

**Thurston County Voluntary Stewardship Program
Workgroup Meeting #36 Summary
May 4, 2017
Thurston County Courthouse Offices**

In attendance:

Jim Myers, Chair, Nisqually
Jon McAninch, Co-Chair, WWA, Cedarville Farms, TCFB
Jim Goche, Friendly Grove Farms
Rick Nelson, TCFB/Grange
Patrick Dunn, Center for Natural Lands Management
Evan Sheffels, WSFB
Karen Parkhurst, TRPC
Eric Johnson, Farmer/TCD
John Stuhlmiller, WSFB
Theresa Nation, WSWF
Stephen Bramwell, WSU Ext.

Staff: Charissa Waters

Communicated absence: Brian Merryman, Kathleen Whalen, & Robin Buckingham

Welcome and Introductions: Chair Jim Myers opened the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

Public Comment: No comment was offered by members of the public.

Old Business:

Discussion of potential funding and what to do about the gap in funds.

New Business:

Discussion of meeting schedule. Through the summer and until funds are received for implementation the Workgroup will meet on an as-needed basis.

Discussion of outreach and issues with confidentiality. Initial educational outreach and events will need to be documented (i.e. number of people at the event).

Stephen mentioned that WSU Ext. is working on a VSP-type pilot project in the Deschutes watershed. He can present on that project at the next meeting.

Discussion of who will be secretary of the Workgroup when Charissa is not around or if they meet in the interim without funding.

Question of what is needed before more work can be done? The group agreed that funding and staffing is necessary for continued efforts and that they may need to wait until the budget is passed.

Charissa reviewed the revisions to the Work Plan based on the Technical Panel review process. The workgroup approved the revisions to the work plan by consensus.

Next Steps:

Early Adaptive Management efforts and potential code updates for inclusion/reference to VSP

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.