



FY2023 (7/1/22 – 6/30/23)

Annual Work Plan Eastern Klickitat Conservation District

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Mission of the Eastern Klickitat Conservation District

As supervisors and staff, more importantly as neighbors, we, feel that it is our obligation to our rural community, our way of life, and future generations to: take available technical, financial and educational resources (whatever their source) to aid, support, focus and help coordinate them so that, all available resources can be presented to land/ property managers.

Sustainable agriculture requires smart stewardship of the lands we manage. The EKCD's duty is to assist our community members with their soil health, water, cropping, range, and timber lands challenges.

Natural Resource Priorities:

- Enhance natural resources through the planning and application of an economically and environmentally sound conservation approach.
- Offer opportunities for landowners to sell development rights to protect farmland and keep farms operating in the traditional and natural manner while protecting habitat and wildlife. Work with Office of Farmland Preservation for funding and prioritization.
- Support the local community interests in management of publicly owned forest and range land.
- Utilize a commonsense management approach with emphasis on maintaining and improving water quality conditions within the District Boundaries.
- Maintain leadership in watershed planning, salmon recovery processes, and future watershed actions including habitat enhancement, water quality improvement and water quantity conservation.
 - Maintain an active role in WRIA 31 management, planning and implementation
- Offer and facilitate programs to involve cooperators in adopting conservation practices
- Be engaged in local and state political processes to represent local values and support programs to assist landowners.

Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Farmland Preservation

Goal(s): Protect high-quality agricultural land, wildlife habitat, and riparian areas from development for uses that will diminish their current availability for food and fiber production, or their habitat and water quality functions. Actively work with SCC to develop OFP programs that meet CD needs across the state.

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective:

Complete the Lazy Cross agricultural easement. Complete or apply for another easement landowners volunteer to accept to pursue an agricultural easement.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:

Finalize easement acquisitions on projects in process if landowners want to continue; provide four additional landowners with information on agricultural easements.

Funding Source(s): WSCC Implementation; Office of Farmland Preservation

Activities for FY2023	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Work with SCC OFP coordinator and interested landowners to develop a description of easement opportunities in EKCD and package them together for presentation to state-level funding decision makers. Develop a rubric to rank and select projects to seek funding for.	June 2022	Loren Meagher	8 Days	\$6,000
Work with SCC to encourage and facilitate successful implementation of 2 conservation easements IF terms of easements area acceptable to landowners. Collect baseline documentation and produce report.	June 2022	Loren Meagher	20 Days	\$15,000

Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Habitat, Water Quality and Water Quantity

Goal(s): Maintain or improve water quality conditions in the district; continue progress toward improving water quality and quantity throughout EKCD. Provide technical assistance to support irrigation efficiencies.

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective:

Protect and/or restore riparian areas and reduce surface water contamination by designing and permitting off-channel livestock watering sources. Improve habitat for native salmonids in Rock Creek by designing, permitting, and implementing instream habitat and riparian improvement projects. Develop a landowner equipment loan program and deploy soil moisture monitoring

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:

Provide cost share for two water quality livestock BMPs; provide technical assistance to 3 landowners. Identify and develop 2 projects for future funding. Conduct an alternatives analysis for the fish passage barrier at the mouth of Pine Creek.

Funding Source(s): WSCC Implementation, EKCD Rates and Charges, RCO SRFB, , SCC Irrigation Efficiencies Program

Activities for FY2023	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Continue the water quality monitoring program including all select sites Download data monthly on 2 permanent gauging stations on Rock Creek.	On-going	Jayde	60	\$15,000
Maintain presence on WRIA 31, SRFB TAG, and other water quality related committees	On-going	Loren Meagher	5 Days	\$4,000

Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Rangeland, Farm, Forest, & Habitat Management

Goal(s): Improve forest and rangeland health and protect natural resource values and functions through sound management practices.

Manage land in the Simcoe Mountains to demonstrate conservation stewardship and working lands management that results in natural resource conservation and productive working lands.

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective:

Develop management plans for working lands owned by EKCD. Pursue funding opportunities for private landowner conservation projects as they become available

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:

- Conduct outreach to inform residents of available technical and financial assistance as information about new programs becomes available.
- Develop and implement a working lands management plan in the Simcoes.
- Coordinate with DNR’s new program to bring funding for implementation of forest health projects.
- Continue to work on solution for partnership between CKCD-WDFW-EKCD to participate in management of WDFW owned lands.
- Partner with SCC to provide wildfire recovery support as funding allows.

Funding Source(s): SCC Implementation, EKCD Rates and Charges, Direct appropriation for Simcoe Acquisition

Activities for FY2023	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Assist WSCC regional managers in securing funding for project implementation and Identify and prioritize wildfire protection projects throughout Klickitat County as funding and time allows	On-going	Loren Meagher	8 Days	\$5,000
Work with WDFW to identify functional partnership process to facilitate long term management of forest and range lands under a working lands conservation strategy that incorporates the input from EKCD. End partnership if DFW will not share management responsibilities.	Summer 2022	All staff	30 Days	\$12,000
Complete management plan for long term management of forest and range lands under a working lands conservation strategy.	Summer 2023	All staff	102 Days	\$42,000

District Program Area: Education and Outreach

Goal(s): Make more people aware of natural resource issues within the District. Increase public awareness of the District and its programs, especially ACEs, water quality and the importance of riparian areas, and forest management practices to reduce fire danger and improve water quality.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:

Complete re-branding of CD and new CD website. Publish the Klickitat Conservation Newsletter; Annual Meeting in February; hold annual plant sale.

Funding Sources: WSCC Implementation, EKCD Rates and Charges

Activities for FY2023	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Publish and mail annual newsletter	On-going	Loren Meagher Kirsten Schilling	4 Days	\$2,500
Conduct annual tree sale	March 2023	Kirsten Schilling	8 Days	\$1,900
Create new website (including web hosting and domain fees)	September 2022	All staff, consultant	6 Days	\$5,000
Maintain relationship with county commissioners and provide updates as needed.	On-going	Loren Meagher	4 Days	\$2,000

District Program Area: District Operations

Goal(s): Develop and maintain effective and efficient office operations, including accounting, and grant vouchering, supervisor elections and appointments, monthly meetings, training and development, annual planning and reporting. Maintain WSCC “District in Good Standing” designation. Continue to evaluate opportunities to obtain CD owned property and office space to support operations.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:

Conduct monthly board meetings. Timely completion and submission of the Annual Financial Report and Schedule 22 to State Auditor; Annual Plan of Work to WSCC; monthly WSCC grant vouchers; and grant reporting. Update and develop good governance policy for board. Review and update MOU’s and Interlocal Agreements. Update MOU with CKCD.

Funding Source(s): WSCC Implementation, EKCD Rates and Charges, RCO SRFB grant

Activities for FY2023	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Do all reporting, planning and other office operational procedures as required for all grants and funding sources.	As Required	Kirsten Schilling	37 Days	\$10,300
Plan and hold EKCD Annual Meeting (providing as many pesticide credits as possible)	February 2022	Loren Meagher Kirsten Schilling	6 Days	\$2,000
Hold timely and efficient supervisor election in a manner that will include the maximum number of voters in a cost effective way.	February 2022	Kirsten Schilling	3 Days	\$600
Maintain regular communication with WSCC Regional Manager and WACD Area Directors	On-going	Loren Meagher	4 Days	\$3,000



FY2023 Annual Budget EASTERN KLICKITAT Conservation District

Income		Expenses	
Implementation/Basic Allocation	\$117,823	Wages & Benefits	\$185,000
WSCC WWRP OFP Funds	\$10,000	Professional Services	\$95,000
Simcoe Acquisition	\$2,000	Comm. & Advertising	\$8,000
Pine Creek Fish Passage	\$80,000	Travel	\$8,000
Rock Creek Enhancement Project SRI	\$62,500	Supplies, Tools & Equip.	\$5,000
Walaluks Creek Habitat Project SRF	\$30,000	Insurance	\$4,000
SCC Irrigation Efficiencies	\$3,000	Training, Dues, Licenses	\$8,000
NRI	\$125,000	Projects and Cost Share payments	\$150,000
WSCC PE Grant	\$50,000		
Total	\$480,323	Total	\$463,000