



Kittitas County Conservation District

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Voluntary Stewardship Program

Watershed Group Meeting

Armory, Kittitas Valley Event Center, 901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg
10:00 AM Friday, January 17th, 2020.

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Anna Lael, Terry Clarke, Mark Charlton, Brian Cortese, Jack Clerf, Lila Hanson, Karen Poulsen, John Marvin, Erin Eaton, Brent Dixon, Karen Hodges, Kat Satnik, Jennifer Nelson, Bill Eller, Leslie Michel, and Scott Nicolai.

- I. Welcome** – Anna welcomed the attendees to the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) Watershed Group Meeting.
 - a. Introductions and a review of the meeting agenda were completed.
 - b. Review of the Oct 25th, 2019 meeting minutes was completed and there were no comments.
- II. Review Watershed Group Membership**
 - a. **No new member being added**
- III. Outreach Activities and Materials**
 - a. *On-line Mapping and Survey:* Anna review the map and reported 4 people have filled out the map and 1 person requested a VSP plan
 - b. *Outreach Plan Status:* Sent newsletter out to landowners, Anna will attend the local work group meeting; hay growers, Saddle Mountain, KCCD/Farm Bureau, etc.
 - c. *Workshop:* Soil Health workshop will be on February 20th. Marlon Winger with NRCS will be presenting.
- IV. Technical Assistance**
 - a. **Inventories for landowners:** Anna and Brent reviewed what information is in the inventory's packets.
 - b. **Drone Technology:** Brent went over currently what drone services are available through KCCD.
- V. Financial Assistance:** Anna shared and reviewed each funding source available to producers.
 - a. *Current Individual Producer Opportunities*

- i. Integrated Plan Water Conservation Fund*
 - 1. *Trust Water*
- ii. Conservation Commission*
 - 1. *Natural Resource Investment Funds*
 - a. Limited to \$50,000/Landowner*
 - 2. *Irrigation Efficiencies Program*
- iii. RCPP – 2020 application still being accepted.*
 - 1. Initially screening December 2019
- iv. NRCS conservation application ranking tool (CART)*
 - 1. Anna talked about the new CART tool from NRCS and potentially how Kittitas County will be affected.
- b. RCPP – 2020 application Announcement – Anna discussed that there will be a group of partners working on an application together for another RCPP project.*
- c. Fish Barrier Removal Board*
- d. Salmon Recovery Funding Board*
- e. Mobile slaughter unit – Anna reported that the application for the feasibility study was not funded.*
- f. Monitoring Efforts*
 - i. Data Management and Tracking*
 - 1. GIS Layers with all projects since 2011
 - 2. PIT arrays

VI. Reporting Requirements

- a. Fish presence data collected by PIT arrays an WDFW survey*
- b. 5-year report: November 2020 – Anna gave an updated-on goals and Benchmarks.*

VII. Action Register

- a. Follow Up: Get a speaker in to talk about riparian plantings in the next couple months.*
- b. Next meeting will be February 20, 2020 (Soil Health Workshop)

VIII. Adjourn