FARMERS
CONSERVATION
ALLIANCE
Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (PL-566) Program Overview

• Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1956 (Public Law 83-566)

• Managed and funded by NRCS
  • Financial and Technical Assistance for Watershed Plans
  • Construction and Design Assistance for Watershed Projects
PL-566 Program Overview

• 250,000 Acre Watershed

• Funding Eligibility
  • $25M with an Environmental Assessment
  • >$25M with an Environmental Impact Statement and Congressional Approval

• Authorized EA or EIS necessary for funding
Why PL 83-566 Matters

• Focused investment on mainstem irrigation district infrastructure

• Allows for authorization of larger traunches of capital to complete projects that otherwise would take significantly longer

• Expedites the beneficial project impacts for agriculture and the environment

• Program can fund up to 75% of total project costs

• Perfect fit for projects that are $10-30M not in NRCS CCA
# Keys to Success

1. Clear idea of priorities
2. Board support
3. Early stakeholder engagement
4. Capacity to support the process
5. Primary point of contact
6. Match
PL-566 Success Stories

TUMALO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
PL-566 RIBBON CUTTING, 2019

COMMUNITY
500 Landowners Benefited
51 Canal miles converted to pressurized pipe

PROJECT COSTS
$87M Implemented construction funding

ENERGY
3,827 MWh Annual energy conserved

WATER RESOURCES
60 cfs (Cubic ft/second) water saved