

Chelan County Voluntary Stewardship Program
Quarterly Work Group Meeting

Date: March 14, 2025; 2:00-3:00pm

Virtual Meeting

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Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
 - In attendance: Britt Dudek (chair), Nathaniel Betancourt (CDFB Pres.), Liz Jackson (CCD), Ryan Williams (CCD Director), Lisa Greuter (BERK), Ben Alworth (Stemilt/KMO), Rani Haas (WSTA), Michael Del Ruso (Pheasants Forever), Mike Kaputa (CCNRD Director), Stephen Lesky (CCNRD VSP Coordinator)
- Public Comment
 - Britt opened the floor for public comment; there was none received.
- Discussion Topics & General Updates
 - 2025-27 Biennium
 - Stephen gave the group an update on the status of the 25-27 Biennium contracts and likely funding from the State
 - New VSP Statewide Coordinator
 - Stephen announced to the group the SCC had hired a new SCC VSP Coordinator, Mike Poteet, to relieve Sarah Wilcox of her interim duties.
 - Budget
 - Budget Review
 - Stephen gave the group an update on where the budget stands and remaining funds for the biennium. Chelan VSP on track to expend all funding by end of biennium.
 - Project Updates
 - Stephen and Mike Kaputa gave updates on all of the following projects:
 - Icicle Irrigation Efficiency
 - Yaksum Infrastructure
 - WCID Canal Improvements
 - Plain Irrigation Efficiency
 - Mission Creek Fish Passage
 - Colockum Cr. Habitat Assessment
 - Entiat Irrigation Efficiency (Completed)
 - Mission Creek Irrigation Efficiency (Completed)
 - Manson Mainline Replacement (Completed)

- New/Developing Projects
- Stephen and Mike gave updates on all of the following developing projects.
 - Entiat 1D Irrigation Pump/head gate (Capital Award)
 - WCID Canal Liner (Capital Award)
 - Commercial Ag Designation Review
 - Stemilt Creek habitat and barriers
 - Lake Chelan Relic Toxics (EPA Funding)
- 10-Year Report
 - TP Comments
 - SAC Determination
 - Executive Director Determination
 - Stephen updated the group on the new pilot of TP feedback and questions the SCC utilized during this round of 10-year report assessment. TP agencies were allowed to generate questions requesting additional data and/or clarification on sections of the report.
 - Lisa and Stephen met in Olympia to present the 10-year report to the State Advisory Committee. The SAC ultimately proposed to the SCC Executive Director that Chelan County be found as meeting their goals and benchmarks and remain in the VSP program in good standing. We are still waiting for official determination by the SCC Director to be announced.
- Outreach
 - Stephen has been attending CDFB events to talk VSP with members
 - Nathaniel has asked Stephen to give a VSP overview presentation at CDFB meeting
 - Britt was able to get WSDA Director to give a talk at the May Rotary meeting; talk with May 29th 12pm at Pybus Market.
- Next Meeting Date / Adjourn
 - Next meeting date will be first half of June, Stephen will send doodle poll out in May.