



# Kittitas County Voluntary Stewardship Program

Watershed Group Meeting

December 14, 2018, 10AM to Noon

Hal Holmes Center,

# Review Minutes and Funding

- Minutes - February 12, 2018
- Funding Remaining in Biennium
  - \$45,851.76 (+22,000?)
- Funding Request for next Biennium
  - \$250,000

# Watershed Group's Role

- Provides leadership at the local level
- Participates in outreach efforts
- Provides direction & oversight to the VSP Technical Service Provider (TSP)
- Meets regularly
- Continue to seek broad representation of key watershed stakeholders to serve
- Establishes a succession plan
- Oversees implementation

# Watershed Group's Role

- Every 2 years, periodically evaluates (programmatic, economic, and resource) & reports on the VSP
  - August, 2019 (biennium reports)
- Every 5 years, report to the Commission & the County on whether the work plan's protection & enhancement goals & benchmarks have been met
  - November 17, 2020
- Adaptively manage implementation if not meeting the established goals & benchmarks

# Statewide VSP Meeting 12/11/18

- Administrative
  - Equipment Purchases
    - Must be pre-approved
  - Cost Share with VSP Funds
    - County must pass resolution stating that cost share will follow CD's cost share policy (or establish their own)
    - Also must deal with Watershed Group members eligibility for cost share funding – conflict of interest

# Statewide VSP Meeting 12/11/18

- New Vs. Existing Agriculture Discussion
  - Adds to definitions including “future agricultural activities, “new agricultural activities” and “existing agricultural activities”.
  - Distinction between definitions as to whether new activities are in the same footprint as existing or future activities and when (before July 2011 = existing, after July 2011 = future). New activities to be regulated through development regulations in County’s CAO.
- Suggestion of “free pass” for the first 5-year reports since implementation period is so abbreviated. Put it in the WAC to formalize it.
- Monitoring is weak link . . . .

# Review VSP Implementation To Date

- Stewardship Practice Implementation
  - RCPP activities including contributions
  - Cost share with VSP Funds
- Outreach Activities and Materials
  - Review of written materials
  - Review of on-line information and reporting options
- Monitoring Activities
  - Data Collection
  - Work with partners

# Stewardship Practice Implementation

- RCPP activities including contributions
  - RCPP Sign Ups/Contracts
  - NRCS – Environmental Quality Incentives Program
    - Big Bend Local Work Group
    - Future Directions
  - Conservation Commission
    - Natural Resource Investments
    - Implementation Funds
  - Yakima Basin Integrated Plan – Water Use Subcommittee
  - BPA – Yakima Tributary Access & Habitat Program



# Stewardship Practice Implementation

- Cost share with VSP Funds
  - Do we want to?
  - Cost Share Policy
    - Rates
    - Eligibility/Conflict of Interest
  - Prioritization of Activities
    - Geographic
    - Practices

# Outreach Activities and Materials

- Fact Sheet
- Self Assessment Check List

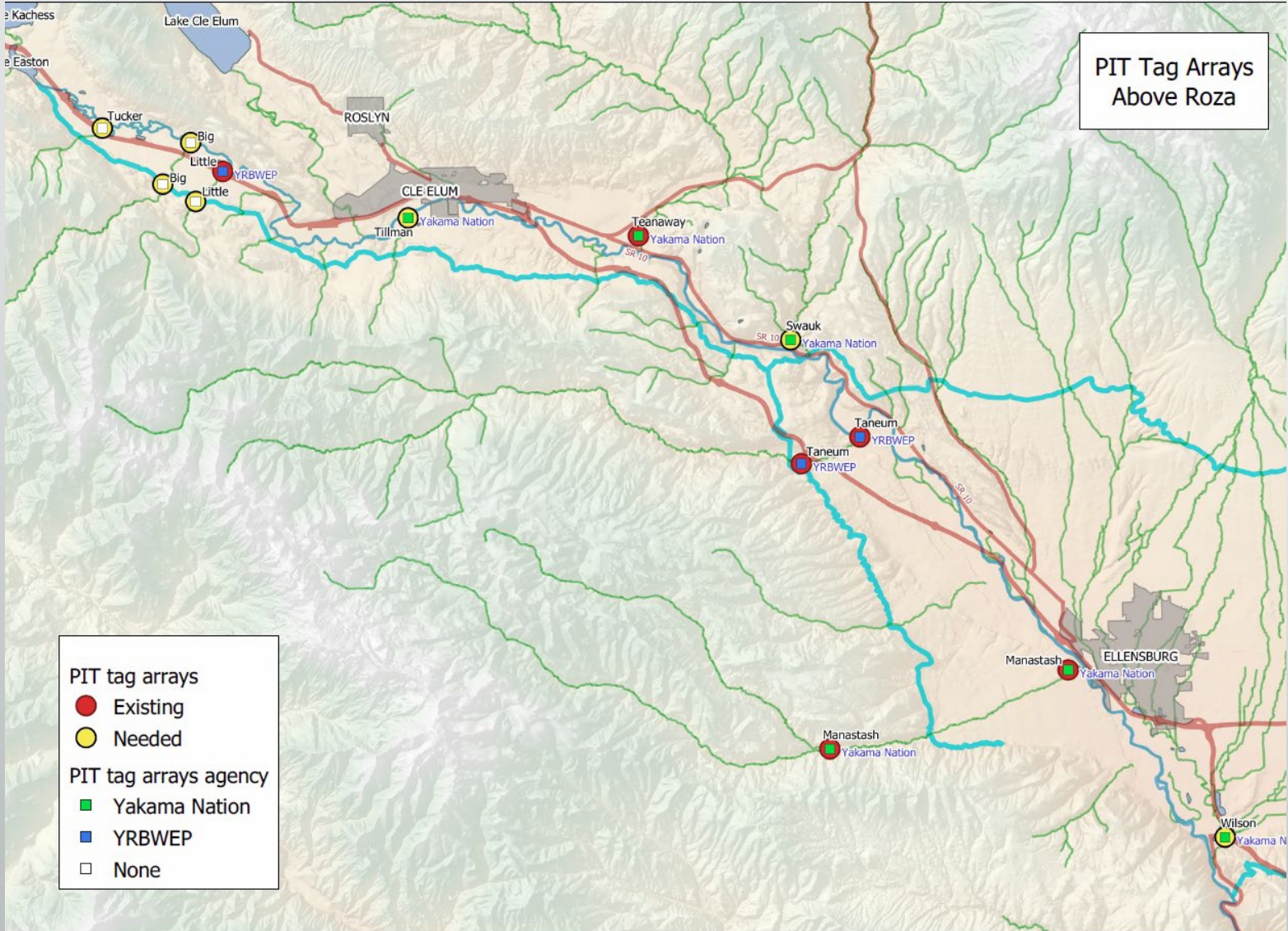
# Outreach Activities and Materials

- Story Map
  - <https://arcg.is/1b9Dqn>
- On-line reporting examples
  - <https://snohomishcd.mapseed.org/>
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# Monitoring Activities

- Data Collection
  - Practices Implemented/Contracted (ongoing)
  - Crop data (2018)  
<https://nras.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=3d61db30686d467ea6f5e0197be32b25>
  - Fish passage barriers (2017-2018)  
<https://geodataservices.wdfw.wa.gov/hp/fishpassage/index.html>
  - Ecology Water Quality (2019)
- Work with partners
  - KRD, WDFW, Yakama Nation

# PIT Tag Arrays Above Roza



- PIT tag arrays
  - Existing (Red circle)
  - Needed (Yellow circle)
- PIT tag arrays agency
  - Yakama Nation (Green square)
  - YRBWEP (Blue square)
  - None (White square)

# Participants Forum

- Watershed Group Responsibilities
  - Succession Plan



# Action Register

- Next Meeting Date
- Cost Share Resolution