



## Kittitas County Conservation District

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## Voluntary Stewardship Program

### Watershed Group Meeting

KCCD Conference Room, 2211 W Dolarway Road, Ellensburg, and Virtually through Zoom

10:00 AM Friday, November 7, 2025

## Meeting Minutes

**In-person attendees:** Anna Lael, Mark Charlton, Wendy Mee, Terry Clark, Jennifer Nelson, Mark Moore, Karen Poulsen, Brent Dixon.

**Zoom Meeting Attendees:** John Marvin, Erin Eaton, Kevin Eslinger, Samantha Cox, Jack Clerf, Cody Gillin

### Welcome

*Anna welcomed the attendees to the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) Watershed Group Meeting, and introductions were completed.*

#### I. Review Meeting Minutes

*The minutes from October 24, 2025, were reviewed with no comments or concerns.*

- II. Ten-Year Report:** *Anna shared and reviewed the ten-year report with the group. The report is due November 17th. The Watershed Group discussed progress on the report. Anna shared updates on its structure and challenges, and particularly the guidance received from Mike Poteet regarding reporting the BMP implementation so that it doesn't appear to be double counting accomplishments. The Group discussed data needs for hay market impacts and drought impacts to accurately portray the challenges to ag viability. The Group also discussed the loss of critical areas question. The next draft of the report will be available next week for review.*

#### III. Cost Share and Capital Project Funding

*Anna reviewed the capital funds that the group needed to obligate.*

**a. VSP Capital Funds – \$40,000 to obligate:**

**i. Project Categories Ideas**

1. Cover Crop
2. Irrigation Efficiencies/Drought
3. Reseeding pastures
4. Stockwater options

**ii. Cost Share % and limits**

1. 75% and a cap of \$5,000

**iii. Timeline: Applications Due 12/19/25**

1. Five funded projects, \$50,000 obligated
2. One technical assistance application funded

**IV. Action Register**

- a. Anna will send the 10-year report out to the group.
- b. The group will think about how to allocate capital funds.
- c. Next meeting November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**V. Adjourn 11:20 AM**