SRFB Project #13-1405

Riparian Restoration – IMW Study Area

The Asotin County Conservation District has extensive experience with riparian plantings and understand the importance of continued maintenance especially during the first few years after the planting which may include necessary watering and weed control. We anticipate planting to be completed by April 30, 2015, with maintenance to follow for a period of three (3) years. The first year of maintenance will begin May 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 and will continue with this same time frame for 2016 and 2017. A weed management plan will be created with the assistance of the Asotin County Noxious Weed Coordinator and will be implemented to ensure the most effective weed control possible is achieved. Tree watering has proven to be very effective way to increase the survival rate of new seedling tree planting projects in certain areas of Asotin County. ACCD staff and the IMW coordinator will identify and GPS specific sites for planting. Once those sites are selected, a watering plan will be developed taking into account the site conditions and species planted. The watering plan is subject to change due to weather conditions and ACCD will work with the watering contractor to ensure watering takes place when it will be the most beneficial to the plants’ growth and survival. ACCD will conduct annual inspections (approximately October 31 of 2015, 2016, 2017) to inventory plant species, document survival rates and future riparian improvement needs. If any additional replanting is needed, this will occur April 1, 2016 – April 30, 2016 & 2017. In addition, a letter was received (attached) from David Woodall, WDFW, confirming their agency’s long term commitment for the maintenance.

There was a concern about the budget being adequate to ensure proper maintenance. Our original project cost estimate included $12,500 for work to be done by the IMW Coordinator. It has now been determined, following a teleconference with ACCD, the SRSRB Director and the IMW Coordinator, that funding through this grant is not required for the IMW Coordinator as his involvement will be considerably less than originally thought. Therefore, the $12,500 will be available for a more intense maintenance plan to be implemented than originally planned which should address the conditions set by the SRFB panel in regarding the maintenance for this project.

Hopefully this sufficiently addresses any questions that needed addressed. If you need anything further, please let me know.

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