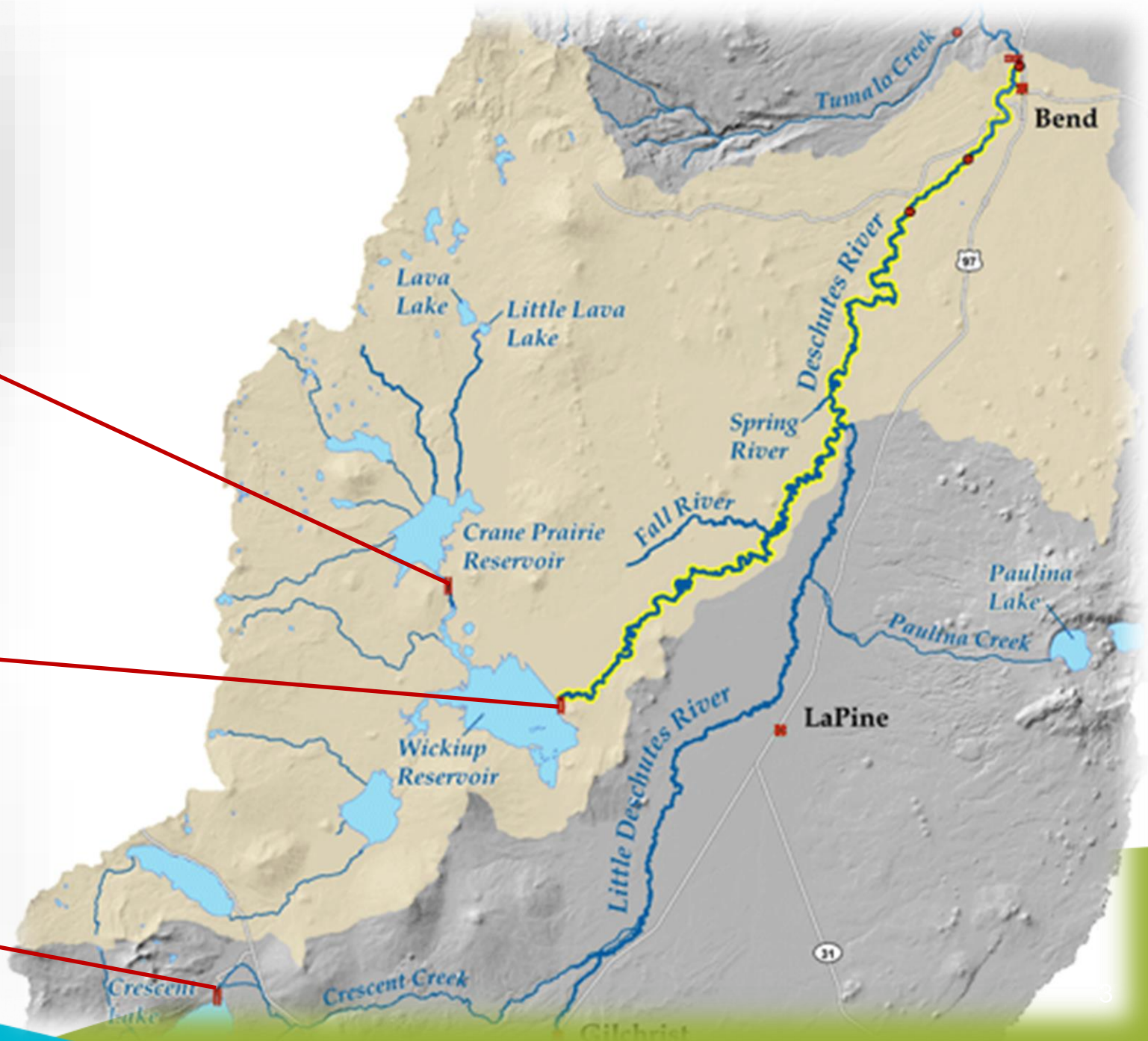


Watershed Plan Public Meeting



Irrigation District Overview

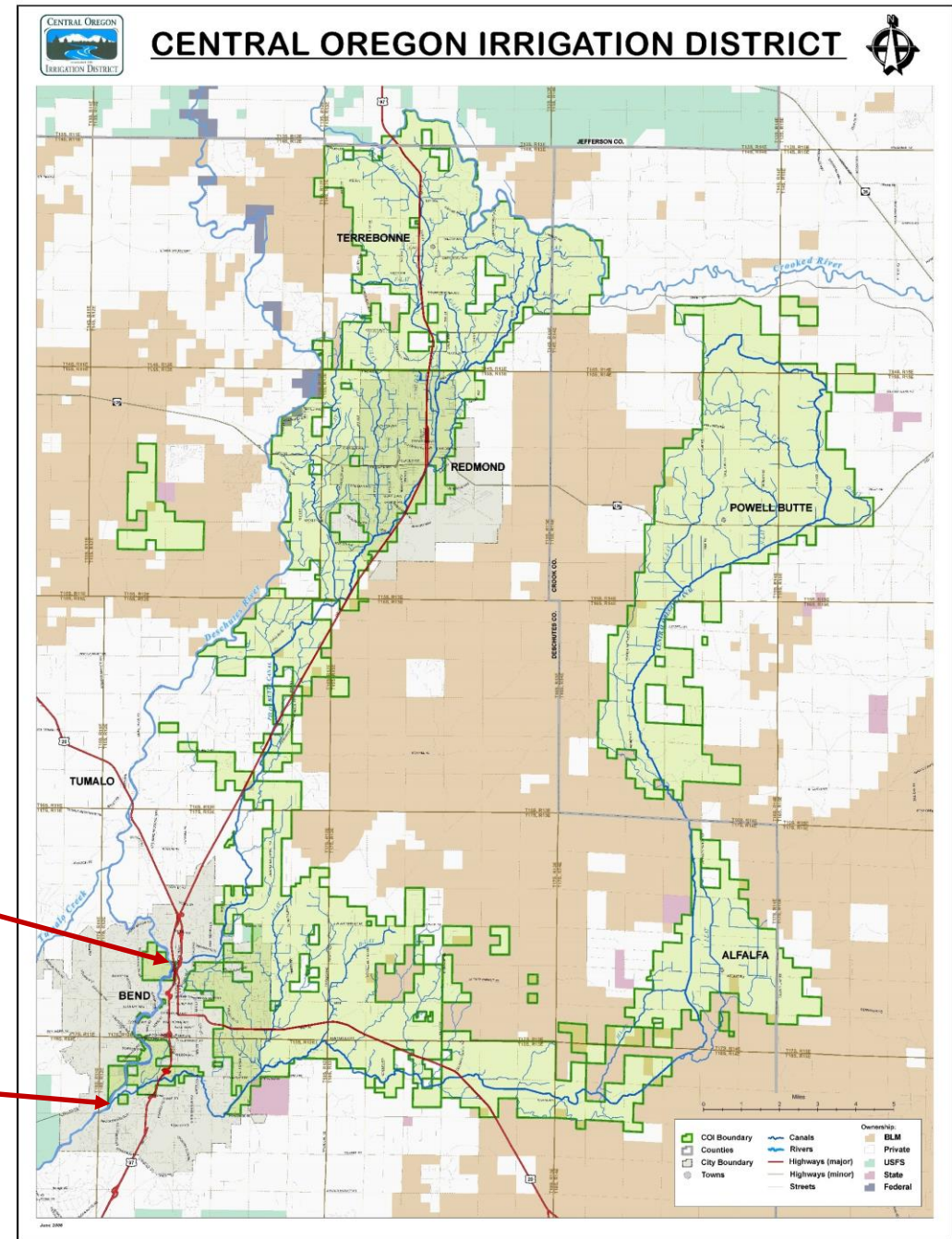


COLD at a Glance

- 42,666 acres of Irrigated Land
- 3,623 Patrons
- 60 Miles of Main Canal
- 350 Miles of Lateral Canals
- 2 Diversion

North Canal Diversion

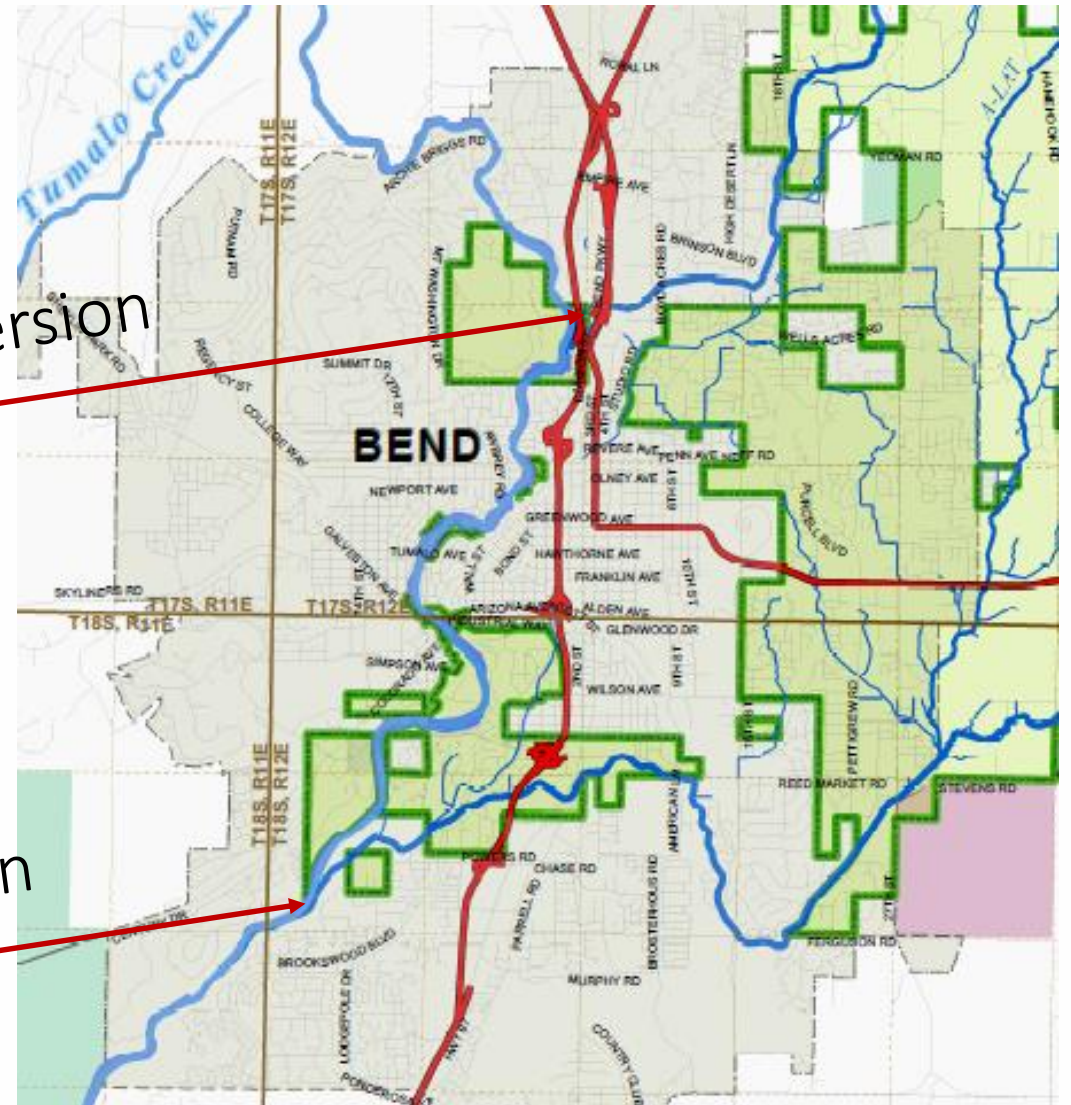
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North Canal Diversion

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Why Are We Here?

In the '70s COID replaced the wooden flume with a siphon pipe.



FINDING BALANCE AND DISTRIBUTION WITHIN BASIN



What Have We Done?

SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PLAN & ON FARM REPORTS



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Preliminary System Improvement Plan
September 19, 2016



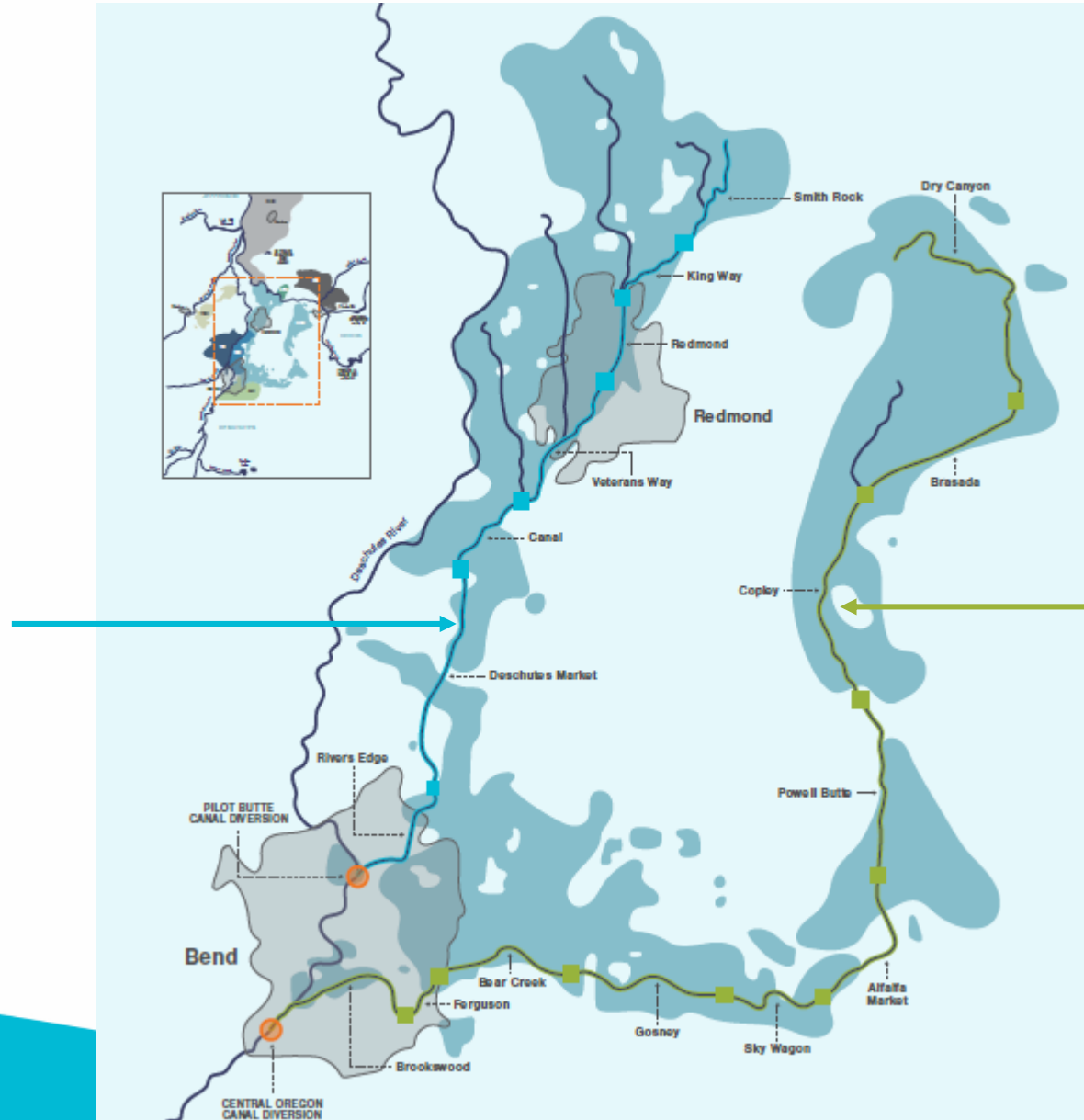
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April 27, 2017



Opportunities

SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT ...conservation potential

156
cfs



99 cfs

ON FARM ...conservation potential

On Farm
Improvements
48,000 AF



Piping Private Ditches &
Laterals
35,000 AF

Watershed Planning for Deschutes Basin Irrigation Districts

Margi Hoffmann, Farmers Conservation Alliance (FCA)



Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program (PL 83-566)

- Authorized by Congress in 1954
- Managed by the US Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Provides technical and financial assistance to projects that will address water conservation, aquatic species habitat, and public safety while supporting existing agricultural land use



Watershed Program Eligibility

Eligible projects for the program include:

- Protecting watersheds
- Mitigating floods
- Improving water quality
- Reducing soil erosion
- Enhancing fish and wildlife habitat
- Creating opportunities for hydroelectric power production



New Funding Available

- Congress appropriated \$150 million to the program in FY2017-18
- Deschutes Basin irrigation districts are eligible
- To qualify districts must have Final Watershed Plan
 - a) Includes public input
 - b) Satisfies requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)



Watershed Plan Process

- NRCS initiated the process for these projects June 16, 2017
- Public meeting July 6th, 2017
- Public scoping comment period July 7th, 2017 - July 21, 2017
- All public comments are incorporated into a Draft Watershed Plan
- Public review of Draft Watershed Plan
- NRCS issues Final Watershed Plan at which point districts would be eligible to receive funding



Get Involved

- Your input helps local irrigation districts and agencies make informed decisions and consider alternatives
- Ask questions about the proposed projects
- Sign up for email notices
- Attend public meetings
 - Thursday July 6, 2017 Tumalo & Swalley ID
 - Monday July 10, 2017 Central Oregon ID
- Submit comments during official periods via email or mail
- Learn more at oregonwatershedplans.org
- Submit comments to: **watershed@coid.org**



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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Field
Supervisor

- Biological Issues
- Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)
- Project and Solution Timing



Thank you

