

Columbia County Voluntary Stewardship Program

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2017

I. Call to order

Roland Schirman called to order the regular meeting of the Columbia County Voluntary Stewardship Program at 5:31 PM on May 10, 2017.

II. Attendance

Tom Schirm, Meagan Bailey, Don Howard, Terry Bruegman, Justin Pearson, Marty Hall, Norm Passmore, Kraig Horlather, Roland Schirman.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were approved as is.

IV. Agenda items

- a) Updates from State VSP—Adoption of Work Plans from Thurston and Chelan Counties
 1. Chelan and Thurston were approved.
 2. Most concerns from the State included the plans showing exactly how all RCW's are being met in the plan, and how realistic/attainable ongoing monitoring and measuring is.
 3. There is a 45 day period for the State to approve/disapprove the VSP plan, including a 15 day public comment period.
 4. Approved plans are available on Chelan and Thurston websites.
- b) Old business
 1. Any land in CRP is considered enhancement.
- c) Drafts of Table of Contents and Chapter One for our Work Plan
 1. Two volumes: one will be the 'user friendly' version, and the second will include all technical appendices.
 2. Review:
 - a. Introduction: 2nd paragraph, splice sentence into two separate sentences/points.

b. Q&A format is OK as is.

3. Don Howard: Who clarifies presence of critical areas? → Dependent on what Critical Area we are referring to, there are different resources available. FEMA mapping, state aquifer recharge area mapping, and erosion/hazardous areas can be determined independently. Maps will be available in June showing the intersect of our agriculture lands and critical areas. We should continue bringing this topic up and discussing it. Most of these areas are defined specifically by the state.

d) Measurable Benchmarks Process

1. State Technical Panel—really want to see the connection between work plan and critical area functions.
2. VSP “crosswalk”: goal → objective → measureable benchmarks.
3. Benchmarks are not quantified, they are protecting the baseline. Benchmarks should be looking at the *whole* picture, not just one ‘piece’ of the system.

e) Measureable Benchmarks—what works for us?

1. Roland Schirman: Potentially bring our Shorelines into the VSP plan. → We will rely on it; Shorelines will be referenced in the appendices in the technical version.
2. (In reference to Chelan County benchmarks) Roland Schirman: The same statement is made multiple times, can we say it once? → There is a specific hierarchy and format required, we have to break it down.

f) Next meeting June 14th, 2017

1. Look over chapter 2
2. We will have mapping available for the next meeting for review

V. Adjournment

Roland Schirman adjourned the meeting at 6:49 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Meagan Bailey

Minutes approved by: Don Brigham