

**Thurston County Voluntary Stewardship Program  
Workgroup Meeting #37 Summary  
June 22, 2017  
Washington State Farm Bureau offices**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chair Jim Myers

VSP work group members present:

Kathleen Whalen

Rick Nelson

Jon MacAninch

Pat Dunn

Bruce Morgan

Jim Myers

Evan Sheffels

No members of the public were present.

The primary agenda item concerned developing a path forward toward implementation of the approved VSP plan. There was robust discussion of such topics as funding, staffing, legal support, regulatory backstops, classification of the "Workgroup", confidentiality of client information, lines of communication with The Washington Conservation Commission, and ongoing interaction with Thurston County.

After much discussion the group decided there were a number of specific topics that needed clarification by Thurston County as well as The Washington State Conservation Commission before the Thurston County VSP plan can be actively implemented. Bruce Morgan, Jim Goche, and Evan Sheffels were selected by the group to compose a letter identifying and outlining those topics for both Thurston County and The Washington Conservation Commission. The final draft of that letter will be provided as a separate email item for the workgroup's review. The group also recommended that Thurston County be made aware of the letter by meeting with a couple members of the work group in order to allow active dialogue and clarification regarding the letter's contents. Additionally, it was agreed to send copies of the letter to the Governor's Office, Statewide VSP Advisory Committee, each of the three Thurston County Commissioners, as well as the State of Washington Conservation Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 PM. A date for the next meeting will be set and posted following a complete reply to the workgroup from those State and local governing Agencies contacted as listed above.

Jim Myers  
VSP Chair