



An Update on Bringing USDA Funding to the OGWRP

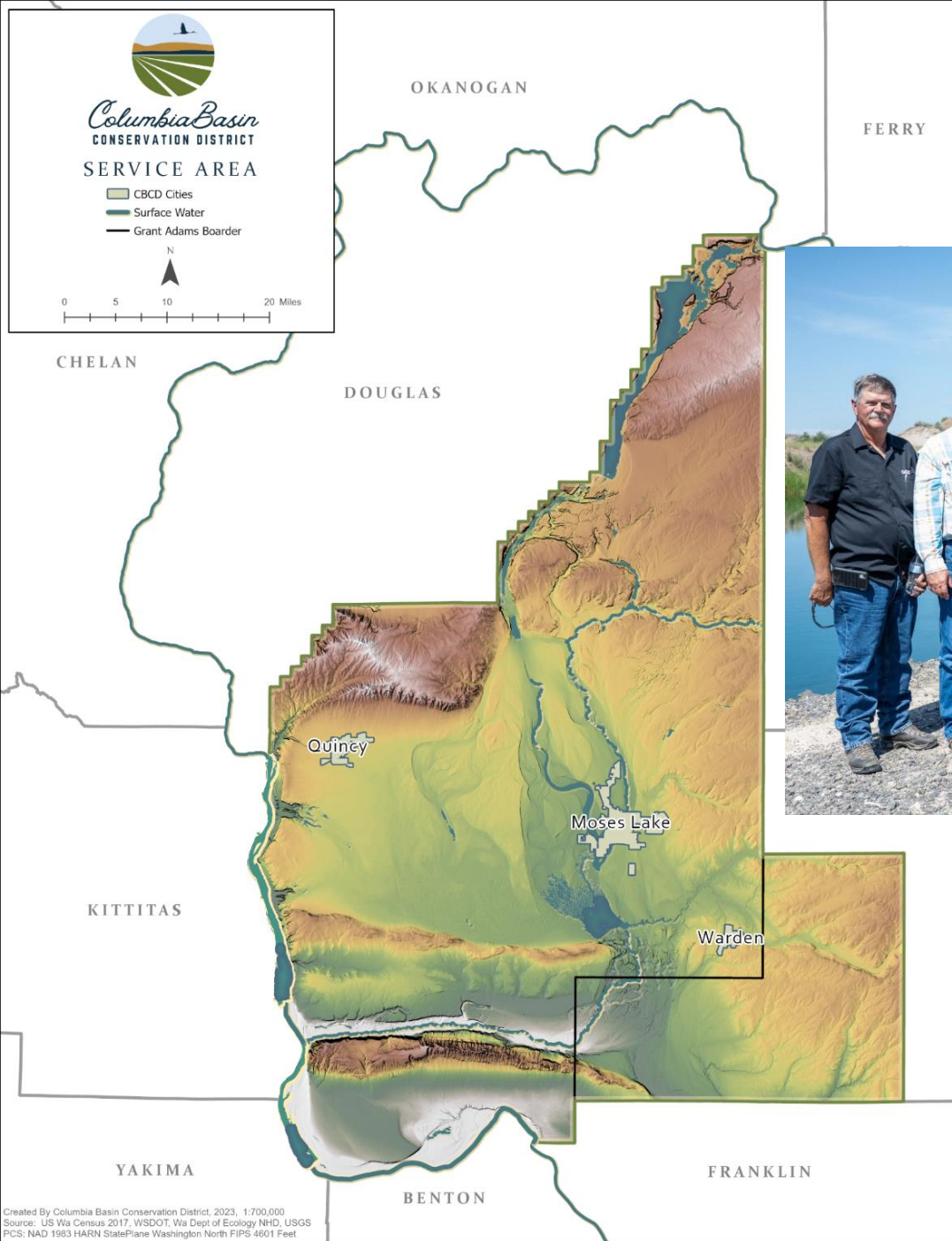
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Columbia Basin
CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Odessa
Watershed Program



Newer to OGWRP
Serving the Basin since 1945



Three Years in the Making



- ▷ Legislators and OCR funding CBCD to pursue NRCS funding
 - \$400,000 in FY22-23
 - \$500,000 in FY24-25
- ▷ ECBID's leadership
- ▷ OGWRP partners, landowners, and legislators working hand-in-hand
- ▷ NRCS Washington's support
- ▷ Communications Subcommittee

The background image shows a large industrial facility, likely a water treatment plant. In the foreground, there is a large, light blue cylindrical machine with a metal mesh screen. To the right, there are more similar machines, some with black electrical control boxes. The ceiling is high with a complex network of steel beams and pipes. The overall scene is brightly lit, suggesting an indoor industrial environment.

PL-566

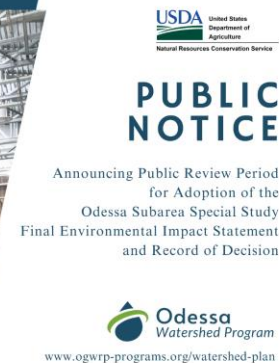
Small Watershed Program

PL-566

- ▷ 100% Engineering Costs
- ▷ Up to 75% Construction Costs

PL-566 Timeline

- ▷ 2021 - PIFR Funded by CBCD; Submitted by ECBID
- ▷ 2022 - OGWRP Approved for Watershed Planning
- ▷ 2023 - NRCS Adopting Reclamation's EIS
- ▷ 2024 - Develop the Watershed Plan
- ▷ 2025 - Complete & Submit Plan for Approval



The OGWRP Watershed Planning Team

- ▷ USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service - Lead Agency
 - Bureau of Reclamation - Cooperating Agency
 - Dept. of Ecology's OCR - Cooperating Agency
- ▷ East Columbia Basin Irrigation District - Sponsor
- ▷ Columbia Basin Conservation District - Contractor
- ▷ Farmers Conservation Alliance - Subcontractor





Watershed Plan to be Completed

RCPP

Regional Conservation Partnership Program



RCP

- ▷ 2021 - Unsuccessful, but learned from it
- ▷ 2022 - \$6 million for 80.6 & 84.7 on-farm buildouts
- ▷ 2023 - We nailed it.





Chief Cosby said “Go Big”

So we did.

\$32.8M

From the State



Leveraging State & Federal Funding

OGWRP Delivery System	Pump Station	Public Lateral	Phase II Lateral	On-Farm
EL 22.1	STATE & RCPP	RCPP	RCPP	RCPP
EL 80.6	STATE	STATE	RCPP	Awarded RCPP
EL 84.7	STATE	STATE	RCPP	Awarded RCPP
EL 86.4	N/A	STATE	N/A	RCPP

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This Year's RCPP Proposals

- ▷ 7 Submitted
- ▷ \$135 Million Requested
- ▷ \$ 48 Million in Partner Contributions (Match)

3 RCPP Proposals Awarded!

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EL 86.4	N/A	STATE	N/A	★ RCPP

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\$39.9M

Awarded through RCPP for the
EL 80.6 & 84.7 Mainlines and On-Farm
& 86.4 On-farm

\$46M

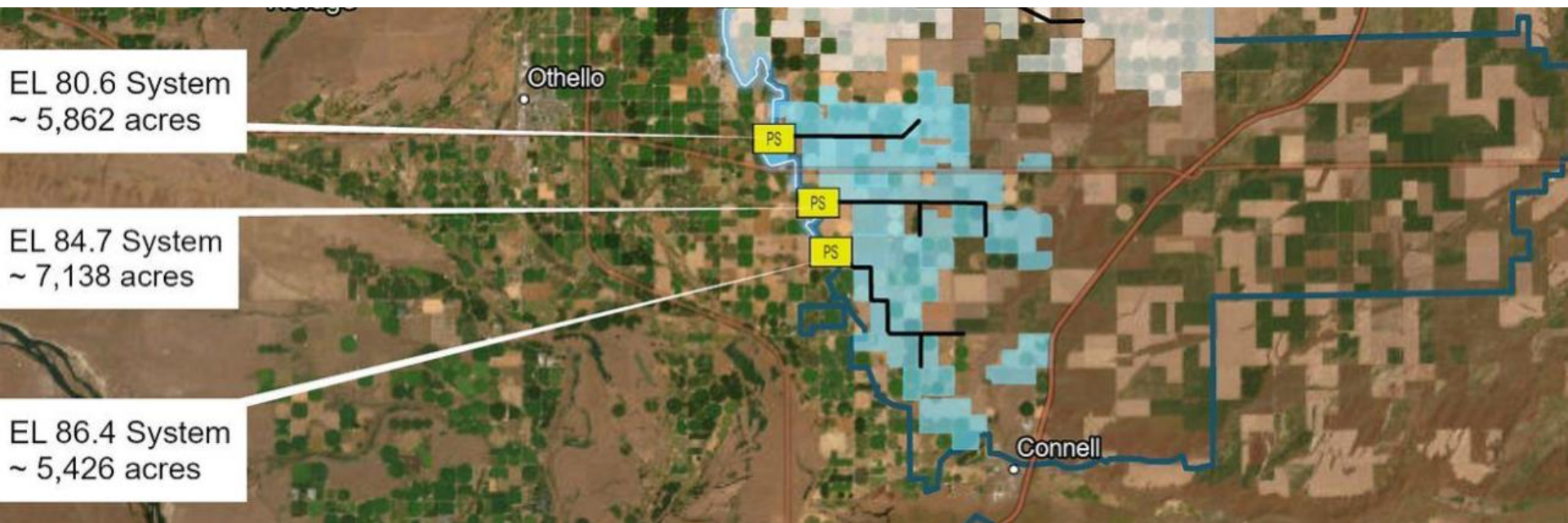


\$48.5M



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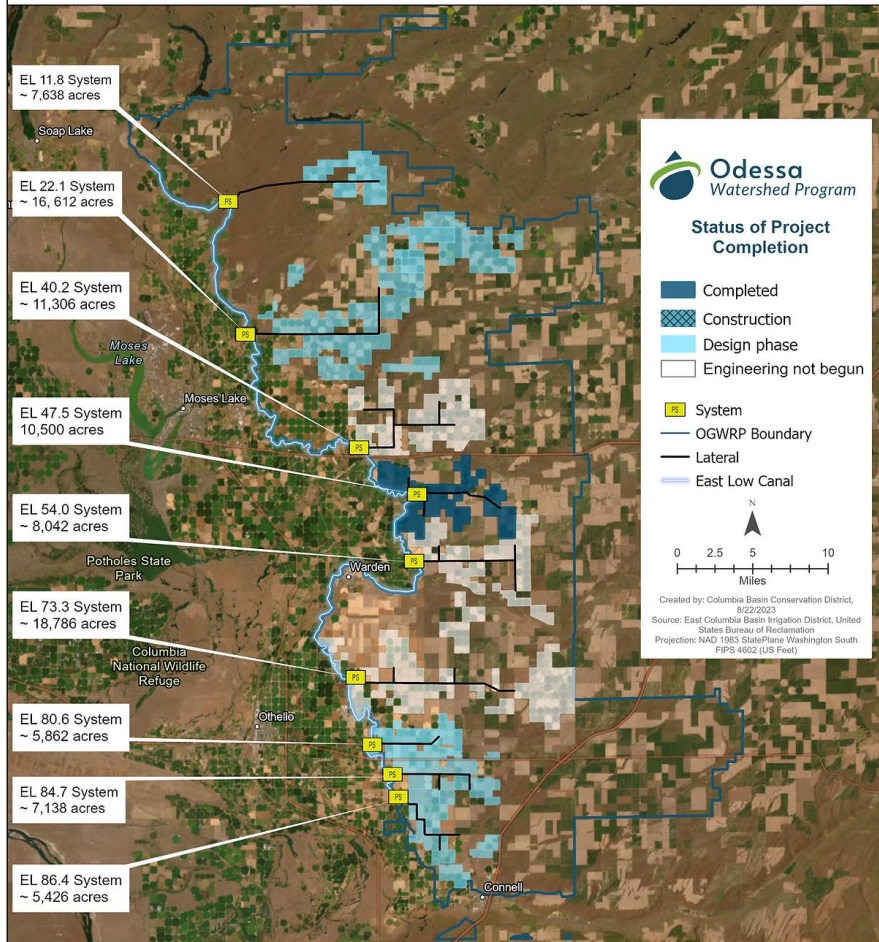


We did it. Thank you, RCPP Partners!



- ▷ East Columbia Basin Irrigation District
- ▷ Dept. of Ecology's Office of Columbia River
- ▷ Bureau of Reclamation
- ▷ Washington State Department of Agriculture
- ▷ Washington State Conservation Commission
- ▷ Washington State Potato Commission
- ▷ Washington State University
- ▷ Lincoln County Conservation District
- ▷ Franklin Conservation District
- ▷ Columbia Basin Conservation District
- ▷ Columbia Basin Development League
- ▷ Columbia Basin Sustainable Water Coalition
- ▷ Washington Association of Wheat Growers
- ▷ EL 80.6, 84.7 & 86.4 Landowner Groups

Odessa Groundwater Replacement Program (OGWRP)



Earthstar Geographics, WA State Parks GIS, Esri, HERE, Garmin, SafeGraph, FAO, METI/NASA, USGS, Bureau of Land Management, EPA, NPS, The information on this map is meant for planning level purposes only.

Coming Next



- ▷ Construct EL 80.6, 84.7 & 86.4
- ▷ Pursue RCPP for EL 22.1 and 11.8
 - Need match!
- ▷ Complete PL-566 Watershed Plan
- ▷ Provide technical assistance for new landowner groups
- ▷ Continue assisting with coordination and communication

Tremendous Collaboration



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Continue Advocating at Every Level





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