

Cooperative Watershed Management Program Project Descriptions

Armand Bayou Nature Center

Armand Bayou Watershed Plan – Phase IV Implementation

Recommended Reclamation Funding: \$22,000

The Armand Bayou Watershed Partnership was established to protect, preserve and enhance the ecological integrity of the Armand Bayou Watershed while improving the quality of life in the surrounding communities. This project will expand diversity and overall participation in order to focus on expanding cooperative protection and restoration of the natural resources and increasing community stewardship.

Colorado Watershed Assembly

Expansion of Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership

Recommended Reclamation Funding: \$50,000

The Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership plans to address local issues such as water quality and quantity by expanding the watershed group. Expansion will occur by compiling information from stakeholders, drafting articles of incorporation, funding a watershed coordinator and conducting outreach activities in the watershed, ultimately resulting in the development of a watershed restoration plan. The proposed project will take two years to complete.

Crooked River Watershed Council

Expansion of Crooked River Watershed Council

Recommended Reclamation Funding: \$39,500

The funding for this project will support hours and activities for a Project Manager position. The Project Manager will help expand the overall project development tasks associated with completing responsive restoration projects, which will address watershed limitations associated with water quality and quantity issues and fish habitat and screening concerns.

Deschutes River Council

Deschutes River Council Planning Initiative

Recommended Reclamation Funding: \$50,000

The Deschutes River Council will develop a comprehensive water management strategy for the upper Deschutes River Basin. This strategy will address limited water quality, fish habitats and geomorphic integrity along many miles of the Deschutes Basin challenged by a highly altered flow regime caused by the seasonal storage and release of water for irrigation. Current water management practices also leave local farmers with inadequate water supplies. Restoration of the stream flows has the potential to restore central Oregon's agricultural and recreation activities and provide opportunities for hydropower production. The proposed project will take two years.

Ojai Valley Land Conservancy

Expansion of Venture River Watershed Council

Recommended Reclamation Funding: \$50,000

The Ojai Valley Land Conservancy, a 25 year old nonprofit, proposes a two-year project to expand the watershed group, assess watershed issues and develop a management plan to promote sustainable use. This project will increase outreach efforts, which include stakeholder meetings, brochures, the expansion of their website and videos, to be available in both English and Spanish.

Spanish Peaks/Purgatoire River Conservation District

Establishment of the Purgatoire River Watershed Group

Recommended Reclamation Funding: \$50,000

This two-year project will establish a new watershed group to promote the sustainable use of water resources in the watershed and improve the functioning condition of the rivers and streams. This will be accomplished through water conservation, improved water quality and ecological resiliency. The group will focus on community education and outreach to reduce conflicts over water and the development of watershed enhancement projects that are mutually beneficial to multiple stakeholders.

Sun River Watershed

Expanding Work Plan to Eliminate Water Wars

Recommended Reclamation Funding: \$30,000

The Sun River Watershed Group will hire a coordinator to conduct outreach activities to expand the watershed group and identify water conservation projects to meet minimum instream flow of 130 cfs in the Sun River. They also plan to improve water quality of the Sun River to meet its intended beneficial uses for the Sun River through voluntary best management practices.

Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition

Collaborative Approach to Management

Recommended Reclamation Funding: \$50,000

The Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition was organized to protect the base flow of the Upper Verde River while balancing the reasonable water needs of the residents within the watershed. Their two-year project will gather data on current watershed conditions, continue ongoing projects, reach out to new stakeholder to expand their watershed group, determine problems and needs, develop a mission statement and write a watershed restoration and implementation plan.