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DRAFT Agenda 319 TAC Meeting
THURSDAY September 1, 2016
8:00 am
USDA Service Center Building
Conference Room

- A. Opening of meeting (Mike Swartz)
- B. Review August 9, 2016 minutes
- C. Old Business
 1. Dan
 2. Tom
 3. RCPP Update—see email from Rich Sims (attached)
 4. TMDL Implementation Plan--Delwyne Trefz, ISWCC
- D. Open items for discussion
 1. Agency reports
 - a. NRCS—Amie Miller, D.C.
 - September 15th -- Soil Health Tour Owyhee/Canyon

Set time and date for next meeting

1 Please note the agenda is subject to change. Thank you!

Kent, Lori - NRCS-CD, Caldwell, ID

From: Sims, Richard - NRCS, Caldwell, ID
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2016 10:14 AM
To: Miller, Amie - NRCS, Caldwell, ID; Kent, Lori - NRCS-CD, Caldwell, ID; Sims, Richard - NRCS, Caldwell, ID
Subject: upcoming 319 meeting

Earlier I sent a message to Robin about who and how the 319 funds will be distributed. From what I understand from the emails, this will be a topic at the September 1 TAC meeting. Here are my thoughts and questions.

Background:

The RCPP project for the Parma Farmers' Cooperative Ditch Company (non-profit organization) was approved in 2016. It is a 50/50 grant that intends to obligate one million dollars to improve water quality/quantity and soil health. It will be concentrated within 4000 acres managed by the COOP. The project will have several core practices including a 6 acre sediment basin and a water quality monitoring plan.

The COOP will be an EQIP participant and will receive the federal funds along with the 1099 (income taxes).

Questions for the group on the 319 funds.

1. Since the COOP is the recipient of the federal funds can the non-profit organization receive the 319 funds?
2. What documentation is required to receive the 319 funds? Can it be in-kind work or receipts from vendors with services rendered? If it is in-kind work, what type of documentation will be accepted.
3. Does the LWBAG want to have a copy of the matching work for the grant.

Respectfully,
Rich Sims



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DRAFT Minutes
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Sign in sheet for the 319 TAC meeting completed—Lori Kent-CSCD, Mike Swartz-CSCD, Robin Hadelar-CSCD, Bob Braun-TASCO, Dan Steenson-Sawtooth Law, Graham Freeman-DEQ, Andy Waldera-Sawtooth Law, Nate Runyan,-City of Nampa, Delwyne Trefz-ISWCC, Kati Carberry-DEQ, Mark Shuman-DEQ, Amie Miller-NRCS, & Kasey Garrett-Aqua Irrigation Tech.

- A. Opening of meeting (Mike Swartz)—8:10 AM -- Introductions
- B. Reviewed and approved minutes from the July 7, 2016 meeting.
- C. Old Business
 1. Robin
 - a. continued sampling on the No-Till/Conventional field.
 2. Dan—Discussion & presentation of Implementation & Trading Plan
 - What/why Farmers & other point sources engage in trading”?
 - Baseline what Farmers are doing now?
 1. On the ground work, Best Management Practices (BMP’s)
 2. Total Phosphorus TMDL Watersheds (2-1 rating) 80% - 20% trading.
 3. Restrictions on trading. What Farmers need to do & show reduction to trade? Money-Farmer to sell & credit (city to buy)
 - Kasey Garrett, Aqua Irrigation, explained why the farmers spend money to pay for Drip System (BMP’s).
 1. What they are growing (money maker) in the field depends on if they are willing to install drip system (BMP’s). (Justify cost)
 - How much phosphorus reduction to trade?
 1. The average farmer without value would NOT trade or buy drip to trade.
 - Nate Runyan, City of Nampa, explained the City’s idea for trading.

1. Trading phosphorus in 20 year span-start with 10 year and then another 10.
- 11,000 lbs. for program to work is the goal (solution). 2-1 trading (\$50.00) acre to pay farmer need to reduce payment to (\$30.00)
 - City is permit holder-contract with farmer (5-10 year) farmer willingness to trade is needed
 - Mobile drip systems might not work but load reduction on acres might. Trading contract with City of Nampa based on what BMP farmer has installed
 1. 12,000 lbs. at \$5,800 a year of loads .3-5 to .1 with 5 – 10 year contract.
 - Base line for farmer to get reconciled to trade when the BMP was installed (timeline)?
 - Dan, Amie and Robin had a meeting to discussion the baseline questions/answer.
 1. Based on TMDL or plan must have a conservation plan. Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) checklist.
 2. Farmer is asked questions regarding the whole operation & Surface Irrigation Soil Loss (SISL)
 3. Two baseline tool handouts were shared with the group
 - * Conservation Measurement Tool (CMT) Inventory Questions for Water
 - * Conservation Measurement Tool (CMT) Inventory Questions for Cropland.
 - Mark Shuman, EPA, possible EPA baseline is the total number of lbs. of phosphorus reduction & fields in the watershed. Acres not BMP's.
 - Graham Free, DEQ pointed out that information has been collected field by field.
 - Delwyne Trefz, ISWCC stated that the operators and farmers will need to be educated on the trading process.
 - * Another person or persons will need to be hired to help with the trading process.
 - Dan wants to draft CSP verification baseline for TMDL & look at what BMP's are installed. Mike Swartz said to proceed.
 - Dan is working on the Implementation Plan for Agriculture. He will email the summary of what changed by sediment and bacteria reduction.
 - * Today, what is the number of acreages in the Watershed?
 - * Characteristics of land changes in Watershed?
 - * Same property & phosphorus areas in the Watershed?
 - * Amount of funding changes in Watershed?
 - Graham suggested to address phosphorus that has TMDL in place at the tier (impairments) land

3. Tom-not present

4. CSCD/319 TAC tour discussion
 - The group discussed possible dates for tour with the Owyhee Conservation District—September 7, 13 & 15, 2016.
 5. RCPP Update—Farmers Coop waiver to start work-signed and waiting for national approval—will be able to install this winter.
 6. TMDL Implementation Plan—Delwyne has been working on the plan-see handout. He will add trade into plan to address sediment.
- D. Open items for discussion
1. Agency reports
 - a. Amie NRCS report

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, September 1, 2016 at 8:00 AM in the
USDA, Service Center -- Conference Room**

Adjourned 10:45 am