMOTE CONTINUOUS CRP AND CREP
- B. REDUCE GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION
 - 1. COORDINATE IMPLEMENTATION OF LOWER UMATILLA BASIN (LUB) GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN
 - A. CONDUCT SURVEY
 - B. CONDUCT EDUCATIONAL ACTION ITEMS
 - 2. REVIEW PROGRESS OF LUB ACTION PLAN

GOAL 3- IMPROVED AIR QUALITY

- A. SEEK REDUCTION OF FIELD BURNING
 - 1. SUPPORT COUNTY SMOKE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS
 - 2. SUPPORT EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOR ALTERNATIVES TO FIELD BURNING
- B. PROMOTE REDUCTION OF WIND EROSION
 - 1. ENCOURAGE USE OF BMP'S
 - 2. SUPPORT CRP PRIORITY AREAS

GOAL 4- EFFECTIVE SWCD PROGRAMS

- A. SECURE ADEQUATE, STABLE FUNDING FOR DISTRICT OPERATION
 - 1. SECURE AND MAINTAIN FUNDING SOURCES FOR ADMINISTRATION AND PROJECTS
 - A. ODA ADMINISTRATIVE GRANTS
 - B. UMATILLA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION FUNDS
 - C. ODA/LMA FUNDS
 - D. DEQ 319 FUNDS
 - E. EPA GRANTS
 - F. OWEB GRANTS
 - 2. EXPAND FUNDING NETWORKING
 - A. BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION
 - B. FOUNDATIONS
- B. RETAIN COMPETENT, RELIABLE STAFF
 - 1. CURRENT STAFF
 - A. DISTRICT MANAGER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES
 - B. PROGRAM MANAGER FOR TECHNICAL AND SUPERVISORY DUTIES
 - C. DISTRICT PLANNER FOR PLANNING ACTIVITIES, ETC
 - 2. PROVIDE PROPER BOARD DIRECTION TO EMPLOYEES
 - 3. PROVIDE TRAINING WHERE AND WHEN NEEDED
 - 4. SECURE CONTRACT SERVICES AS NEEDED
- C. RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO RESOURCE CONSERVATION
- D. DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIPS
 - 1. STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES
 - 2. WATERSHED COUNCILS
 - 3. COLUMBIA BLUE MOUNTAIN RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT (RC&D)
 - 4. COMMODITY ORGANIZATIONS
 - 5. CLUBS AND SPECIAL INTEREST ORGANIZATIONS
 - 6. EDUCATION SYSTEMS
 - 7. TRIBAL ENTITIES
 - 8. USE COORDINATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANNING (CRMP) PROCESS WHERE APPLICABLE FOR SOLVING PROBLEMS.
- E. MAINTAIN ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE
 - 1. OFFICER DUTIES
 - A. CHAIRMAN
 - B. VICE-CHAIRMAN
 - C. SECRETARY-TREASURER
 - 2. BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES
 - 3. COMMITTEES
- F. ACCOUNTABILITY
 - 1. COMPLETE ALL REQUIRED GRANT REPORTS, ANNUAL REPORTS, AND AUDITS ON TIME
 - 2. COMPLETE WORK PLANS FOR ALL PROJECTS
 - 3. CONDUCT ALL MEETING IN PROPER MANNER
 - A. MAINTAIN MINUTES AND RECORDS
 - B. PUBLISH MEETING NOTICES