

Jefferson LWGM
February 20, 2019, 1:00pm
Redmond, Oregon
Eric Moeggenberg

Attendees: Stephanie Russo, Andy Neary, Chase Duncan, Rod Fessler, Jenni Moffitt, Chris Mundy, Mike Kirsch, Tom Kirsch, Sam Rossi, Christina Santana, Nicholle Kovach, Kacie Kiepkke.

North Plaines Irrigation District

Eric: Application Deadline: April 15, 2019. 4 active EQIP contracts: 2 High Tunnel, 2 Irrigation. 4 contracts for CIS (irrigation efficiency improvements). Changes to current CIS include boundary line and sign-up deadline extended.

Chris: Background to the CIS Strategic Approach. Geographic boundary set up at time CIS is created. Funds used to fix all problems/issues in that designated area for 3-5 years.

Attendees: Suggested changes for a CIS: Set- up a new CIS to include Culver. Use of crop water level sensor and aerial imaging.

Chris: Possibility to creating CIS for cover crops if enough landowners are interested.

Eric: Historic or new resource concerns:

Attendees: Irrigation efficiency and sediment, soil health, juniper encroachment, tith and cover crops.

Andy/Sam: JSWCD still accepting applications. Small grants available beginning July 2019 for Juniper removal and water efficiency. Currently working on small grants for Willow Creek and habitat enhancements (salmon, livestock, riparian) with restoration projects and educating the public.

Chase: ODF currently working on Juniper encroachment from reservoir to county line. Projects to protect small acres of land. Landowners in his district would not refuse assistance for Juniper.

Kirsch: Applied and accepted for assistance 2013. Application shelved until boundary changed to include his land. Current contract renewed in hopes of the boundary change. Kirsch suggested leaving boundary where it is at but expand to the south.

Eric/Chris: Possibility of new CIS to expand CIS geographic area. Will require several other interested landowners who reside in potential geographic expansion before presenting to state office.

Eric: Trends famers are practicing that support our irrigation initiative:

Attendee comments: Aerial imaging and crop water level reader.

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