



Gem Soil And Water Conservation District

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March 3, 2014

Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission
Attention: Delwyne Trefz
650 West State Street, Room# 145
Boise, Idaho 83702

Dear Delwyne,

The Gem SWCD Board of Supervisors would like to request the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission staff to attend meetings and tours as needed to have Commission staff involved with the Gem Soil and Water Conservation District projects.

We appreciate the ISWCC input on District projects related to addressing TMDL's along the Payette River and Bissel Creek.

The Gem SWCD feels it is important to partner with the ISWCC, NRCS and our County Commissioners on these projects and the best way is to have staff involved in regularly scheduled board meetings and tours.

Thank you for your consideration

Kirk Vickery
Chairman, Gem SWCD

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jay Sisco".

cc: Teri Murrison, ISWCC Administrator
Scott Henderson, NRCS District Conservationist

Gem SWCD Request for Technical Assistance FY 2015

General information and background

Information on our 5- Year Plan of Work Priority # 1 – Water Quality

Encourage landowners in critical areas to implement BMP's, develop water resources for improved benefits and improve wetlands. Apply for 319 Funds to assist with installation of BMP's, resulting in load reduction on the Lower Payette River TMDL. Coordinate with Irrigation Districts and Ditch Companies to improve water usage. Assist cooperators to improve and install BMP's and improve water management, also minimize loss of prime cropland.

Provide technical assistance to develop comprehensive nutrient management plan.

Information on Local support for our projects – Landowners, Water District 65, County Commissioners and Planning & Zoning, CWMA's, NRCS, etc.

Technical Assistance Requested

Project Description

Lower Payette River TMDL Implementation Project – Phase 4

Gem SWCD applied for funding from DEQ in 2013 for this project. The project's goals are to reduce sediment and nutrients being added to the Lower Payette River and its tributaries.

If we are successfully awarded the project we would like to request technical assistance for identifying potential projects, landowner outreach, site visits, conservation planning, BMP monitoring/effectiveness, and sediment load reduction calculations.

Time needed: 100 hours

Dates needed: July 2014 thru June 2015

319 Application for 2014

If the Gem SWCD is unsuccessful with its 2013 319 application, we will apply again in 2014. Time requested is for assistance with applying for the grant.

Time needed: 20 hours

Dates needed: July 2014 thru Oct 2014

General Assistance with outreach and tours

Time needed: 10 hours

Dates needed: July / August 2014

The Gem SWCD has an Annual Tour of projects in the District.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Gem SWCD

Project or Activity Name:

FOR FISCAL YEAR: 2015

Hours of Assistance Requested:
130

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

Joy Sisler

Printed Name

03/03/2014

Date

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