



Benewah Soil and Water Conservation District
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March 11, 2014

Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission
650 W. State Street, Room 145
Boise, Idaho 83720

RE: TAWG Request

To Whom It May Concern:

The Benewah SWCD Board of Supervisors is requesting both comprehensive technical assistance and specialized engineering design assistance from SWC for FY 2015. This assistance will be directed by the board of supervisors and will be targeted at existing project implementation, and on-going resource inventory to identify potential new projects.

This request includes 240 hours of SWC comprehensive technical assistance and 20 hours of specialized technical engineering assistance. Approximately half of the comprehensive will be used on existing project implementation and half on resource inventory.

Sincerely,

Billie Brown,
Chairperson for Benewah SWCD

**IDAHO SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Benewah SWCD

Project or Activity Name: Comprehensive Technical Assistance

FOR FISCAL YEAR: 2015

Hours of Assistance Requested:
240

Due: March 31, 2014

CERTIFICATION

By concurrence of a majority of the supervisors of the district board and the above name conservation district certifies that attached Request for Assistance is true and accurate, and further submits said Report for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Request for Assistance and supporting documents shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.



Board Supervisor Chairperson Signature

Billie Brown

Printed Name

3/11/2014

Date

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District or Board Chairperson Telephone

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District Email Address

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DATE OF CONFIRMATION:

Criteria for Evaluating Requests for Comprehensive District Assistance

- 1) Does the proposed activity address a priority identified within the district's 5-year or annual work plan? **Yes**
Weight: 0-18 (*Dependent upon the number of priorities addressed, e.g., award 4 points for each district priority addressed, to a maximum of 18 points*) This activity would address water quality which is a high priority to Benewah SWCD as identified in our annual work plan.
- 2) Has the district provided documentation of support for the proposed activity, including: a) letters in support of the proposed activity from landowners and producers within the project area, and; b) letters in support of the proposed activity from entities which will be contributing resources towards achieving activity objectives? **No**
Weight: 0-18 (*Dependent upon the number of letters of support, e.g., award 2 points per support letter, to a maximum of 18 points.*) **Click here to list letters of support.**
- 3) Have the necessary steps been taken to ensure that the district will be able to utilize the assistance being requested within the time-frame indicated in the request for assistance? **Yes**
Weight: 0-15 (*Dependent upon evidence that the district has considered and made plans to procure necessary permits, contractor services, etc.*) **Approximately half the time will be needed for 319 implementation this fall and the other half to assist the district in on-going resource inventory work.**
- 4) Will the requested assistance be used to enhance district capacity by developing tools, strategies and successes which the district will be able to use to independently implement future projects? **Yes**
Weight: 0-12 (*Award maximum points to requests which will result in the greatest positive impact to district capacity.*) **The district will enhance capacity by sharing and promoting conservation efforts with the WAG, DEQ, and other landowners.**
- 5) Is the assistance required for use as either in-kind or hard match in order to enable the district to qualify for a specific grant or cost-share program opportunity? **Yes** Weight: 0-12 (*Award maximum points if SWCC assistance is absolutely necessary in order for the district to qualify for essential third-party project funding.*) **Alder Creek Road 319 Grant.**
- 6) Has the district provided evidence of having researched the availability of district, division, IASCD, IDEA or other resources which may be available to meet their need? **Yes** Weight: 0-9 (*Award maximum points to requests which document that the district need cannot be met by alternative resources.*) **The Plummer NRCS field office has verbally agreed to assist as requested.**
- 7) Has the district requesting assistance received activity- or project-specific comprehensive or specialized technical assistance from SWC within the last three years? **Yes** Weight: 0-5 (*A "No" response is awarded 5 ranking points; a "Yes" response is awarded 0 ranking points.*)
- 8) If the answer to question 7 is "yes", were the objectives of the activity or project which SWC provided assistance for achieved in a timely fashion? **Yes** Weight: 0-4 (*4 points awarded for a "yes" response. 0 – 3 points awarded for "no" responses, dependent upon the degree to which previous failures were due to factors under the districts control.*) **The original Willow Creek project fell short due to lack of landowner interest. The board of supervisors redirected its priority to road erosion and stream**

crossings. SWC assisted Benewah county and the conservation district in securing a \$300,000 319 grant for Alder Creek Road.

**IDAHO SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Benewah SWCD

Project or Activity Name: Specialized Technical Engineering Assistance

FOR FISCAL YEAR: 2015

Hours of Assistance Requested:
20

Due: March 31, 2014

CERTIFICATION

By concurrence of a majority of the supervisors of the district board and the above name conservation district certifies that attached Request for Assistance is true and accurate, and further submits said Report for the above named District and fiscal year.

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Board Supervisor Chairperson Signature

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Criteria for Evaluating Requests for Specialized Technical Assistance

- 1) Does the proposed activity address a natural resources conservation priority identified in the conservation district's 5-year or annual work plan? **Yes**
Weight: 0-12 (*Dependent upon the number of priorities addressed, e.g., award 4 points for each district priority addressed, to a maximum of 12 points.*) **This activity would address water quality which is a high priority to Benewah SWCD as identified in our annual work plan.**
- 2) Has the district provided documentation of support for the proposed activity, including: a) letters in support of the proposed activity from landowners and producers within the project area, and; b) letters in support of the proposed activity from entities which will be contributing resources towards project implementation? **No**
Weight: 0-12 (*Dependent upon the number of letters of support, e.g., award 2 points per support letter, to a maximum of 12 points.*) **Click here to list letters.**
- 3) Have the necessary steps been taken to ensure that the district will be able to utilize the assistance being requested within the time-frame indicated in the request for assistance? **Yes**
Weight: 0-11 (*Dependent upon evidence that the district has considered and made plans to procure necessary permits, contractor services, etc.*) **This engineering design assistance will be needed prior to 319 implementation this fall.**
- 4) Has the conservation district identified adequate resources to ensure that the objectives of the proposed project will be achieved? **Yes**
Weight: 0-11 (*Dependent upon evidence of sufficient partner resources to complete the project. Projects with secure adequate resources in place will receive more points than projects without.*) **Benewah SWCD is a partnering with Benewah County and its resources for 319 implementation.**
- 5) Has the district requesting assistance received activity- or project-specific comprehensive or specialized technical assistance from SWC within the last three years? **Yes**
Weight: 0-11 (*A "No" response is awarded 11 ranking points; a "Yes" response is awarded 0 ranking points.*)
- 6) If the answer to question 5 is "yes", were the objectives of the activity or project which SWC provided assistance for achieved in a timely fashion? **Yes**
Weight: 0-10 (*10 points awarded for a "yes" response. 0 – 9 points awarded for "no" responses, dependent upon the degree to which previous failures were due to factors under the districts control.*) **If no please explain.**
- 7) Is the requested assistance necessary in order to address an urgent or emergency need? **No**
Weight: 0-10 (*Maximum points awarded to emergency needs, i.e., projects which address natural resources disasters. Examples of emergency needs would be projects to rehabilitate resources impacted by wildfire, flood, or similar disasters.*) **If yes what type of emergency.**
- 8) Will the proposed project deliver quantifiable natural resources benefits? **Yes**
Weight: 0-8 (*The greater the projects potential positive effect on natural resources quality, the more*

points will be awarded). **Restore fish passage on a tributary to a 303-d listed stream.**

- 9) Does the proposed project address the need for on-going operations and maintenance of the planned practices in order to ensure that conservation benefits are sustainable over time? **Yes**
Weight: 0-7 (*The more comprehensive the operations and maintenance plan developed by the district is, the greater the number of points will be awarded.*) **Routine culvert maintenance will be accomplished by the Benewah county road crew.**
- 10) Is the assistance required for use as either in-kind or hard match in order to enable the district to qualify for a specific grant or cost-share program opportunity? **Yes**
Weight: 0-5 (*Award maximum points if SWCC assistance is absolutely necessary in order for the district to qualify for essential third-party project funding.*) **Alder Creek Road 319 Grant**
- 11) Will the requested specialized technical assistance help the district to develop a plan for a potential future project? **Yes**
Weight: 0-5 (*Award maximum points for projects which will generate technical data essential to conservation and implementation plan development.*) **This assistance will strengthen the conservation district partnership with Benewah County.**
- 12) Does the proposed project include plans to publicize project outcomes? **Yes**
Weight: 0-5 (*A "no" response is awarded 0 points and a "yes" response is awarded 5 points.*)
- 13) Have entities other than the conservation district indicated a willingness to commit resources towards implementation of the proposed project? **No**
Weight: 0-5 (*Award maximum points to requests with greatest level of resource commitment from third-parties such as local, state, federal and non- governmental agencies, landowners, and others.*) **Click here to list all partners.**
- 14) Does the district have technical staff or other resources which will be committed to the project? **Yes**
Weight: 0-2 (*Award maximum points to requests from districts which are able to commit the greatest level of district resources to the project. District resources may include the time and expertise of district board supervisors, staff, and local volunteers, as well as equipment.*) **Part time district staff and supervisors.**