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Ecology's Agriculture and Water Quality Advisory
Committee

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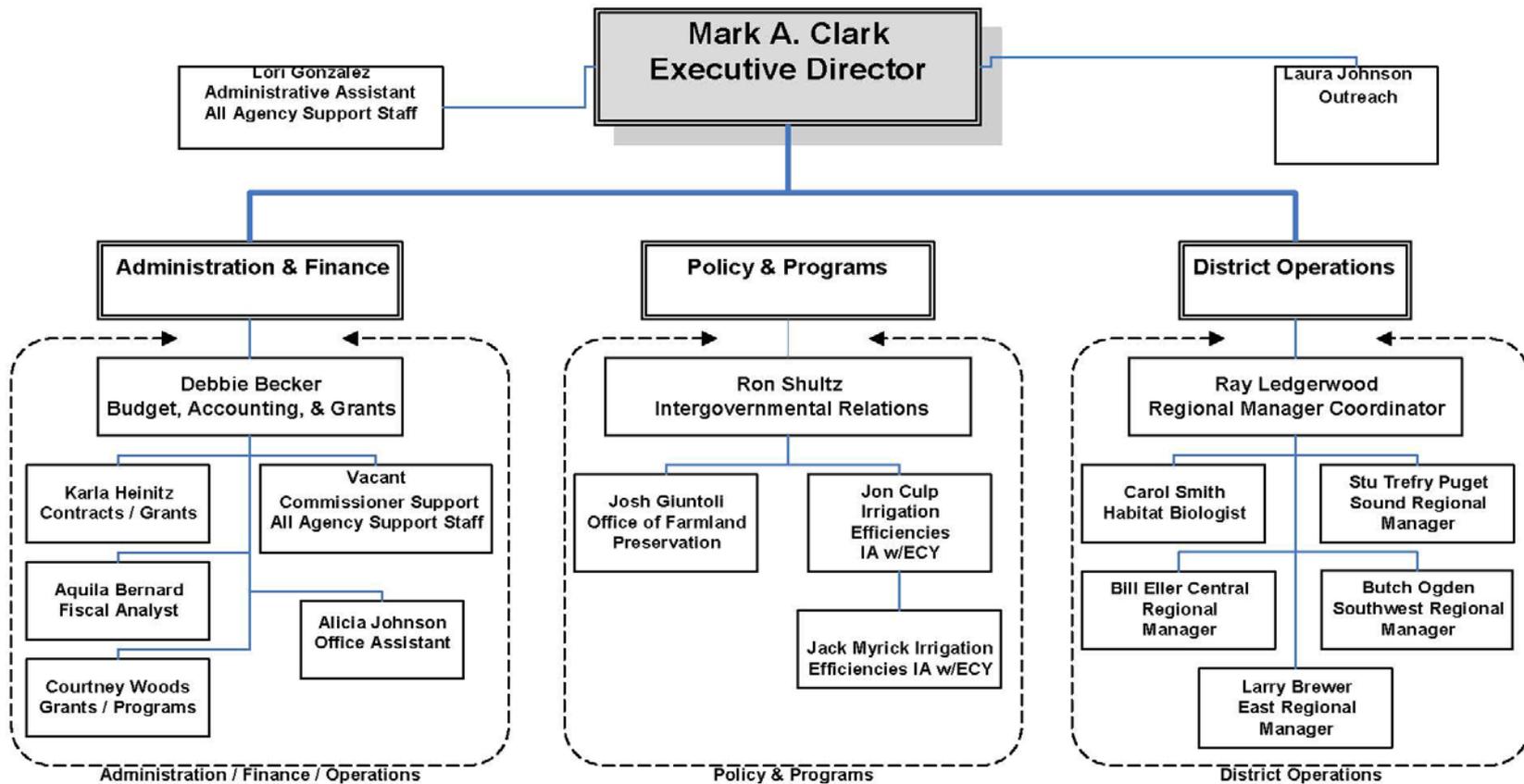
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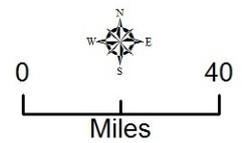
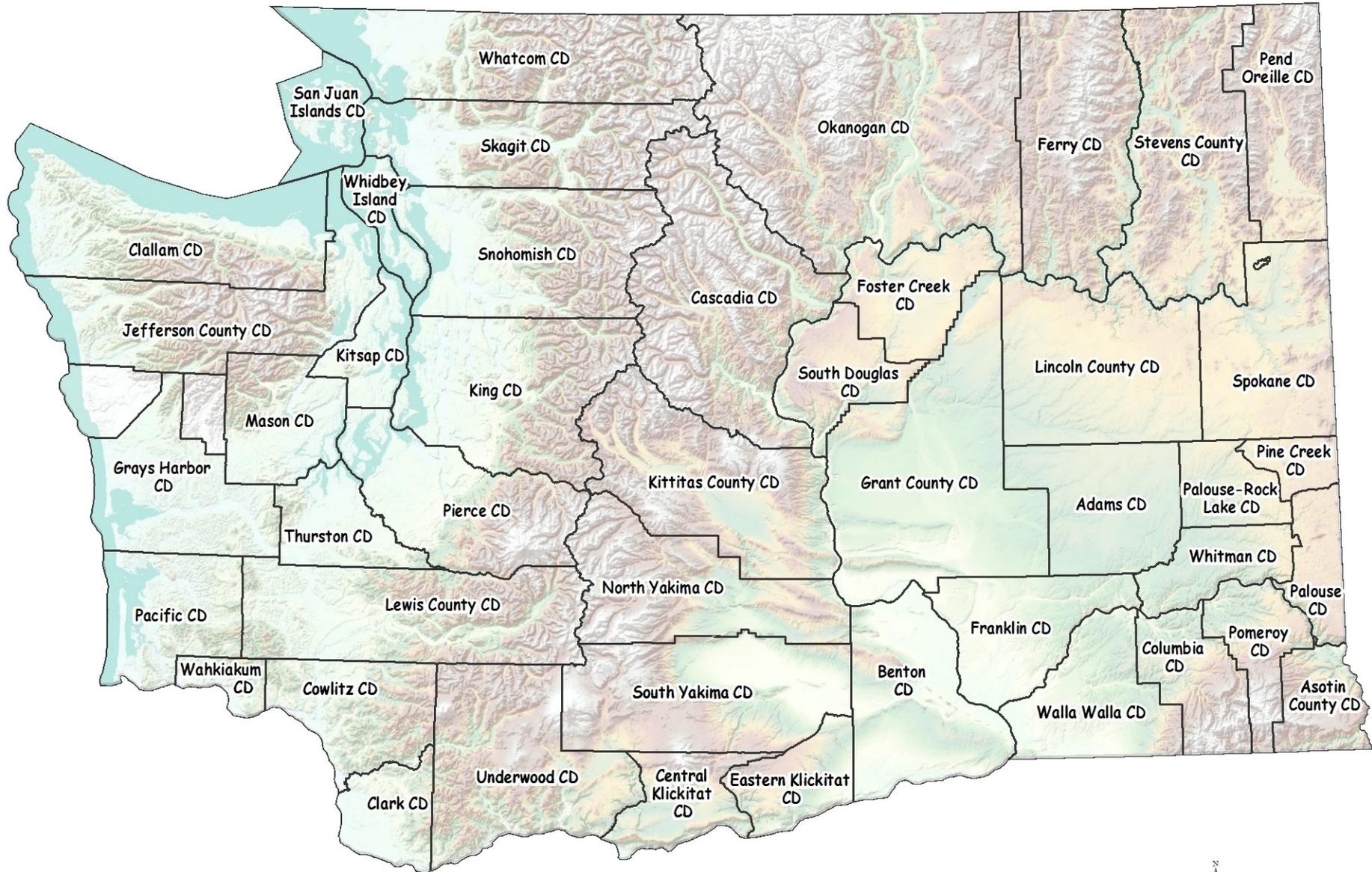
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 Conservation District Boundary

Washington State Conservation Districts

As of October 2012

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RCW 89.08.070 - General Duties of Commission

In addition to the duties and powers hereinafter conferred upon the commission, it shall have the following duties and powers:

(1) **To offer such assistance as may be appropriate** to the supervisors of conservation districts organized under the provisions of chapter 184, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess., in the carrying out of any of their powers and programs:

(a) **To assist and guide districts** in the preparation and carrying out of programs for resource conservation authorized under chapter 184, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess.;

(b) To review district programs;

(c) To coordinate the programs of the several districts and resolve any conflicts in such programs;

(d) **To facilitate, promote, assist, harmonize, coordinate, and guide the resource conservation programs and activities of districts** as they relate to other special purpose districts, counties, and other public agencies.

(2) To keep the supervisors of each of the several conservation districts organized under the provisions of chapter 184, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. informed of the activities and experience of all other districts organized hereunder, and to facilitate an interchange of advice and experience between such districts and cooperation between them.

RCW 89.08.070 - General Duties of Commission (cont.)

- (3) **To review agreements, or forms of agreements, proposed to be entered into by districts** with other districts or with any state, federal, interstate, or other public or private agency, organization, or individual, and advise the districts concerning such agreements or forms of agreements.
- (4) **To secure the cooperation and assistance of the United States** and any of its agencies, and of agencies of this state in the work of such districts.
- (5) **To recommend the inclusion in annual and longer term budgets and appropriation legislation** of the state of Washington of funds necessary for appropriation by the legislature to finance the activities of the commission and the conservation districts; to administer the provisions of any law hereinafter enacted by the legislature appropriating funds for expenditure in connection with the activities of conservation districts; to distribute to conservation districts funds, equipment, supplies and services received by the commission for that purpose from any source, subject to such conditions as shall be made applicable thereto in any state or federal statute or local ordinance making available such funds, property or services; to adopt rules establishing guidelines and suitable controls to govern the use by conservation districts of such funds, property and services; and to review all budgets, administrative procedures and operations of such districts and advise the districts concerning their conformance with applicable laws and rules.
- (6) **To encourage the cooperation and collaboration** of state, federal, regional, interstate and local public and private agencies with the conservation districts, and facilitate arrangements under which the conservation districts may serve county governing bodies and other agencies as their local operating agencies in the administration of any activity concerned with the conservation of renewable natural resources.

RCW 89.08.070 - General Duties of Commission (cont.)

(7) **To disseminate information throughout the state concerning the activities and programs of the conservation districts** organized hereunder, and to encourage the formation of such districts in areas where their organization is desirable; to make available information concerning the needs and the work of the conservation district and the commission to the governor, the legislature, executive agencies of the government of this state, political subdivisions of this state, cooperating federal agencies, and the general public.

(8) Pursuant to procedures developed mutually by the commission and other state and local agencies that are authorized to plan or administer activities significantly affecting the conservation of renewable natural resources, **to receive from such agencies for review and comment suitable descriptions of their plans, programs and activities for purposes of coordination with district conservation programs;** to arrange for and participate in conferences necessary to avoid conflict among such plans and programs, to call attention to omissions, and to avoid duplication of effort.

(9) **To compile information and make studies, summaries and analysis of district programs** in relation to each other and to other resource conservation programs on a statewide basis.

(10) To assist conservation districts in obtaining legal services from state and local legal officers.

(11) To require annual reports from conservation districts, the form and content of which shall be developed by the commission.

RCW 89.08.070 - General Duties of Commission (cont.)

(12) **To establish by rule, with the assistance and advice of the state auditor's office,** adequate and reasonably uniform accounting and auditing procedures which shall be used by conservation districts.

(13) To seek and accept grants from any source, public or private, to fulfill the purposes of the agency. The commission may also accept gifts or endowments that are made from time to time, in trust or otherwise, including real and personal property, for the use and benefit consistent with the purposes of this chapter.

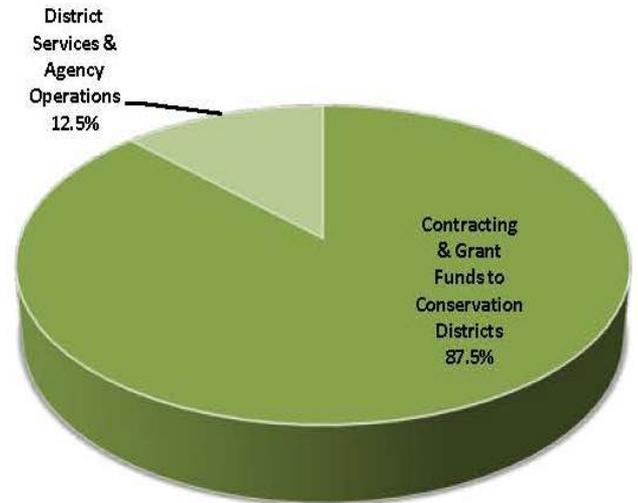
(14) To conduct conferences, seminars, and training sessions consistent with the purposes of this chapter, and may accept grants, gifts, and contributions, and may contract for services, to accomplish these activities. The commission may recover costs for these activities, whether the activity is sponsored or cosponsored by the commission, at a rate determined by the commission. The commission may provide reimbursement to participants in these activities and other commission sponsored meetings and events, as appropriate and approved by the commission, consistent with applicable statutes. The commission may provide meals for participants in working meetings.

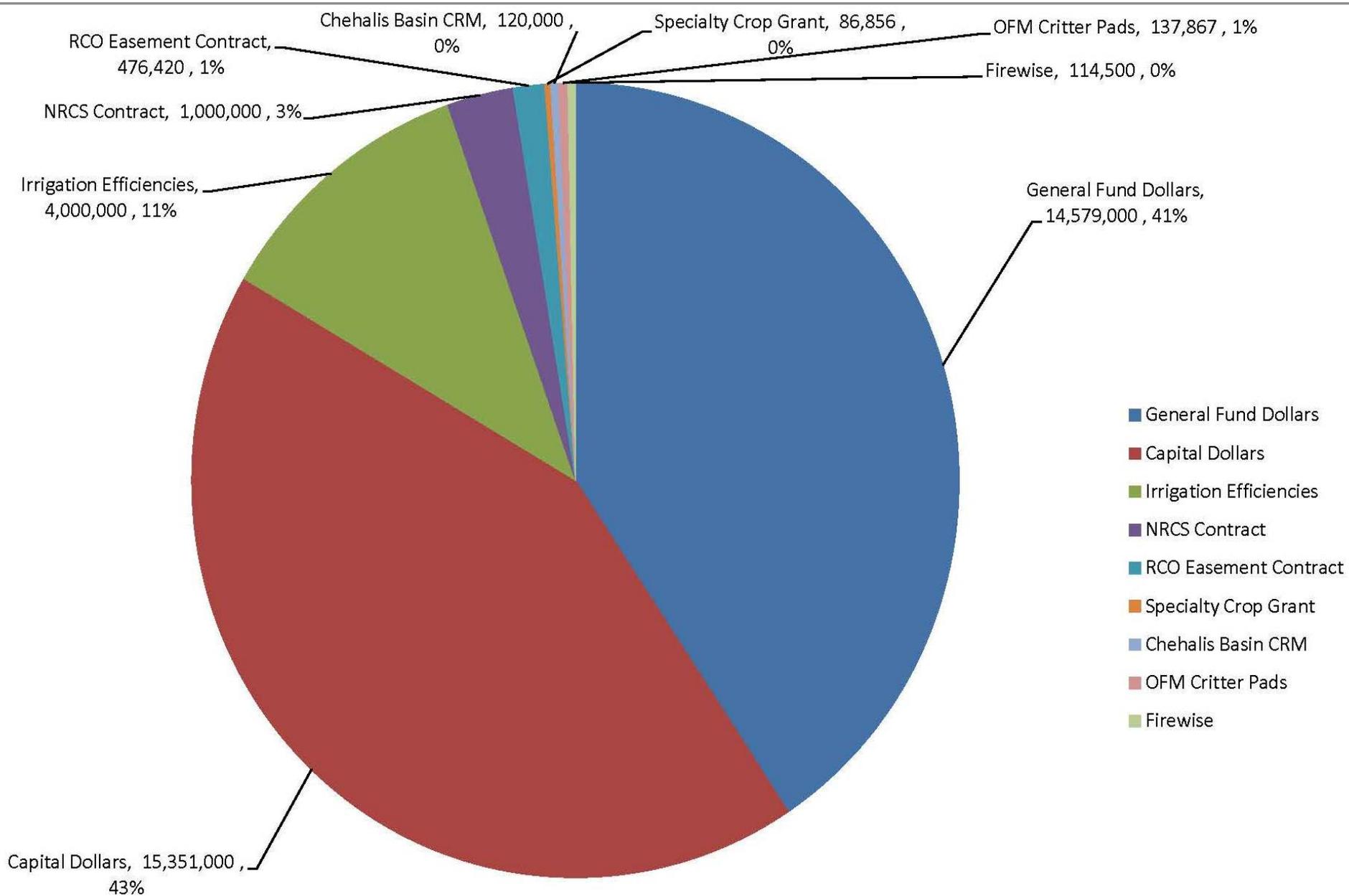
(15) To adopt rules to implement this section as it deems appropriate.

2013 -15 BIENNIUM OPERATING AND CAPITAL

SCC 13-15 Biennium Detail, Distribution, and Proposed FY14 Budget

Total Appropriations and Contracts for 13-15 Biennium	Total Funds	Funds to conservation districts	\$31,368,743 to conservation districts for conservation work.
General Fund Dollars	14,579,000	11,329,506	
Capital Dollars	15,351,000	14,890,470	
Irrigation Efficiencies	4,000,000	3,500,000	
NRCS Contract	1,000,000	900,000	
RCO Easement Contract	476,420	425,000	
Specialty Crop Grant	86,856	0	
Chehalis Basin CRM	120,000	90,000	
OFM Critter Pads	137,867	133,767	
Firewise	114,500	100,000	
TOTAL	35,865,643	31,368,743	
Districts Services & Agency Operations	(4,496,900)		





**Funding & Associated Contracts Managed By WSCC for 13-15
Dollar Value & Percent of Overall Budget**

2013-2015 WSCC Budget

FY 14 Operating Details:

Total 2013-15 Operating Budget	\$16,880,000
Fiscal Year 2014	\$8,491,000
Federal Authority	\$1,150,000
Total State Funds (GF-S and State Toxics)	\$7,341,000
• Allocation to Districts	\$4,916,253
• Engineering and TSP	\$1,045,000
• Grant, Moses Lake, Warden	\$192,325
• Category 1 – Highest Priority	\$950,000
• Category 2 – SWAPA	\$2,728,928
• Coordination, Outreach & Programs	\$903,900
• Envirothon Program	\$20,000
• WADE Training	\$21,400
• WACD Contract	\$62,500
• VSP State Support (100% pass thru)	\$300,000
• Conservation System for Results (state toxics)	\$500,000
• Allocation to State Office	\$1,520,847

2013-2015 WSCC Budget

Capital 2013-15 Details:

CREP Riparian Cost Share	\$2,590,000
CREP Riparian Contract	\$2,231,000
CREP PIP Loans	\$180,000
CREP Reappropriation	\$850,000
NR Investments - Shellfish - State Funds	\$4,500,000
• Federal Authority	\$500,000
NR Investments - WQ non-shellfish - state funds	\$4,500,000
• Federal Authority	\$500,000
Farms and WQ Reappropriation	\$500,000
Total SCC Capital (state and federal)	\$16,351,000
Irrigation Efficiencies (via Ecology)	\$4,000,000

District Support Activities

- Invoice Processing and Financial Technical Assistance
- Elections Review and Technical Assistance – Appointing Two Supervisors Per District
- Supervisor Training and Board Technical Assistance
- District Staff Support with Training and Assistance
- District Accountability and “Good Standing”
- Chehalis Flood District and Process Support
- CREP
- Livestock and Dairy Program Support
- Conservation Project Data System (CPDS)
- Irrigation Efficiencies
- Fire Response District Assistance

WSCC Policy Activities

- Voluntary Stewardship Program
- 3 Director Talks / Ag and Water Quality
- Salmon Recovery – Role of Incentive Programs
- Food Policy Governor EO Implementation
- Samish Initiative Response and Coordination
- Puget Sound District Caucus and State Caucus
- Yakima Basin Clean Water Partnership
- Office of Farmland Preservation – Transition Grant, Summit at the Summit
- RCO Recreational Lands Coordination Group
- Stormwater Work Group – Ag Runoff



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