

Chelan County Voluntary Stewardship Program
VSP Work Group – Special Meeting
Wednesday, April 28, 2021
9:00 am – 10:00 am
MEETING NOTES

Summary: Follow-up actions

Item	Follow-up
SCC update of technical memo on defining agriculture	Discuss at an upcoming VSP workgroup meeting

The meeting began at 8:35 a.m. This was a call-in meeting and no physical presence occurred (Governor’s coronavirus requirements). An online meeting platform was used. Neil noted that this is a special meeting and the requirements for calling a special meeting, as specified in the Open Public Meetings Act, have been met. The purpose is to get workgroup approval on spending \$85,000 in the current budget on developing four technical memos.

Public Comment

No member of the public was present to offer comment.

Workgroup approval for technical memos

Hannah reviewed the four projects for which technical memos will be prepared:

1. Lower Beaver Creek (\$25,000): this will be for a suite of potential implementation projects. This will identify landowners that have a link to agriculture and critical areas and figure out what projects might occur. Mike said this is an area that has not gotten much attention. Graham asked if this is tied in to recent DFW site visits that have occurred; the answer is yes.
2. Lower Icicle Creek (\$15,000): This is to develop cost estimates for upgrading or replacing irrigation system on the Fromm property. This will reduce surface water use. Graham noted that the DFW screen shop recently provided a screen to this property, and he can also connect Chelan County staff to the screen shop for other projects.
3. Mission/Brender/Yaksum Creeks (\$20,000): Mike noted this is a longstanding issue. The county staff know most of these people and they need some help. This will address outreach, identify conservation implementation opportunities, and develop cost estimates.
4. Chiwawa Basin (\$25,000): This involves working with the irrigation district to identify potential conservation practices.

The workgroup approved using funds to prepare these four technical memos.

Next steps: A date for the next meeting was discussed. Neil will check with Britt and Lisa about Monday June 14 or Wednesday June 16 and will send a note when confirmed. It was noted that the SCC VSP Statewide Advisory Committee has been working on a technical memo defining agriculture; this should be placed on the agenda for an upcoming VSP workgroup meeting.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10 a.m.

Attendees:

Neil Aaland, Facilitator
Mike Kaputa, Chelan County
Vicki Malloy, Farm Bureau

Hannah Pygott, Chelan County
Graham Simon, WDFW
Leslie Michel, WSDA