

**Walla Walla County VSP Watershed Working Group Meeting
#6 October 4, 2016, 1:00 PM**

USDA offices – 325 North 13th Ave., Walla Walla, WA

AGENDA

Walla Walla County VSP Watershed Working Group – Members, WWCCD Staff, Walla Walla County, and Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc. (Consultants for VSP Workgroup)

Robert Riley – Cattle Rancher and Irrigated Farmer
Jonathan Hellberg-Wilson – Cattle Producer and Irrigated Farmer
David Haire – **Vice Chairman** - CTUIR (Chris Marks is alternate)
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

Jeff Klundt – VSP Coordinator
Renee Hadley – WWCCD Manager
Audrey Ahmann – Administrative Support
Lisa Stearns – GIS, Maps, Outreach Lists
Joanna Cowles – Biological Compliance with Applicable Plans

Walla Walla County

Tom Glover- Director, Walla Walla County Community Development Dept.

Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc.

Brian Mahoney
Kevin Scribner

Action Item: Approve minutes from last meeting.

Discussion: Renee Hadley to discuss:

- 1) FSA Walla Walla County handout.
- 2) WASDE Wheat supply handout.

Discussion: Family farm specifically overview of cropping history/critical areas and what is realistic regarding VSP on family farm? Additional comments from ag producers regarding what drives your activities/why do you farm?

- 1) What do you need to continue farming?
- 2) What are your concerns as an ag producer?
- 3) How might VSP affect your operations?
- 4) What critical areas do you have on your property and what can you even do?

Action item: Renee Hadley WWCCD District Manager – Adopt “Agricultural Viability” and “maintaining and improving” definitions for Walla Walla County (Definitions were

proposed at the last meeting, see below):

- 1) Agricultural Viability: Crop and/or livestock systems that meet the needs of today's generation without compromising the ability of tomorrow's generations to do the same.
- 2) Maintaining and improving: conservation of a land base sufficient in size and quality, discourage incompatible uses.

Discussion: Anderson Perry & Assoc. to present Grant County VSP NRCS best practices flowchart and lead into brainstorm session with work group to populate green flowchart.

Discussion: Brian Mahoney to discuss scope deliverables and timeline. What needs to be completed next to provide working draft by end of year?

Handouts:

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FSA Washington State, Walla Walla County handout

WASDE Wheat supply handout

Walla Walla County VSP NRCS practices spreadsheet (Work in Progress)

Walla Walla County VSP tasks flowchart - Green (Work in Progress)

9/29/2016