



Kittitas County Voluntary Stewardship Plan



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Agenda

- Welcome and Follow-up from Last Meeting
- Goals and Benchmarks Follow-up
- Implementation and Outreach
- Next Steps

11/20 Watershed Group Meeting

Recap from Last Meeting

Recap from 11/20 Watershed Group Meeting

- Introduced goals and benchmarks to the Watershed Group
- Request to add agricultural viability metric to the Section 5
- Enhancement benchmarks
 - Will provide follow-up on this today

Goals and Benchmarks

Enhancement Benchmark

- Used Rapid Watershed Assessments completed by KCCD which predict how many practices can be implemented in the next 10-years
- Accounted for the practices that have been completed to date but not accounted for in the protection benchmark
- Varies based on the amount of funding
 - Added text to Section 5 stating that the enhancement benchmark is contingent on funding

Implementation

Roles and Responsibilities

- Kittitas County
 - Receive funding and grants for the VSP
- KCCCD
 - Lead the public-sector program participation efforts
- Watershed Group Coordination
 - Attend quarterly meetings
 - Coordinate reporting and adaptive management review and approvals
- Other Agencies
 - WSDA, WDFW, Ecology, NRCS, WSCC, and FSA
 - Provide funding and technical assistance to producers participating in VSP

Education, Outreach, and Technical Assistance

- Conduct outreach and develop education materials
 - Self-Assessment Checklist
- Assist producers in developing stewardship plans
- Facilitate VSP checklist reporting
- Identify and pursue cost-share to leverage other conservation project funding

Outreach Brainstorm

Tours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KCCD-led tours including virtual tours (GIS Story Maps)• Legislative and partner agencies outreach tours• Others?
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KCCD meetings• Private-sector agricultural industry-led meetings• Agricultural associations• Irrigation districts• Others?
Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspapers• KCCD website and newsletter• Email distribution lists• Videos – about critical areas or practices• Others?
Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• County Fair• Others?

Monitoring, Reporting, and Adaptive Management

- Dependent on funding
- Annual monitoring and tracking
- Develop adaptive management as needed
- Prepare 2-year status reports
- Prepare 5-year progress reports

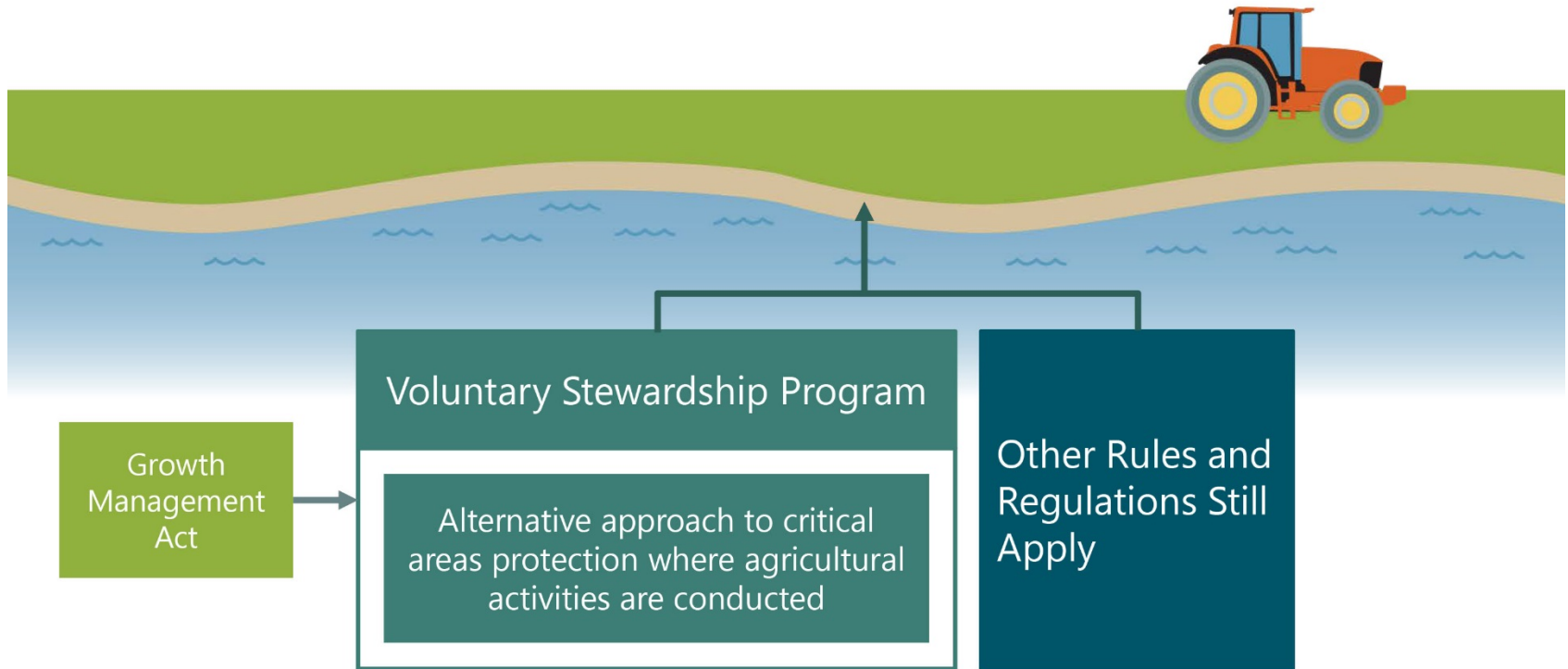
Budget

Task	Responsible Party	Biennium Budgets
Education, Outreach, and Technical Assistance	KCCD/ VSP Coordinator	\$165,000
Monitoring, Reporting, and Adaptive Management	KCCD/ VSP Coordinator or contract services	\$70,000
Watershed Group Coordination	KCCD/ VSP Coordinator	\$15,000
Assumed Total County Funding		\$250,000

Existing Plans and Programs

- Kittitas County Conservation Districts (KCCD)
 - Technical and financial assistance
 - Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)
 - Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC)
 - Yakima Tributary Access and Habitat Program (BPA)
- Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology)
 - Yakima Integrated Water Management Plan
 - Water Quality Financial Assistance program
- Salmon Enhancement Recovering Funding Board
 - Yakima Steelhead Recovery Plan
- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
 - Technical and financial assistance

Regulatory Underpinning



Self-Assessment Checklist

Next Steps

Expected Next Steps

- Watershed Group Review Sections 5
 - Comments due January 3, 2018
- Prepare Section 6 and Appendices
 - Send to Watershed Group one week before meeting
- January Watershed Group Meeting
 - Discuss Comments to date and Submittal to Technical Panel
 - Potential Dates:
 - Wednesday, January 17, 2018 1:00 to 3:00
 - Thursday, January 18, 2018 1:00 to 3:00
 - Friday, January 19, 2018 1:00 to 3:00