



FY2021 (7/1/2020 – 6/30/2021) Annual Work Plan Central Klickitat Conservation District

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Mission of the Central Klickitat Conservation District

- The mission of the Central Klickitat CD is to improve and conserve natural resources in coordination with the wise use of natural resources by serving citizens within the district boundaries with technical services, financial assistance, education, public information and representation of local citizens at all levels of government related to natural resource management.

Natural Resource Priorities:

- Enhance natural resources through the planning and application of an economically and environmentally sound conservation approach.
- Protect natural resources, working lands and the culture of Klickitat County by securing Agricultural Conservation Easements.
- Protect and enhance natural resources and working lands in the Simcoe Mountains.
- Maintain and improve water quality and riparian corridors in CKCD.
- Protect forest resources and private lands by increasing fire resiliency in Klickitat County.
- Increase local natural disaster recovery response capacity.
- Acquire a parcel in or near the City of Goldendale to provide a location for a storage/workshop, secure parking, demonstration native landscaping and possible future office facilities as needed

Information/Education Priorities and Goals:

- Work with local schools to educate primary, middle, and high school students about management of working lands, natural resource conservation and opportunities for active participation in conservation efforts through volunteer work and careers in conservation.
 - Increase public awareness of Central Klickitat Conservation District programs, services and staff through the development and maintenance of an improved website.
 - Provide education and assistance about Agricultural Conservation Easements, water quality issues, and the importance of healthy forests, rangelands, and riparian corridors.
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District Operations Priorities, Goals & Funding Sources:

- Develop effective and efficient office operations, including accounting, grant vouchering, personnel management, supervisor elections and appointments, monthly meetings, training and development, and annual planning and reporting.
- Increase the professional engineering program capacity and efficiency through training of current staff, increased staff and/or consultant resources and defined streamlined processes for project development, design and implementation.
- Maintain up-to-date and effective supervisor election and appointment procedures by coordinating with our Regional Manager and Commission staff. Implement WSCC plan for conducting elections and increasing voter participation.
- Research funding opportunities and pursue funding sources that will help meet landowner conservation needs and further the CKCD mission.
- Anticipated funding sources for FY21:
 - CKCD Rates and Charges local funding
 - Washington Conservation Commission
 - Implementation Grant
 - Professional Engineering Grant
 - Agricultural Conservation Easement – Schuster Contract with SCC
 - Simcoe Acquisition
 - Salmon Recovery Board Swale Creek Enhancement
 - City of Goldendale - riparian planting project maintenance

Natural Resource Program Area: Support community natural resource values and economy through implementation of Agricultural Conservation Easements and participation in local lands management of state owned lands through coordinated resource management processes.

Goal(s):

- Support SCC efforts to acquire funding for agricultural conservation easements.
- Support SCC efforts to complete one conservation easement in CKCD.
- Develop and implement the Klickitat Wildlife Area-Simcoe Unit Property Management Plan (PMP) with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) through a Coordinated Resource Management process.

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective:

Complete the Klickitat Wildlife Area-Simcoe Unit PMP through the CRM process.

Complete one agricultural conservation easement.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:

Provide WSCC with conservation easement opportunities in CKCD to document the need for funding the Office of Farmland Preservation (OFP) program at WSCC if WSCC chooses to pursue funding for Office of Farmland Preservation from the Washington State legislature.

Funding Source(s): Washington Conservation Commission – RCO WWRP funding for Schuster ACE implementation, WSCC Implementation Grant, Rates and Charges

Activities for FY2021	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
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Work with WSCC OFP staff to describe conservation easement need and opportunity in CKCD if SCC pursues funding for OFP from legislature.	January 2021	Loren Meagher	2 Days	\$1500
Work with SCC new staff to inform them on easement project status and assist with completing implementation. Collect baseline documentation and produce report.	March 31, 2021	Loren Meagher Angel Robinson	7 Days	\$4000
Continue to work with WDFW on completion of a property management plan through the CRM process.	June 30, 2021	Loren Meagher Angel Robinson Admin	10 Days	\$5,000

Natural Resource Program Area: Water Quality and Water Quantity

Goal(s): Maintain and improve water quality conditions in Central Klickitat Conservation District. Conservation of water results in increased streamflow and improved water quality.

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective:

Critical period water temperatures in the Little Klickitat watershed and Swale Creek watershed will decrease under weather conditions similar to historic conditions. Maintain water quality monitoring program as funding and COVID-19 related restrictions allow. Establish a weather station and three soil moisture monitoring stations on irrigated farmland to inform irrigation management for water conservation.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:

Provide technical assistance to 5 landowners; develop water quality BMP implementation projects to request funding for; continue water quality monitoring program as appropriate. Establish a cost share program for soil moisture monitoring and ancillary services as compatible.

Funding Source(s): WSCC– Implementation Grant, Professional Engineering grant, Rates and Charges

Activities for FY2021	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Complete project planning on current project opportunities, enter projects into SCC project database and seek funding for implementation.	Spring 2021	Loren Meagher Angel Robinson	12 Days	\$5,000
Develop a project with a cooperating landowner and request funding for at least one stream bank enhancement project - Little Klickitat or Swale Creek.	Spring 2021	Loren Meagher Angel Robinson	8 Days	\$4,000
Maintain presence on WRIA 30, SRFB TC, others as needed and as they arise.	On-going	Loren Meagher Angel Robinson	4 Days	\$2000
Continue Stream temperature, flow & data monitoring as funding and COVID-19 related working conditions allow.	On-going	Angel Robinson	40 Days	\$10,000
Resume data collection on two permanent monitoring stations on Little Klickitat, and three on Swale Creek when working conditions allow	On-going	Angel Robinson	20 Days	\$5,000
Establish a weather station and 3 soil moisture monitoring stations to facilitate irrigation management for conservation of water.	Spring 2021	Loren Meagher Angel Robinson	12 Days	\$7000

Natural Resource Program Area: Wildfire Resiliency and Natural Disaster Recovery, as related to Forest Health, Rangeland Management, & Water Quality

Goal(s): Improve forest health and public safety, and protect natural resource values and functions, by educating landowners about BMPs that reduce wildfire danger. Provide technical and financial assistance to implement those BMPs as funding allows.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:

Create a funding source or partnership opportunity to assist landowners with forest health project implementation.

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

Activities for FY2021	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Assist WSCC regional managers in securing funding for future project implementation and program services.	Winter 2020-21	Loren Meagher Angel Ronbinson	4 Days	\$2,000

District Program Area: Education and Information

Goal(s): Educate local citizens about natural resource issues within the district; water quality and the importance of healthy riparian areas; and forest management practices to reduce fire danger and improve water quality. Increase public awareness of district services. Increase the number of landowners that utilize CKCD's resources.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:

Publish at least one issue of Klickitat Conservation Newsletter. Evaluate education and outreach opportunities when public gatherings commence, and public schools are back in session. Work with FFA and other groups to identify opportunities to engage youth.

Funding Source(s): WCC Basic Allocation & Implementation

Activities for FY2020	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Prepare and mail an annual newsletter	March 2021	Angel Robinson Loren Meagher	4 Days	\$1500

Hold annual tree sale program – provide native trees and shrubs for CRP contracts, local citizens	March/April 2021	Angel Robinson	10 Days	EKCD \$2,400
Visit County Commissioners Quarterly	July, Sept, Dec 2020 March 2021	Loren Meagher	3 Days	\$2,000
Participate in community events when possible	On-going	Loren Meagher Angel Robinson	3 Days	\$1,500
Update and maintain CKCD website.	March 31, 2021	Loren Meagher Angel Robinson Consultant	14 Days	\$5,000

District Program Area: District Operations

Goal(s): Develop and maintain effective and efficient office operations, including accounting, grant vouchering, personnel management, supervisor elections and appointments, monthly meetings, training and development, annual planning, and reporting. Increase the professional engineering program capacity and efficiency through training of current staff, increased staff and/or consultant resources to serve all conservation districts within the regional engineering area.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:

Monthly board meetings. Timely completion and submission of the following: Schedule 22 and Annual Financial Report to State Auditor; Annual Plan of Work to WSCC; monthly WSCC grant vouchers; grant reports and vouchers to funders. Increased engineering staff capacity.

Funding Source(s): WSCC Implementation Grant, SRFB grant funds for administration,

Activities for FY2018	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Complete reporting, planning and other office operational procedures as required for grants and other funding sources.	On-going, and as required by funding source	Admin Loren Meagher Angel Robinson	100 Days	\$32000
Apply for new grants to support operations, natural resources, and cost-shares.	On-going	Loren Meagher Angel Robinson Katie Rawson Admin	16 Days	\$6,000

Hold timely and efficient supervisor election in a manner that will maximize the number of voters in a cost-effective way.	February 2021	Admin Angel Robinson	6 Days	\$1,500
Plan and hold CKCD annual meeting. Provide as many pesticide credits as possible. Late Fall/Winter workshop in 2021 – prep with projects and legislative topics, intercropping, soil moisture monitoring/irrigation water management, invite public officials to attend (federal, state and local)	February 2021	Katie Rawson Angel Robinson Admin Loren Meagher	11 Day	\$4000
Engineering Program implementation and development to maintain regional program and improve support and capacity for all districts in the region. Support WSCC efforts to increase program funding.	On-going	Loren Meagher Katie Rawson EIT/Engineer	175 Days	\$65,000
Maintain communication with legislators on priority topics.	On-going	Loren Meagher	3 Days	\$2,000
Maintain regular communication with WSCC Regional Manager and WACD Area Directors	On-going	Loren Meagher	3 Days	\$2,000
Participate in employee and supervisor training opportunities, such as WADE and WACD Annual Meeting	On-going	All staff	6 Days	\$6,000
Share staff with EKCD, SYCD, UCD, NYCD, County	On-going	All staff		\$215,000



FY2018 Annual Budget

Central Klickitat Conservation District

Income		Expenses	
Implementation/Basic Allocation	\$95,600	Wages & Benefits	380,000
Engineering	\$25,000	Professional Services	\$20,000
Rates and Charges	\$85,000	Comm. & Advertising	\$8,000
WSSC WWRP RCO Funds	\$5,000	Travel	\$4,000
Simcoe Acquisition	\$220,000	Office, Supplies, Tools & Equip.	\$25,000
SRFB Swale Creek Enhancement	\$50,000	Insurance	\$6,000
County WQ	\$44,000	Training, Dues, Licenses	\$15,000
Other Districts/City of Goldendale	\$170,000	Vehicle lease payment (state motor pool)	\$3,500
Drill Rent & Donations	\$1,000	Vehicle & Equipment maintenance	\$2,000
Interest	\$50	Simcoe capital improvements	\$170,000
		Storage Rental	\$1,600
Total	\$695,650	Total	\$635,100