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Columbia River Basin Water Management Program

**Columbia River Tributary Enhancement Program
(CRTEP)**

Funding Proposal

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Tributary Flow Enhancement



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Conservation Commission

- ❖ Provides structure and leadership for good governance to Washington State's 47 Conservation Districts, and
- ❖ Guides the delivery of education, technical assistance, and the implementation of best land management practices to the citizens of the state who commit through wise stewardship and conservation to the enhancement and protection of soil, water, and other natural resources on private lands.



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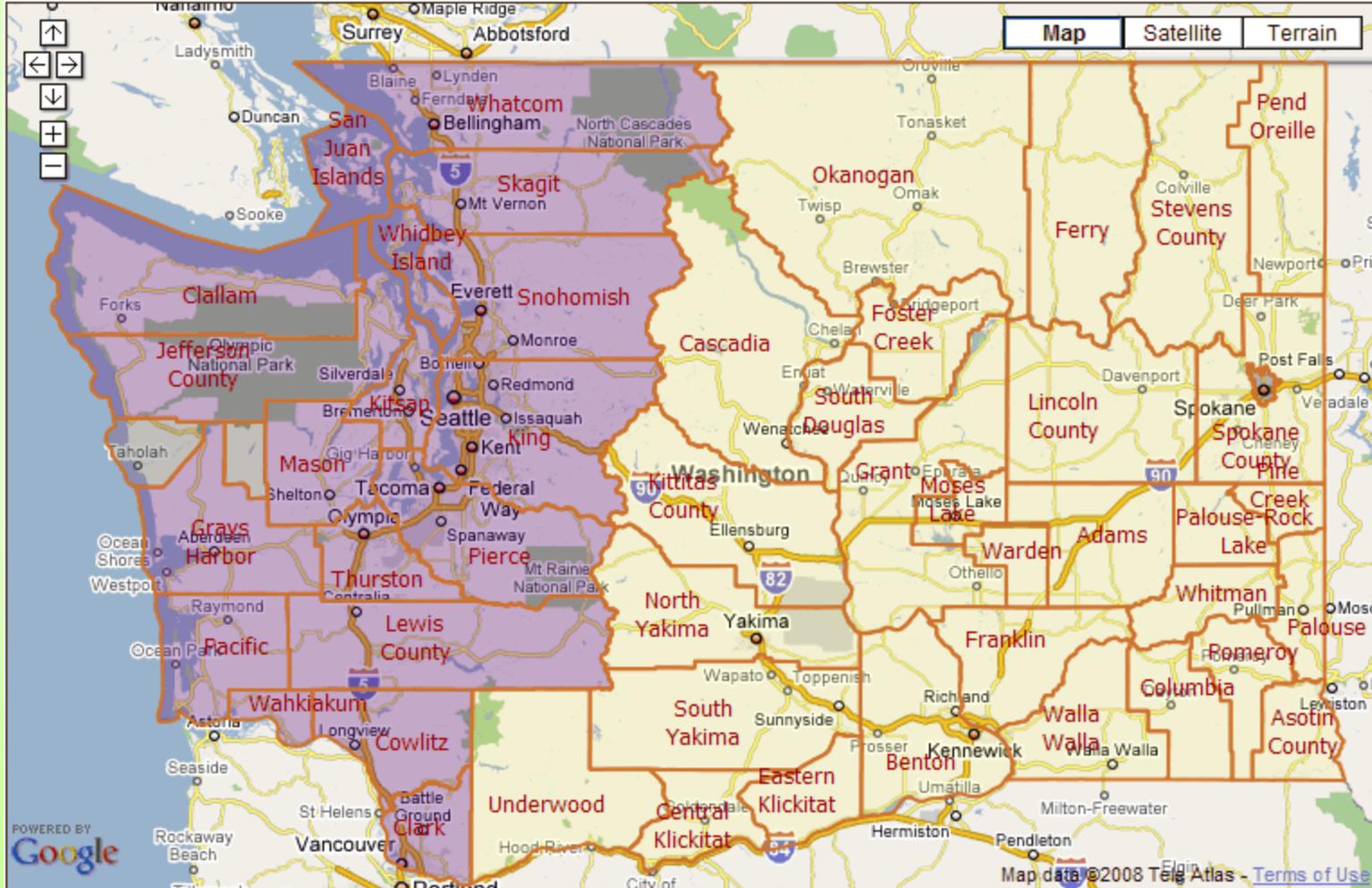
Conservation Districts

- ❖ **Are a unique form of non-regulatory government**
- ❖ **Match local needs with technical and financial resources to help landowners solve on-the-ground conservation issues.**
- ❖ **Nearly 250 citizens devote their time, energy, and talent in providing local governance of Washington's 47 conservation districts.**



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29 CDs in CR basin





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Proposal Objective

- ❖ **Utilize conservation funding under RCW 90.90 to work through the entities (Conservation Districts) that are best situated to implement these practices on the ground, with predictability, cost efficiency, and accountability.**



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2/7/2003



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Highlights of Proposal

- ❖ **Established project definition.** *Geographic location, BMPs, other defining characteristics.*
- ❖ **Set funding criteria.** *Through partnership.*
- ❖ **Predictable funding.** *Projects meeting requirements get funding.*
- ❖ **Expedited funding cycle.** *CDs seek/develop projects meeting established criteria.*
- ❖ **Readiness to proceed on every project.** *All deliverables are known prior to entering into contractual agreement.*
- ❖ **Cost effective.** *District implementation at cost—technical expertise at public prices*



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Proposed Activities

- ❖ **Program Development** — *stakeholder interest, long range plan, procedure, process, & policy.*
- ❖ **Program Delivery** — *scoping, marketing, contracting, & training.*
- ❖ **Program Implementation** — *local program development, on the ground outreach and project development, validity & extent verification and WR Trustability, and deliverable negotiation*
- ❖ **Financial Implementation** — *cost share agreements entered into with vested parties (recipient, WR owner, CD, WSCC, Ecology), CD oversees construction and financial mgmt., certify installation, & retainage.*



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Best Management Practices

Conveyance Pipeline



Small Storage



Sprinkler System



IWM

Reregulation Reservoir



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It's been said. . .

“While working through the application, trust water documents and state contracts, the straight forward manner of management has strengthened my trust in the appropriateness of this type of program”. –Stephan Ames, President Touchet East & West Irrigation Districts



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Conclusion

❖ Budget – (2 year)

- ◆ 8% WSCC Program Support and Administration
- ◆ Technical Assistance and Engineering \$1.5 million
- ◆ Financial Assistance Funds \$7 million

❖ Potential Need

- ◆ Legislative Report identified 76 miles of ditch to pipe projects identified by six Conservation Districts
- ◆ Further query shows additional 52+ miles of conservation potential in tributaries

❖ Toolbox



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Conclusion Continued

- ❖ **Create a funding program that conserves water in a targeted manner—specific BMP implementation in specific watersheds and sub-watersheds based on Ecology’s desired conservation outcomes—and raise the general knowledge of water use, management, measurement, and conservation with private landowners, their water purveyors, public land managers, and the general public, alike.**



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Policy Choices for the PAG

❖ **Water for fish**

- ◆ Flow in primary reach
- ◆ “16 critical and beyond”

❖ **Water for permits**

- ◆ Retiming return flows

❖ **Water conservation for conservation itself**

- ◆ Drought mitigation
- ◆ Water quality
- ◆ Local resource concern



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Cost effective, predictable success





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Questions?

