

Chelan County Voluntary Stewardship Program
Quarterly Work Group Meeting

Date: September 29th, 2025

Virtual Meeting

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Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
 - In attendance: Britt Dudek, Mike Kaputa, Nathaniel Betancourt, Rainie Hass, Randall Chipman, Nate Schmidt, Lisa Grueter.
- Public Comment
- Discussion Topics & General Updates
 - Goals and Benchmarks Review/Update
 - Stephen petitioned the Work Group that the existing Goals and Benchmarks of the work plan could use to be updated and brought more in line with state of critical areas and agriculture in the County. This is also an excellent time to undertake this task, having just completed our 10-year report; we have great feedback from the Technical Panel and should try to incorporate that into renewed goals and benchmarks.
 - Work Group agreed: BERK to start review of G&M and to develop a matrix with suggested updates.
 - Department Drone Purchase
 - Stephen asked the WG to use a small amount of Operational funds to assist with a department drone purchase. Drone will be utilized by entire department for monitoring purposes, but, could prove a valuable tool for VSP monitoring as well.
 - WG approved
- Budget
 - Budget Review
 - Stephen gave a brief update on the budget. Only being 2 months into biennium, not much spending to report.
- Project Updates
 - Stephen gave brief update on existing projects within the county and expected completion dates.
- New/Developing Projects
 - Leavenworth Manure Storage Structure (Capital Application)

- Stephen proposed developing capital application to assist reindeer farm with constructing a manure storage shelter. WG Approved
 - Entiat Mainline Replacement (Capital Upfront Funds)
 - Stephen presented work group with this project and proposed this under the Capital Upfront awards. WG Approved.
- Capital Funding Projects
 - Stephen noted WCID and Yaksum had both received capital funding and Entiat Livestock will be included in the next round and if not funded propose to use capital upfront funds for project.
 - WCID Canal Lining
 - Teeny Farms Irrigation
 - Entiat Livestock Watering
- Upfront Capital Award
 - Obligated by December 1st.
 - Projects include Entiat mainline replacement and potentially Entiat Livestock Watering and Reindeer farm manure shed if both are not funded in competitive round.
- Outreach
 - Stephen has been attending Lake Chelan Watershed Update meeting; how to incorporate VSP goals
 - Stephen will be attending CDFB Annual Dinner
 - Working with NRCS staff on NRCS WaterSmart for On-farm efficiency
- Next Meeting Date / Adjourn