



**FY2021 (7/1/20 – 6/30/21)**

## **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.

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### **Natural Resource Priorities:**

- Support the local community interests in management of publicly owned forest and range land.
- 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.
- Enhance natural resources through the planning and application of an economically and environmentally sound conservation approach.
- 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 efforts.
  - Continue active role in Rock Creek TMDL process and WRIA 31 Management Plans as county and state entities address these topics
- 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.

**Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective:**

Protect 6000 acres of vulnerable farmland from the threat of residential development

**Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:**

Finalize easement contracts on projects already in process; provide four additional landowners with information on the ACE process; attend two watershed or other relevant meetings

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

<b>Activities for FY2020</b>	<b>Target Dates</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Time(Days) Required</b>	<b>Estimated Funding</b>
Work with new 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 2021	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 2021	Loren Meagher	20 Days	\$15,000

**Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Water Quality**

**Goal(s):** Maintain or improve water quality conditions in the district, with emphasis on WRIA 31 streams; continue progress toward improving water quality in the Rock Creek watershed.

**Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective:**

Protect and/or restore riparian areas and reduce surface water contamination by developing off-channel livestock watering sources. Improve habitat for native salmonids in Rock Creek by reducing non-native, invasive, aquatic vegetation.

**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.

**Funding Source(s):** WSCC Implementation, EKCD Rates and Charges, RCO SRFB, Klickitat County

<b>Activities for FY2020</b>	<b>Target Dates</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Time(Days) Required</b>	<b>Estimated Funding</b>
Continue the water quality monitoring program including all select sites Download data monthly on 2 permanent gauging stations on Rock Creek.	On-going	Angel Robinson	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, Forest, & Habitat Management and Wildfire Prevention**

**Goal(s):** Improve forest and rangeland health and protect natural resource values and functions.

**Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective:**

Provide technical and financial assistance to implement BMPs that reduce the risk of wildfire.

**Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:**

Conduct outreach to inform residents of available technical and financial assistance.

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

<b>Activities for FY2020</b>	<b>Target Dates</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Time(Days) Required</b>	<b>Estimated Funding</b>
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 Angel Robinson	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 landowners through EKCD.	Fall/Winter 2020-2021	All staff	30 Days	\$12,000
Complete and acquisition from Western Pacific Timber to obtain property for long term management of forest and range lands under a working lands conservation strategy.	Fall 2020	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:**

Publish the Klickitat Conservation Newsletter; Annual Meeting in February; annual plant sale.

**Funding Sources:** WSCC Implementation, EKCD Rates and Charges

<b>Activities for FY2020</b>	<b>Target Dates</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Time (Days) Required</b>	<b>Estimated Funding</b>
Publish and mail semiannual newsletter	On-going	Angel Robinson Loren Meagher	4 Days	\$2,000
Conduct annual tree sale	March 2021	Angel Robinson Admin	8 Days	\$1,900
Create new website (including web hosting and domain fees)	February 2021	All staff, consultant	6 Days	\$5,000
Visit County Commissioners at least quarterly	June, Sept, Dec 2020 March 2021	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.

**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.

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

<b>Activities for FY2020</b>	<b>Target Dates</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Time(Days) Required</b>	<b>Estimated Funding</b>
Do all reporting, planning and other office operational procedures as required for all grants and funding sources.	As Required	All staff	37 Days	\$10,300
Plan and hold EKCD Annual Meeting (providing as many pesticide credits as possible)	February 2021	Loren Meagher Admin Katie Rawson	6 Days	\$1,900
Hold timely and efficient supervisor election in a manner that will include the maximum number of voters in a cost effective way.	February 2021	Angel Robinson Admin	3 Days	\$600
Maintain regular communication with WSCC Regional Manager and WACD Area Directors	On-going	Loren Meagher	4 Days	\$3,000



## FY2020 Annual Budget EASTERN KLICKITAT Conservation District

Income		Expenses	
Implementation/Basic Allocation	\$95,600	Wages & Benefits	100,000
Rates and Charges	\$44,000	Professional Services	\$15,000
Engineering	\$20,000	Comm. & Advertising	\$2,000
WSCC WWRP RCO Funds	\$10,000	Travel	\$3,000
Simcoe Acquisition thru CKCD	\$25,000	Supplies, Tools & Equip.	\$10,000
Interest	\$100	Insurance	\$5,000
Rock Creek Enhancement Project SRFB	\$55,000	Training, Dues, Licenses	\$4,000
Plant Sale	\$5,000	Vehicle lease payment (state motor pool)	\$4,000
		Vehicle & Equipment maintenance	\$5,000
		Projects and Cost Share payments	\$100,000
		Storage Rental	\$1,000
		Plants purchased for resale	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$254,700</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$254,000</b>