

**Walla Walla County VSP Watershed Working Group Meeting
USDA Service Center – 325 North 13th Ave., Walla Walla, WA
June 6, 2016, 1:00 PM**

AGENDA

Walla Walla County VSP Watershed Working Group

Voting Members

Robert Riley – Cattle Rancher and Irrigated Farmer
Jonathan Hellberg-Wilson – Cattle Producer and Irrigated Farmer
David Haire – **Vice Chairman** - CTUIR
Brian Burns - Executive Director Tri-State Steelheaders
Mark Klicker – **Chairman** - Landowner, Orchardist
Judith Johnson - Kooskooskie Commons
Tom Schirm– Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Brian Maiden – Farmer, Landowner
Jason Bulay -Conservation Director - Blue Mountain Land Trust

Walla Walla County Conservation District working on VSP

Renee Hadley – WWCCD Manger
Audrey Ahmann – Administrative Support
Lisa Stearns – GIS, Maps
Joanna Cowles – Biological Compliance with Applicable Plans

Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc.

Laurie Parry, John Wells, Eleanor Schroeder
Kevin Scribner

Action Item: Approve minutes from last meeting.

Update Hadley: 1) Previously we discussed agriculture incentives & regulatory assurance from Ecology. Kay Meyer spent 6 yrs negotiating with Ecology to provide approval for FARMED SMART certification. They are amending their certification for irrigated users. Might be easier to piggy back their efforts rather than push additional VSP certification. Discussion?

2) Open Space Taxation Act for small ag users...steep consequences for failing to meet income requirements, see handouts. Questions?

Discussion:

(Hadley & Parry) Monitoring (section 4).

Implementation plan (pared down version of work plan)

Review: Work plan emailed for review. Pictures and graphics will be added later. Edits? Corrections? Changes needed?

Next Step: Prepare for public comment period? Or wait until successful work plan is approved by others?

Handouts:

May 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Work Plan with Monitoring Section to date (email only)

Implementation Plan to date