

Umatilla County Soil and Water Conservation District

Request for Flood Coordinator Contract Renewal



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UMATILLA COUNTY SWCD FLOOD COORDINATOR ROLE PROPOSAL

For the Commissioners, City Managers, Control Districts, and Flood Interest Groups of Umatilla County

OVERVIEW

The Umatilla County Soil and Water Conservation District recognizes the need for a single organization to take the lead for all flooding initiatives and efforts in Umatilla County, which would allow a synthesis of approaches and collaborative efforts, ensuring each flooding group benefits from the progress of the others. The "Flood Coordinator Role" will provide support to Umatilla County through both proactive and reactive duties to flood events.

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PROPOSAL

Background and Rationale

The Umatilla County Soil and Water Conservation District ("SWCD" or "District") lends itself well to fulfill the needs expressed by the various partners and interest groups in Umatilla County. A non-regulatory, natural resource and conservation-focused entity, the SWCD's mission statement is: "To conserve, protect, and develop natural resources for the environmental and economic benefit of Umatilla County." The recognized needs align with the SWCD's

22-23 Proposal Progress

- Landowners Assisted: **55**
- Onsite Documentation of Active Events: **6**
- Flooding groups leading or assisting: **6**
- Technical Assistance Projects/Grants: **11**
- Stream Surveys/Permit Workshops: **1**
- Umatilla County Bank Stabilization Guidebook: **50% funded, 20% complete**



County Return on Investment

-Original proposal was budgeted at \$16,515 for roughly 240 hours of time (20 hours per month) and five drone flights:

Current totals as of 3/13/23:

Hours: **384**

Drone Flights: **17**

Total Secured Project Dollars

\$2,894,000

Total Pending Project Dollars

\$840,000



Looking Ahead

-There is a lot more work to do:

- Bring the County Stabilization Guidebook to completion
- Finish the Zone 2 and Echo Levee Projects
- Finish McKay Creek Restoration and Basin Study Projects
- Begin work on Greasewood Creek assisting Helix
- Begin work assisting the Walla Walla Water Control District and Milton-Freewater
- Weston, Pilot Rock, Ukiah



23-24 Flood Coordinator Contract Request

- To accomplish these objectives, we are requesting \$20,000 a year with drone flights billed separately on a project-to-project basis
- Last year's contract was for \$16,515 for 200 hours of time and five drone flights; we spent 384 hours and performed 17 drone flights under that contract
- Our justification for increase simply matches actual expended resources from last year

The following pricing details the cost of the services outlined in this proposal on a yearly basis.

Staff Time	Price
An average of 30 hours a month working on deliverables outlined in this document at \$47.98/hr.	\$17,272.00
Total Services Staff Time Costs	\$17,272.00
Drone Use	
To be billed on a project-to-project basis	
Total Services Drone Costs	
Administration Overhead	
16% Fee	\$2,728.00
Total Services Administration Overhead Costs	\$2,728.00
Total	\$20,000.00/year

CONCLUSION

Thank you for your consideration. Feel free to reach out with any comments or suggestions on the overall proposal. The Umatilla SWCD is committed to making a positive impact in Umatilla County by continuing work on flooding solutions – funding this proposal would continue the momentum that has been established in Umatilla County.



Thank you for considering our request!

We wouldn't be able to accomplish our goals without it

See you out in the field!

Any Questions?

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