

AGREEMENT

between

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

and

PALOUSE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between Washington State University, an institution of higher education and an agency of the State of Washington (WSU), hereinafter referred to as "University" and Palouse Conservation District, hereinafter referred to as "District".

1. PURPOSE OF THIS AGREEMENT

- a. The University desires to provide funds for the execution of the "*Whitman County Partnership for Natural Resources Conservation Education*" as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (the "Project").
- b. The District agrees to execute the Project in accordance with Exhibit "A" and the terms and conditions stated herein.

THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed that:

2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES:

- a. University will provide \$1,500.00 (One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) from the Verle Kaiser Conservation Endowment Fund to support this project.
- b. The District will submit an itemized invoice billing WSU for reimbursement at least quarterly, but not more often than monthly, to the following address:

Washington State University
Controller's Office
P O Box 641025
Pullman, WA 99164-1025

3. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:

Subject to its other provisions, the period of performance of this Agreement shall commence on July 1, 2014 and be completed on June 30, 2015 unless terminated sooner as provided herein.

4. PAYMENT:

- a. The amount of compensation under this Agreement shall be \$1,500.00 (One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars).
- b. The source of the funding under this Agreement shall be the Verle Kaiser Conservation Endowment Funds.

c. Payment will be made by WSU within thirty (30) days of receiving a properly completed invoice.

d. Payments shall be made to:

Palouse Conservation District
1300 NE Henley Ct, #6
Pullman, WA 99163

5. INDEPENDENT CAPACITY

The employees or agents of each party who are engaged in the performance of this Agreement shall continue to be employees and agents of that party and shall not be considered for any purpose to be employees or agents of the other party.

6. TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days prior written notification to the other party. Any compensation due the parties as provided in the Agreement shall be prorated to the date of termination of the Agreement.

7. ALTERATION AND AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties. Such amendments shall not be binding unless they are in writing, signed by personnel authorized to bind each of the parties, and attached to the Agreement.

8. DISPUTES

In the event that a dispute arises under the Agreement that the parties cannot resolve, the dispute shall be determined by a Dispute Panel in the following manner: Each party to this agreement shall appoint one member to the Dispute Panel. The members so appointed shall jointly appoint additional member(s) to the Dispute Panel to make an uneven number of Panel members. The Dispute Panel so constituted shall review the facts, contract terms, and applicable statutes and rules, and make a determination of the dispute. The determination of the Dispute Panel shall be final and binding to the parties. There shall be no charge for these services.

9. GOVERNANCE

This contract is entered into pursuant to and under the authority granted by the laws of the State of Washington and any applicable Federal laws. The provisions of this Agreement shall be construed to conform to those laws.

10. ASSIGNMENT

The work to be provided under this Agreement, and any claim arising there under, is not assignable or delegable by either party in whole or in part, without the express prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any assignment shall be effective only if written, signed by the authorized representatives of each Party and attached to this Agreement.

11. NOTICE

The contact person for all communications regarding the performance of this Agreement shall be:

For Washington State University:

Cindy Murray-Armstrong

Washington State University Extension
Center for Sustaining Agriculture and Natural Resources
7612 Pioneer Way E
Puyallup, WA 98371-4998

For District:

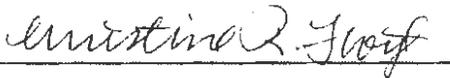
Palouse Conservation District
Jennifer Boie, District Manager
1300 NE Henley Ct, #6
Pullman, WA 99163
509.332.4101 (telephone)
509.332.0459 (fax)
jenniferpcd@palousecd.org
www.palousecd.org

12. SIGNATURES

The parties affirm the individuals signing the Agreement have been granted the authority to do so.
The parties

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Approved by:



Christine R. Hoyt
Contracts Manager
Washington State University

Date: 7-1-14

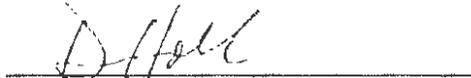
PALOUSE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Approved by:



Date: 7/8/14

Recommended by:



Don Holbrook
CAHNRS Director of Administrative Services

Date: 6/5/14

VERLE KAISER CONSERVATION ENDOWMENT 2014

Whitman County Partnership for Natural Resources Conservation Education

PERSONNEL

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Dan Harwood, District Coordinator, Palouse-Rock Lake Conservation District
Raymond Brown, District Manager, Pine Creek Conservation District
Nancy Hoobler, Natural Resources Coordinator, Whitman Conservation District

With support from:

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

JUSTIFICATION

This proposal seeks to continue the Whitman County Conservation Districts' education and information outreach about natural resources conservation to Eastern Washington students in grades 9-12.

OBJECTIVES

The conservation districts, NRCS, and WDFW along with local high school teachers, partner in using Verle Kaiser funds to continue education for high school students about the conservation and use of our natural resources. These programs also provide an opportunity for students to directly interact with local natural resources professionals to learn about careers in natural resources. The high school programs supported by these funds are the Whitman County Land Judging Contest and the Eastern Washington Regional Envirothon.

APPROACH

The best approaches to natural resources education include hands-on learning activities. All of the proposed events and activities covered under this grant are presented by individuals that specialize in natural resources and have experience with leading hands-on natural resources activities. Whitman County conservation districts collectively, and with the assistance of other agencies, will host the Whitman County Land Judging Contest in the fall of 2014 and the Eastern Washington Envirothon in the spring of 2015. The events are as follows:

- Host Land Judging Contest (Fall 2013, grades 9-12): Schools from Whitman County and surrounding areas are invited to participate in a competition that instructs and tests the students understanding of soil properties and best management practices to protect the soil in agricultural and residential settings. Between 200-300 students participate annually.
- Host the Eastern Washington Regional Envirothon Competition (Spring 2015, grades 9-12): Envirothon is a problem-solving natural resource competition for high school students. Schools from Whitman County and surrounding areas are invited to participate in a regional competition that informs and tests the students' knowledge of:
 - Soils/Land Use
 - Forestry
 - Wildlife
 - Aquatic Ecology
 - Current Natural Resources Issues

During the competition, students visit seven "in-the-field" test stations (Forestry, Wildlife, Soils/Land Use, Aquatic Ecology, Current Natural Resource Issues, Presentation Prep, Team Presentation), staffed by career professionals, where written, oral, and hands-on problem solving is required along with formulating a strategy for increasing public awareness. Education in a fun, hands-on experience is the main purpose behind this event.

Objectives of the Eastern Washington Regional Envirothon Competition include providing student participants with a deeper knowledge of the following:

- The effect individual actions have on natural resource problems;
- The interactions and inter-dependencies of our local natural resource needs;
- Current natural resource issues;
- The agencies available to assist them in resource protection concerns;
- The need to become aware of take action to solve local natural resource issues.

Winning teams from regional competitions will compete in a state Envirothon competition in May. Teams that win at the state level will move on to compete at the North American completion in August. Envirothon is a great opportunity for students to compete in a team setting, meet people who work in natural resource-related careers, and have a good time while learning more about natural resource topics!

PROGRESS

This past year, Pine Creek Conservation District was the lead entity for coordinating the Soil Judging Contest. The contest took place on October 2, 2013, at a site near Dry Creek and Draper Road. The 2013 Soil Judging site was volunteered by local producer, David Lange. The 2013 contest included 272 students from 40 teams representing 14 schools from Eastern Washington. The contest challenged high school students both as individuals and as team players to apply their knowledge of soil science, agriculture and land-use planning to assess local soil conditions. Pine Creek Conservation District coordinated and hosted the event with support from Palouse-Rock Lake Conservation District, Whitman Conservation District, Palouse Conservation District, and NRCS.

The Envirothon Contest is currently scheduled for Tuesday, April 29th at the Klemgard County Park near Colfax where stations will be set up to give students hands-on learning experience in natural resources conservation. Specific learning stations consist of Forestry, Wildlife, Soils, Aquatic Ecology, Presentation Prep, Team Presentation, and Current Natural Resources Issues. The Current Issue for 2014 is "Sustainable Local Agriculture /Locally Grown." Palouse Conservation District is coordinating and hosting the 2014 Eastern Washington Regional Envirothon Competition. Natural Resources professionals from the following entities will be leading activities for the 2014 event: Palouse-Rock Lake Conservation District, Whitman Conservation District, Pine Creek Conservation District, Spokane Conservation District, Asotin County Conservation District, Pend Oreille Conservation District, Pomeroy Conservation District, NRCS, Society of American Foresters Student Chapter, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, City of Pullman Stormwater, and AmeriCorps.

BUDGET

Land Judging Contest:

Excavate soil pits	\$150.00
Port-a-Potty rental	\$150.00
Contest testing supplies	\$200.00
Refreshments	\$200.00
Awards	<u>\$50.00</u>
	\$750.00

Regional Envirothon Competition:

Contest testing supplies	\$300.00
Refreshments	\$200.00
Awards	\$50.00
School Travel	<u>\$200.00</u>
	\$750.00

Grant Total Request \$1,500.00