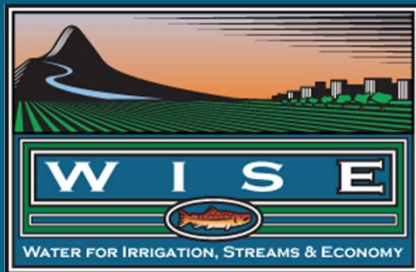




WATER FOR IRRIGATION STREAMS & ECONOMY

HISTORY OF WISE



March 2012

How did we get here?

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Steve Jobs was never part of this project.

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- 2000 – MWC IPOD Transfer Project
- MWC wanted to improve water quality at Duff Treatment Plant.
- Water from Little Butte Creek hugs bank to Duff.
- Simple idea to leave clean water instream and then pump up to Agate
- Turned out to not be cost effective.



IPOD grows into something bigger

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- 2001 - LB/BC-WMP
- BOR just finished review of Rogue River Basin Project.
- Had similar goals as IPOD
 - Improved water quality
 - Improved irrigation
- Dustup over in Klamath
 - We want to be proactive not reactive



And bigger still!

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- LB/BC-WMP begins meeting with 20 to 45 people.
- Forms Project Advisory Committee (PAC)
- Begin to define the scope of the project.
 - Improve irrigation
 - Improve water quality
 - Reduce water temperature
 - No undue financial burden to the districts



And still bigger!!!

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- City of Medford has temperature issues at RWRF
- Reclaimed effluent a possible solution
 - Cheaper than cooling
 - Pilot project initiated
 - Field trip to Salinas/Monterey to see reclamation on large scale.



Some money becomes available

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- City of Medford puts up \$125K for Phase 1 of project.
- Develop scope of work for EIS.
- Receive Title II funds for outreach
 - Begin extensive outreach
 - Rebrand project including logo and ...



Renamed again for the last time

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- 2003 – Project renamed WISE
- Funding received through EPA via VAHUD
 - ~\$1M for EIS
 - Knew more was needed but began the process using already develop SOW.
- HDR Engineering was selected through RFP process.
- Began EIS ...



There were some hurdles to cross

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- Congressional Authorization
 - Only took 4 years to get.
 - Trips to DC.
 - Revised language
- Not enough \$\$ to finish FS/EIS
 - Still needed another \$2.5M
 - Funds for BOR to act as lead agency
 - Took EIS up to Scoping
 - Completed Pre-Feasibility Study - 2010



And here we are!

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- Began process to find funds to complete FS/EIS.
- Changes in BOR led to new staff involvement.
- 2011 – made request to Oregon Solutions
- 2012 – submitted grant to OWRD for CBA



Questions?

