

RCPP Implementation Plan - Washington

June 10th, 2014

FY 14 RCPP Implementation Plan Tasks

1. Washington State Applications

- a. APF announcement – May 27th
 - i. Includes all details for applicants- how to apply, to who, when, what, where,
 - ii. Goal is double investment nationally
 1. 100 million available each year
 - a. 7% annually from EQIP, CSP, ACEP
 - i. EQIP eligible applicants
 - ii. CSP eligible applicants
 - iii. ALE – available for entities, WRE - available
 2. 400 million available for FY 14 & FY 15
 3. Fund distribution for proposals
 - a. 25% for state selected
 - b. 40% National pool
 - c. 35% CCA
 - b. Natural Resource concerns identified to be used to select RCPP projects in state as outlined in Directive dated May 7, 2014 due May 23rd - Jeff
 - i. Water Quality Degradation
 1. Excess nutrients in surface and groundwater
 2. Pesticides transported to surface and ground waters
 3. Excess Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids, or compost applications
 4. Excessive sediment in surface waters
 - ii. Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife
 1. Habitat degradation
 - iii. Soil Degradation
 1. Subsidence
 2. Compaction
 3. Organic Matter Depletion
 4. Concentration of salts or other chemicals
 - iv. Air Quality
 1. Emissions of Particulate matter and PM precursors
 2. Emissions of Greenhouse Gases
 3. Emission of Ozone Precursors
 4. Objectionable Odors
 - v. Degraded Plant Condition

1. Undesirable plant productivity and health
- c. Public affairs and State Tool Kits Rollout – May 22nd national Teleconference - Gina
 - i. State roll out kit available for editing – May 22nd
 1. State website template and materials completed on May 27 – 29th
 - ii. Outreach and communications plan – Sherre, Gina, Jeff
 1. State Workshops
 - a. Jeff and Sherre present with handouts
 - i. June 23rd Olympia, 1:00
 - ii. June 25th Mt. Vernon, 9:00
 - iii. June 26th, Yakima, 9:00
 - iv. June 27th, Spokane, 9:00
 - v. July 2, Wenatchee, 1:00
 2. National Webconferences
 - a. June 9th 11:00
 - b. June 18th 8:00
- d. Application review and selection process – Jeff,
 - i. Establish State Review Board and State selection process
 1. Request to leadership week of June 12th SLT meeting
 - a. Members to review preproposals and full proposals
 - b. Receive National ranking questions week of June 6th
 - i. Criteria
 1. 25% Solutions
 - a. Resource management opportunities that are attainable and measureable
 2. 30% Contributions
 - a. Array of financial and technical capabilities
 3. 20% Innovation
 - a. Innovative methods
 4. 25% Participation
 - a. Diverse array of stakeholders into a project
 2. Develop and finalize state ranking questions by June 20th
 - a. Request input for ranking questions from SLT and DC's utilizing national questions
 - i. Committee
 1. Larry, Bonda, Kevin, Rick, Doug, Jeff,
 3. Submit STC acceptance letters to NHQ for preproposals due date of July 14th
 4. Preproposal process- completed by July 28th at NHQ
 - a. Receive state proposals from NHQ

- b. Review proposals week of August 4th
 - c. Request full proposals by successful preproposal candidates by Sept 26th
- 5. Full proposals due by **October 2nd to NHQ**
- 6. Announcement of successful proposals – **November 14th**
- e. Agreement Development – SAO and staff
 - i. Who
 - ii. Agreement tracking in NEST
 - iii. When – by Oct. 30th
- f. Agreement implementation
 - i. Application signup period
 - ii. Application Ranking period
 - 1. Application ranking criteria
 - iii. Contract obligation
 - iv. Agreement management

2. National Applications

- a. Natural Resource concerns identified to be used to select RCPP projects Nationally
 - i. Water Quantity
 - ii. Water Quality
 - iii. Soil Health
 - iv. Species at Risk
 - v. Air Quality
- b. Pre-proposals due July 14th
 - i. Ranked by NHQ
 - ii. State Conservationist letters of support through State Office by July 14th
- c. Successful preproposals notified by July 28th
- d. Successful preproposals due **October 2nd to NHQ**
- e. Notification of successful applicants – **November 14th**
- f. Agreements signed by Oct. 30th
- g. Agreement Implementation
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3. Critical Conservation Areas (CCA)

- a. Natural Resource concerns identified to be used to select RCPP projects for CCA (Columbia River Basin)
 - i. Insufficient Water

- 1. Inefficient use of irrigation water
 - ii. Water Quality Degradation
 - 1. Excessive sediment in surface waters
 - 2. Excess nutrients and pesticides in surface and ground waters
 - iii. Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife
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- 4. Results - 8/4/14**
 - a. National Ranking
 - i. 52 applications submitted
 - 1. Washington had three submitted and three were asked back for full proposals
 - a. Ranking range – high 95 – low 32
 - b. Dollar asked NRCS FA -\$29,375,000 TA-\$500,000
 - c. Primary Resource concerns of asked back preproposals are:
Water Quality – residue management eastern washington,
Water Quality – Salmon habitat, and Wildlife Habitat for
Endangered species in western washington
 - ii. 84 applications submitted
 - 1. Washington had six submitted and three asked back for full proposals
 - a. Ranking range – high 96 – low 5
 - b. Dollar asked NRCS FA – \$19,609,448 TA-\$2,474,500
 - c. Primary Resource concerns of asked back preproposals are:
Water Quantity irrigation projects, Water Quality- Salmon
Habitat and wildlife habitat

- c. State
 - i. 93 applications submitted
 - 1. Washington received 14 and ranked them at state level
 - a. Primary resource concerns submitted were Plant Degradation, Wildlife habitat, water quality, water quantity, soil health
 - i. Only Top two were asked back for full proposals and resource concerns are:
 - 1. Water quality – Salmon recovery practices, Fish passage, stream crossings
 - 2. Dollar asked NRCS FA - \$4,319,135 TA- \$135,000