

AGENDA for Walla Walla County VSP Working Group Meeting
Via Zoom through the USDA Service Center – 325 North 13th Ave., Walla Walla, WA
Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 1:00 PM

To join the Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 747 6212 9441

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WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ACTION ITEM: Approve minutes from the March 2021 meeting

Discuss current VSP work group voting members

- Lindsey Williams with The Center for Agricultural Excellence housed at WWCC volunteered
- Remaining vacancy
- Select new chairman/rotate board

DISCUSSION: The State Conservation Commission has requested the work group meet more frequently and be more of an active leadership role.

- 1) Suggested meeting dates include Sept. 7, Dec. 7, March 1, May/June... (roughly quarterly avoiding July & August).
- 2) Refresh roles (Policy 03, pages 4 & 6+)

INFORMATION ON REPORTING: 5-Yr reports are due 5 years after the date of funding (March 2016); 2-year reports are due odd years within 60 days of the end of the state fiscal biennium. 2021 is the odd year with both reports due.

The 5 year report with adaptive management suggestions was submitted March 7, 2021. The 45 day review comment period ended April 22. Comments should be received by May 7th with a sequence of additional public comments and review period with a final state decision to county by October 6.

The next 2-yr report will be due by August 30, 2021. Draft will be available in July. Highlights to include: riparian buffer planting on Coppei Creek; post-flood Feb 2020 response; benchmark monitoring completed for 5-yr report...

REVIEW & DISCUSS LOCAL VSP IMPLEMENTATION CRITERIA See handout

IF TIME ALLOWS, ROUNDTABLE UPDATES FROM EACH MEMBER (AGENCY AND FARMER/RANCHER). What's new and upcoming?

NEXT MEETING: Email update early July 2021. Can we meet prior to 2-year report deadline (August 30, 2021) and have a quorum? Options?

HANDOUTS:

Draft minutes of the March 2021 meeting

Review local VSP implementation criteria
SCC Policy 03 Roles & Responsibilities