

**Oregon NRCS 2019
Curry Local Work Group Meeting
February 22, 2019**

The Curry County Local Work Group meeting became a beneficial discussion between partners due to lack of public attendees for the LWG meeting.

Oregon NRCS representatives Wallace Jennings, acting district conservationist Coos and Curry counties; Heather Medina Saucedo, regional basin team leader; and Kathy Ferge, state tribal liaison and outreach coordinator met with Liesl Coleman, district manager Curry Watershed Partnership; and Barb Grant, Coos and Curry Counties Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Technician.

Curry Watershed Partnership Report—Liesl Coleman provided a comprehensive overview of the Curry Watershed Partnership. The presentation is included as a separate link. The Partnership is comprised of the Curry Soil and Water District, the South Coast Watershed Council, and the Lower Rogue Watershed Council.

They group discussed the following:

Types of ag in the area—livestock/pasture, forestry and specialty crops

Outreach Opportunities in Curry County

- Oregon Cattlemen's Association
- Oregon Small Woodlands Association
- ODA Sponsored Forage and Nutrition Group (FANG)
- Farm Bureau (relationship needs to be developed)
- OSU cranberry school
- Tidegates Stakeholder Initiative

CIS Project Ideas

- SOD needs to continue
- Water quality in relation to pasture management and productivity (pasture)
 - Grass mix to work on bottoms where flooding occurs to support fish
- Curry estuary plan
- Current Coquille-Sixes coverage by Coos-Coquille Water Quality CIS is in its last year.
- Potential for a future Sixes Watershed or other SWCD focus area to form basis for a new Curry CIS.
- OWEB FIP areas and/or ODA Strategic Investment Area
- Small Farms—who/where, utilize watershed council, Food Corps, Foodshed study

Conservation Implementation Plan (CIS) Process and Partnering

- A CIS can be developed from a variety of information sources, not strictly limited to Local Work Group meetings.
- Other plans, such as a FIP or SIA, can provide the basis for a plan, point being a plan doesn't have to be developed from scratch.

- Federal funding from a CIS can be used to partner with state or other non-federal funds. A good source of “match” for non-federal projects.
- Organizations such as an SWCD or Watershed Council can write a CIS.
- In Oregon other federal funding opportunities such as a Regional Conservation Partnership Program or Joint Chiefs require the completion of a CIS.

2020 LWG Meeting

- Date—mid January, week night
- Coos and Curry county separate but on the same week (back to back days)
- Mailers to landowners for invites (use county tax information)