

# Chelan County VSP Staff Workgroup Meetings

January 2016

The Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) is an optional, incentive-based approach to protecting critical areas while promoting agriculture. The VSP is allowed under the Growth Management Act as an alternative to traditional approaches to critical areas protection, such as “no touch” buffers.

The VSP Watershed Work Group was convened by invitation from the County. Initial invitees included representatives of tribes, agencies, environmental groups, WRIA basin planning units, and agricultural groups. VSP encourages good stewardship, with a statutory goal of fostering cooperation among agricultural, tribal, environmental, and county interests. RCW 36.70A.700. A list of members and meeting minutes are available at the project website: <http://www.co.chelan.wa.us/natural-resources/pages/voluntary-stewardship-program>.

The VSP Staff Workgroup supports the VSP Watershed Work Group. The VSP Staff Work Group includes staff and consultants to the Chelan County Natural Resources Department, and Agricultural and Conservation Technical Assistance Providers that provide Technical Advice to the VSP Watershed Work Group.

## *Staff Work Group Meetings in 2015*

1. January 13
2. February 10
3. March 5
4. April 6
5. April 16
6. May 12
7. July 7
8. October 16
9. November 12

## *Meetings in 2016*

10. January 15