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Keating Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is awarded \$202,127 for a project that will reduce the impacts of sediment, nutrient, and bacteria on water quality in the Powder River by converting 120 flood-irrigated acres to sprinkler irrigation.

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Keating, OR – The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) awarded \$202,127 to Keating Soil and Water Conservation District for the Duncan Ditch Irrigation Project at their April 22-24, 2024 board meeting.

The award was one of 62 restoration, technical assistance, and engagement grants to local organizations statewide totaling \$11,378,813 to support fish and wildlife habitat and water quality projects.

In the Duncan Ditch Irrigation Project, sediment, nutrient, and bacteria impacts on water quality in the Powder River will be reduced by converting 120 flood-irrigated acres to sprinkler irrigation. It is expected to begin Summer 2024.

Funding for these grants, awarded by the OWEB Board, comes from the Oregon Lottery, and Federal Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery funds provided by the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration.

Since 1999, the Oregon Lottery has provided over \$525 million to OWEB's grant program that helps restore, maintain, and enhance Oregon's watersheds. Combined, the Lottery has earned nearly \$15 billion for watershed enhancements, public education, state parks, and economic development. For more information about the Oregon Lottery visit [www.oregonlottery.org](http://www.oregonlottery.org).

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