

Chelan County Voluntary Stewardship Program
Quarterly Work Group Meeting
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023
Time: 3:00 – 4:00 pm
Virtual/Call-in Meeting

Meeting Minutes

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Attendees: Vicki Malloy, Chelan Douglas Farm Bureau; Britt Dudek, Chairman; Amanda Barg, WDFW; Renee Swearingen, Discover Entiat; Lisa Dowling, CCNRD; Mike Kaputa CCNRD; Jennifer Adams, Cowlitz County VSP; Matt Stevenson, Core GIS; Phil Long, Lake Chelan Research Institute.
- Public Comment
 - No public comments submitted
- Discussion Topics:
 - General Updates
 - Stephen provided the work group with the following meetings and deadlines
 - Monitoring symposium 9 march 9-12
 - Monitoring Guide Forum 28 March 9-12
 - VSP 101 4 May
 - VSP Joint TP/SAC May 11
 - Two year reports due 30 August
 - Budget
 - Budget Review
 - Stephen provided the Work Group with the current budget. Budget is in good standing and all funds are expected to be expended by June 30, 2023 (end of 2021-2023 biennium)
 - Project Updates
 - Manson Irrigation Efficiencies
 - One project completely closed out. Landowner has expressed interest in follow efficiency projects.
 - One project awaiting snow melt to finish up with above ground sprinkler and pipe installation. This is last step of project, all buried pipe was installed last fall.
 - Yaksum Canyon
 - Stephen notified the group on receiving the USBR WaterSmart grant to help fund this project. Still waiting on official grant agreement from USBR. Britt asked if there would be any permitting requirements of this project. Stephen noted that there is a mandatory NEPA review that will be conducted before any construction can occur. Also, a portion of the project area crosses WDNR land so there will need to be pre-construction conversations with WDNR to determine any permitting

requirements. Otherwise there should not be any significant permitting concerns.

- Entiat Surface to Groundwater Conversion
 - Stephen informed the group that Aspect has completed the Certified Water Right Examination and Hydrogeologic assessment of the parcel. Both of these reports have been given to the landowner for review and determination of next steps.
- Dept. of Ecology Riparian Mapping and Prioritization Grant
 - Matt with CORE GIS was in attendance to provide an update on the progress of this project, mapping efforts completed, tasks remaining to be completed and how results of this project will benefit the VSP program in regards to project identification and long-term monitoring.
- New Projects
 - Mission Creek Irrigation Efficiencies
 - Stephen informed the group the landowner is still highly interested in pursuing this project. However, with the end of the biennium nearing it was decided to wait until the new biennium VSP grant is in place to pursue project development.
 - Entiat Erosion Control Advanced Assistance
 - Stephen informed the group that this project was identified through the FEMA and WMED Hazard mitigation program. Landowners are ag producers and have experienced several mass-wasting erosion events on their property. This project is primarily funded through FEMA and WMED, VSP staff time will be utilized as match for project coordination. This project will focus on the development of conceptual designs and an alternatives analysis to determine best available solution to the erosion issues and future project costs.
 - Chelan Watershed Nutrient Management and Monitoring.
 - Phil Long was in attendance and presented to the group a future project between Lake Chelan Research Institute and Chelan VSP to develop a soil nutrient management and monitoring program for the Chelan watershed. Both Stephen and Phil noted this is still in the beginning phases and will keep the work group update as project elements develop.
- Outreach
 - Conducted
 - Direct contact with Chelan County farmers
 - Future Opportunities
 - Rotary Presentation
 - March 30th, 2023 In-person presentation will given to local Rotary Group. Stephen and Britt will attend as presenters.
- 2023 Second Quarter Meeting date

- Stephen will send out Doodle poll targeting the dates of May 22 – June 2 for the next quarterly meeting.
- Wrap-up / Adjourn