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Activity Report for March 1 - 31, 2017

I. Operations:

- SWCD board meeting
- Staff meeting
- Monthly coordinator-chair meeting
- Annual self-evaluation

II. Watershed Group Coordination:

- Entered 2017-19 Watershed Group work plan in OWEB online platform
- Implemented March HRWG meeting, including coordination with speaker, press release, & list serve mailing. Second consensus on support letter for SWCD's ODA grant application. Discussion on EFID-MHID CIS proposal and Basin-wide RCPP pre-proposal. Shared Chris Fran's Powerpoint with interested HRWG members.
- Communications Strategy development-sub-committee meeting
- Reviewed quarterly HRWG invoice to CTWS
- NOWC meeting
- Local stakeholder calls regarding wetland mitigation needs; Phone meeting with DSL re. PIL funds for Hood River County and criteria for wetland mitigation projects

III. Watershed Planning:

- Hood River Forest Stewardship Collaborative: Processed DS Consulting invoice; GIS meeting with Mike Schrankel & Sam Doak; Steering Committee meeting to discuss extension of OWEB grant; Forest Resiliency sub-committee meeting; March Stew Crew meeting
- Meetings with Chuck and Megan re. OWEB FIP capacity grant
- Powerdale Lands Advisory Committee meeting
- Responded to request for Basin Study information

IV. Watershed Monitoring:

- Collected ground water monitoring data
- Meeting with EFID, CTWS, and DEQ to review past data and future monitoring/reporting for EFID Neal Cr. monitoring

V. Watershed Education, Outreach, and Technical Assistance:

- Site visits with Odell Creek landowners interested in financial assistance for ag water quality improvement; meetings with Jordan to discuss ODA grant application

VI. Watershed Restoration:

- Neal Creek Instream Enhancement at Denton-Doherty's: Selected design firm; executed contract; arranged for site survey; spoke with landowners.
- Evans Creek-Hutson Dr. project: met with County to develop on-site mitigation proposal; site visit with County, DSL, & Corps to review on-site mitigation proposal
- EFID water conservation project development: Meeting with Carly Heron & Brian Nakamura to review EFID landowner interest and select project area; Wrote EFID-MHID CIS proposal; participated in RCPP webinar
- Highline Canal Pipeline Project: continued to work with EFID to provide match documentation
- DID Distribution Pipeline Project: Met with Niklas Christiansen to review status of pipeline design; Met with DID board to review funding options
- Coe Branch Pipeline project: Updated grant application and submitted pre-application conference info to OWRD; pre-application conference call with MFID and OWRD
- Whiskey Creek Riparian Enhancement: Wrote and submitted annual report for RAC grant