

VOLUNTARY STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

KITTITAS COUNTY WATERSHED GROUP MEETING

ARMORY, KITTITAS VALLEY EVENT CENTER (FAIRGROUNDS)

FEBRUARY 22, 2017 1:00PM – 4:00PM

WELCOME

- Introductions
- Review Agenda

WATERSHED GROUP

- **Ag Interests**

- Kittitas County Farm Bureau (Mark Charlton/Brad Haberman)
- Kittitas County Cattlemen (Terry Clarke)
- Kittitas County Hay Growers (Brian Cortese)
- Kittitas Reclamation District (Kevin Eslinger/ Urban Eberhart)
- Swauk-Teaway Grange (Dale Rusho)
- Northern Kittitas Co Operator (Jim Miller)
- Lower Kittitas Co Operator (Karen Poulsen)
- Small Acreage Operator (Matthew Cox)
- Small Acreage Operator - Organic (Bambi Miller)
- Dryland Operator (Lila Hanson)

- **Environmental Interests**

- Forterra (Jill Scheffer)
- Trout Unlimited - Washington Water Project (Justin Bezold)
- Washington Water Trust (Arden Thomas)
- Kittitas Conservation Trust (Mitch Long)
- *Kittitas County Conservation Coalition*

- **Tribes**

- Yakama Nation (Phil Rigdon/John Marvin)

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- KCCD (Mark Crowley, Sherry Swanson and Rose Shriner)
- County CDS (Doc Hansen)
- County Flood Control Zone District (Karen Hodges)
- Kittitas County Water Purveyors (Kat Satnik)
- Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (Jen Nelson)
- Washington Department of Ag (Kelly McClain)
- Washington Department of Natural Resources (Larry Leach)
- Washington Department of Ecology (Zach Meyer)
- WSU Extension (Tip Hudson)
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (Erin Kaczmarczyk/Brent Dixon)

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

- Washington State Auditor's Webinar
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3B7_Xm3I8c

MINUTES REVIEW

October 12, 2016



OUTREACH UPDATE

Website (http://www.kccd.net/VSP_WatershedGroup.htm)

Electronic Newsletter

Hay Growers Annual Meeting

UPDATE ON STATUS OF WATERSHED PLANS AND PLANNING EFFORTS

- Conservation Commission Website
 - <http://scc.wa.gov/vspl>
- Thurston - <http://scc.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Thurston-County-VSP-Regional-Meeting-Presentation-1.27.17.pdf>
- Chelan - http://scc.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/VSP.Chelan-Co.PowerPt_Working_2017_01.pdf
- Pacific County - http://scc.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/PacCoVSP_InformalReview_20170201.pdf
- Eastern Washington Counties - http://scc.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/2017_01.04_TechPanelPresentation.pdf

VSP TOOLS AND DATA

- Harold Crose and Marie Lotz – Grant County Conservation District

BREAK



NON NRCS FUNDED ENHANCEMENTS

KCCD Projects Conservation Practices Applied 2011-2016				
NRCS Practice Code	NRCS Conservation Practice	Count	Quantity	Type
?	?Instream Flow?	2	5.41	CFS
430	Irrigation Water Pipeline	10	37929	Ft
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442	Sprinkler System	51	1831	Ac
533	Pumping Plant	2	2	No
587	Structure for Water Control	2	2	No
326	Clearing and Snagging	1	20	Cubic Yard
396	Aquatic Organism Passage	1	2770	Cubic Yard
396	Aquatic Organism Passage	2	1200	Sq Ft
580	Streambank/Shoreline Protection	2	445	Ft
612	Tree and Shrub Establishment	2	0.24	Ac
550	Range Planting	1	494	Ac

OUTLINE OF WORK PLAN

- 1.0 Introduction
- 2.0 Kittitas County Regional Setting
- 3.0 Baseline and Existing Conditions
- 4.0 Protection and Enhancement Strategies
- 5.0 Implementation
- 6.0 Definitions
- 7.0 References
- List of Appendices

MONITORING

- WDFW Presentation - <http://scc.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/VSP-Monitoring-1.27.17.pdf>

Example - Fencing of riparian areas

Measure the amount of vegetation over time

OR

Measure the “fenceness” of the fence - is it still keeping cattle out after 10 years? Is it standing?

AG VIABILITY TOOLKIT

- <http://scc.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Agricultural-Viability-Toolkit-VSP-final.pdf>
- WSDA Presentation - http://scc.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/VSP.WSDA_.2017-VSP-Regional-Ag-viability.pdf

IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING





Yakima Integrated Plan - Toppenish to Teanaway

Regional Conservation Partnership Program

2017-2021

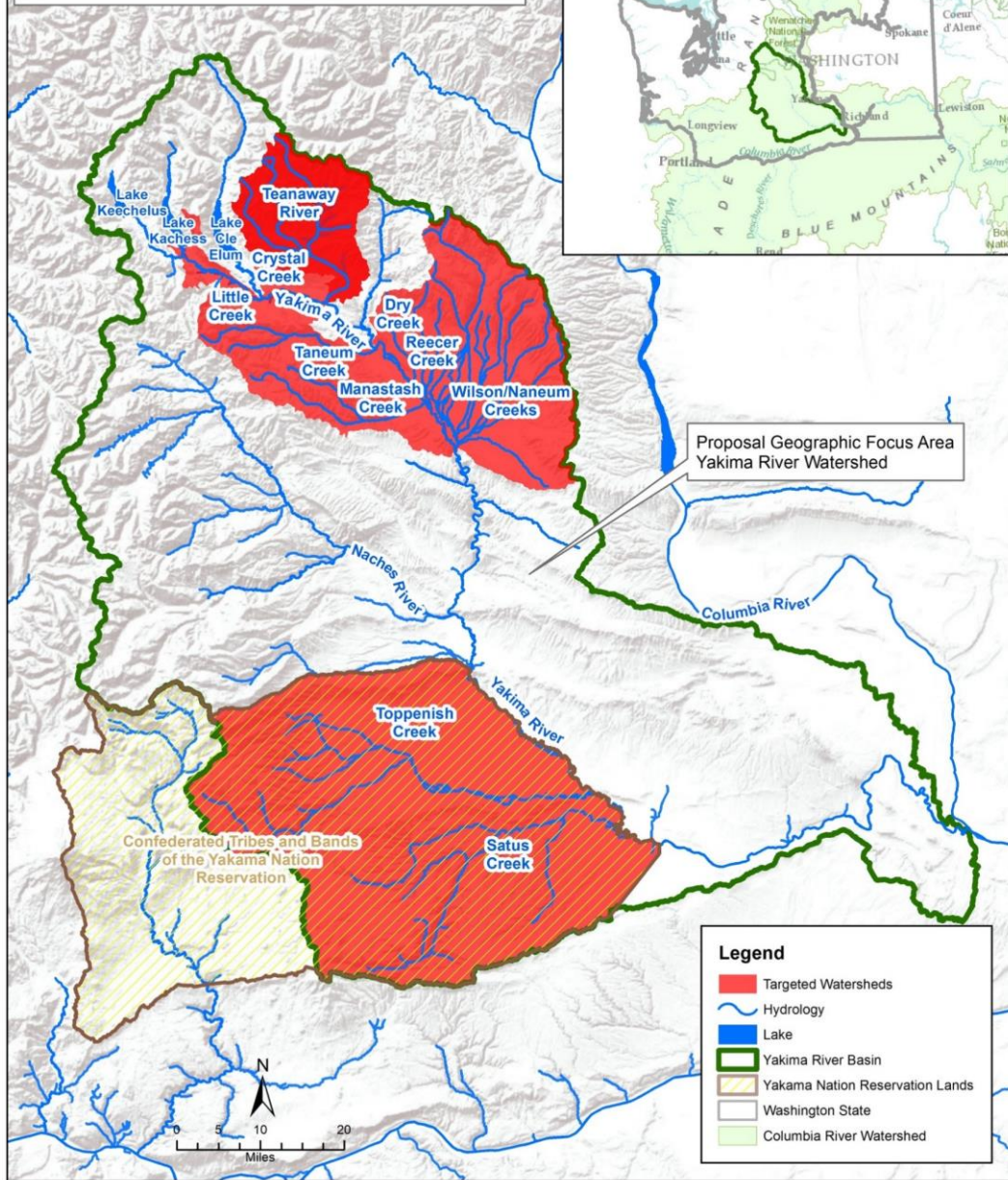




Regional Conservation Partnership Program

- October 2014 (Columbia Basin CCA)
 - Yakama Nation
 - KCCD (\$16 million, basin wide request)
- November 2015 (Columbia Basin CCA)
 - Yakama Nation
 - KCCD (\$5 million, Kittitas County)
- September 2016 (National Pool)
 - Joint Proposal – Toppenish to Teanaway

Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Toppenish to Teanaway



- Legend**
- Targeted Watersheds
 - Hydrology
 - Lake
 - Yakima River Basin
 - Yakama Nation Reservation Lands
 - Washington State
 - Columbia River Watershed

Proposal Budget

	Financial Assistance (FA) Requested	Partner Technical Assistance (TA) Requested	NRCS Technical Assistance (TA) Requested	Acres	Total Requested
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	\$6,483,000	\$ 177,000	\$ 502,000	39490	\$7,162,000
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)	\$ 239,750	\$ 5,250	\$ 28,000	23820	\$ 273,000
ACEP-ALE	\$1,108,500	\$ 13,000	\$ 94,425	346	\$1,215,925
ACEP-WRE (Wetland Reserve)	\$ 20,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,000	4	\$ 25,000
Healthy Forest Reserve Program (HFRP)	\$ 600,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 120,000	150	\$ 750,000
Total	\$8,451,250	\$ 226,250	\$ 748,425	63810	\$9,425,925

\$7,540,740

Partner Contribution

Partner Name	FA Contributed	TA Contributed	Admin Cost	Total Contributed
Wapato Irrigation Project	\$ 925,000	\$ 75,000		\$ 1,000,000
Yakama Nation	\$ 41,600	\$ 26,400	\$ 12,000	\$ 80,000
WA Department of Ecology	\$ 2,739,600	\$ 350,000		\$ 3,089,600
WA State Conservation Commission	\$ 1,090,000	\$ 379,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,669,000
WA Department of Natural Resources		\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000
WA Department of Fish & Wildlife		\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000
Kittitas County Conservation District	\$ 400,000	\$ 751,402	\$ 50,000	\$ 1,201,402
Kittitas County Public Works	\$ 1,270,000	\$ 200,000		\$ 1,470,000
Trout Unlimited		\$ 150,000		\$ 150,000
Forterra	\$ 2,937,500			\$ 2,937,500
Washington Water Trust				
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation				
Totals	\$ 9,403,700	\$ 2,031,802	\$ 262,000	\$ 11,697,502

KCCD Projects- Irrigation System Upgrades for Water Quality and Quantity

On-Farm Upgrades –
Sprinklers



Water
Quality
&
Water
Quantity

Irrigation water delivery
upgrades

KCCD Projects- Fish Screens and Fish Passage



Correcting Fish Passage Barriers



Fish Screens

KCCD Projects - Grazing



Teaway Grazing &
Restoration

KCCD Projects- Easements

Healthy Forest Reserve
Program



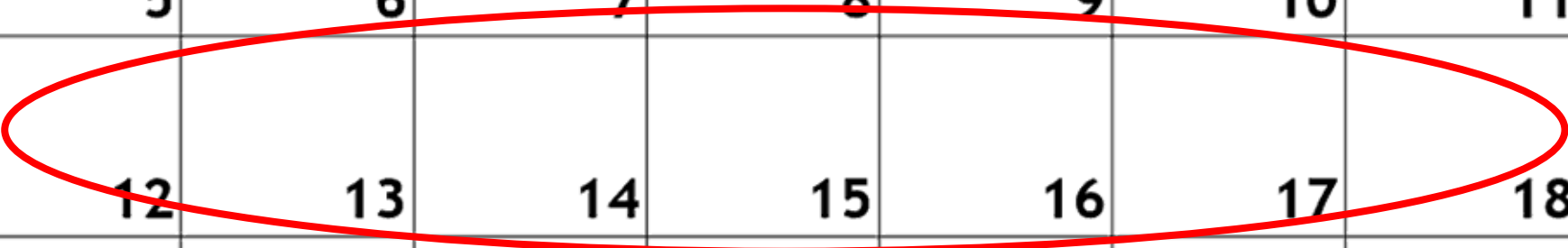
ACEP (Farmland Easements)

PARTICIPANTS FORUM

- Assessment of unfinished/incomplete discussions or issues/concerns
- Group discussion of meeting times, length and frequency
- Members comfortable with progress and decisions made

MARCH 2017

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26	27	28	29	30	31	



ACTION REGISTER

- Group discussion of needed follow-up
- Next meeting scheduled