

**IDAHO SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: **KSSWCD**

Project or Activity Name: **Comprehensive Assistance**

FOR FISCAL YEAR: **2015**

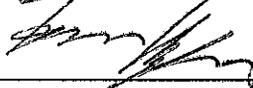
Hours of Assistance Requested:
350

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

Fran Hughes

Printed Name

3/12/2014

Date

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DATE OF CONFIRMATION:



Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District

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Kootenai-Shoshone Soil & Water Conservation District requests comprehensive district assistance from ISWCC to provide various planning, support, and technical services for the Conservation District as directed by the board of supervisors.

KSSWCD has analyzed the annual and five-year plans, and projects that are currently being developed outside of the plans. The following is a list of activities we believe would be extremely beneficial for the District to achieve its short-term and long-term goals, while providing tangible benefits to the community.

WESTERN COMPETITIVE GRANT: The district will need substantial Commission support to implement this project. While the District has not received confirmation of award, the application ranked 11th of 63 applications, and is fully expected to be funded for \$300,000.

SOIL EROSION ON DRY CROPLAND: IDEQ and the Coeur d’Alene Tribe have both expressed support to develop a 319 or other grant project to address sheet, rill, and gully erosion on farmland. This will require site analysis, find willing landowners, design and implement the BMPs.

WOLF LODGE CREEK: The District will need Commission support to develop plans for potential 319 or other grants projects. We have identified several sites in need of attention. Designs, plans, and landowner cooperation will need to be developed prior to grant submission. The Coeur d’Alene Tributaries WAG has prioritized this watershed.

LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN: Mark has been and is currently involved with the IDEQ/Tribal/Avista Lake Management Plan. This will be on-going well into the future.

FERNAN LAKE NUTRIENT REDUCTION DEMONSTRATION WORKSHOPS: Since we were unsuccessful in obtaining grant funding for Lake*A*Syst demonstration projects, various members of the Coeur d’Alene Tributaries WAG have agreed to participate in a scaled-down version of the initial project.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS: The District requests ISWCC attendance at most, if not all, monthly board meetings as directed by the board of supervisors. Supervisors regularly have questions for Mark in regard to the partnership. Mark is also needed for the Annual Growers’ Meeting, Local Work Group meeting, and various other special meetings.

Sincerely,

Fran Hughes, chairman

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*) **The activities listed in the cover letter address 5 of the 6 priorities listed in the 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.*) **We have discussed and planned the items during board meetings, interagency meetings, and WAG meetings.**
- 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.*) **We need assistance to complete existing projects and to develop new projects. I have read district minutes and plans dating back to 1947, and the same resource concerns exist now as then. The problems are not going away. We need to continue working together, as we did when Hugh Hammond Bennett first envisioned these partnerships.**
- 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.*) **Once the Western Competitive Grant is formally approved, we will likely request the ability to report Commission assistance as match.**
- 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.*) **Within the division and region (Division II and Spokane County), we communicate and cooperate regularly. The tasks outlined in the cover letter are specifically appropriate for Commission assistance.**
- 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.) **This small district is not equipped to work completely independently. Perhaps larger districts with more resources can be more independent. We rely on cooperative partnerships to protect and preserve natural resources within our district boundaries.**

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
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DISTRICT: **KSSWCD**

Project or Activity Name: **Wolf Lodge**

FOR FISCAL YEAR: **2015**

Hours of Assistance Requested:
120

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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Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District

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Kootenai-Shoshone Soil & Water Conservation District requests specialized district assistance from ISWCC to provide survey, design, and planning services for the Conservation District as directed by the board of supervisors.

KSSWCD has been involved in working with agencies and landowners for years. The District partnered with IDFG to stabilize a reach of streambank about ten years ago, but virtually nothing has been implemented to address erosion and flooding since. The Coeur d’Alene Lake Tributaries WAG has proclaimed Wolf Lodge Creek to be one of the top priorities for remedial work, but no other agencies have stepped forward to actually do anything constructive. In fact, the partner agencies and the landowners are looking to the District and the Commission to lead efforts in this watershed.

IDEQ and Coeur d’Alene Tribe have expressed their support for our efforts to reduce the sediment and nutrient loading to the lake in accordance with the Lake Management Plan. In fact, the LMP specifically names the District and Commission to lead efforts in this, as well as other tributaries. If we do not accept a leadership role, credibility will be sacrificed, and may well curtail support in the future. It is incumbent upon us to provide that leadership.

Sincerely,

Fran Hughes, chairman

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 request primarily targets District Priority 2: Surface Water Quality/TMDL, although we could and probably would use Bill's technical expertise to expand our information, education, and outreach (District Priority 6.**
- 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.*) **It is too preliminary to get letters of support. We have not developed specific plans yet. We need technical assistance to develop the plans. We do, however, have tacit support from IDEQ, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, East Side Highway District, and various landowners as we continue to cooperate and collaborate. This watershed has been a high-priority TMDL watershed for a good long time.**
- 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.*) **As in question #2, you can't get the permits or get the landowners to commit until surveys and designs are complete so that the participants know what they're getting into.**
- 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.*) **The District is working closely with all affiliated agencies and landowners, participating in the WAGs and watershed groups.**
- 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? **Yes**
 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.*) **Wolf Lodge Creek is currently flooding and eroding, as it typically does on a fairly regular basis. The need for some sort of remediation is well-recognized and it is past time to take some action.**
- 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*). **The project will protect property from flooding, will reduce erosion and sedimentation, will protect and enhance habitat, will help support Cutthroat trout populations, and reduce sedimentation and nutrient loading in Wolf Lodge Bay in Lake Coeur d'Alene. This is in agreement with the TMDL and Coeur d'Alene Lake Management Plan.**
- 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.*) **Any plans to come from these surveys and designs would necessarily have some sort of maintenance and monitoring plan to support the project.**
- 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.*) **Timing is a little tricky on this. We need the designs to prepare a grant proposal. We would expect to include this assistance as match in the proposal.**
- 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.*) **Several landowners are already prepared to cooperate with the District in projects. Several more have not yet committed. The Coeur d'Alene Lake Tributaries WAG is working closely with the District to move projects forward.**
- 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? **Yes**
 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.*) **IDEQ, Coeur d'Alene Lake Tributaries WAG, IDL, Kootenai County Office of Emergency Management, Kootenai Environmental Alliance, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Restoration Partnership, IDFG**

- 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.*) **The District has transportation and electronic equipment (computers, GPS, etc.) to support the project. The District administrator and pretty much all of the supervisor have sufficient technical expertise to support the project. Supervisor Fortier has done extensive survey work with USFS staff in this particular watershed.**