

**Thurston County Voluntary Stewardship Program
Workgroup Meeting #40 Summary
December 7, 2017
Washington State Farm Bureau offices**

In attendance:

Jon McAninch, WWA, Cedarville Farms, TCFB
Bruce Morgan, TCFB/UPPL
Patrick Dunn, Center for Natural Lands Management (CNLM)
Theresa Nation, WDFW
Scott Collyard, Ecology – Environmental Assessment
Ruth Piccone, Ecology – Water Quality Nonpoint
Brian Merryman, Farm Bureau
Raul De Leon, WA Farm Bureau & TC
Sarah Moorehead, TCD
Rick Nelson, TCFB
John Stuhlmiller, WFB
Karen Parkhurst, TRPC
Jeremy Davis, TC
Brad Murphy, TC
Evan Sheffels, WFB

Staff: Charissa Waters

Welcome and Introductions: Vice-Chair Jon McAninch opened the meeting with a welcome to the new participants and introductions.

Public Comment: No members of the public present.

Approval of Previous Meeting Notes: The group took 5 minutes to read the notes. A motion to approve the notes was passed.

Approval of Agenda: The group the item for Stewardship Plans as the presenter, Robin Buckingham was not present (excused absence). The agenda was approved as amended.

Discussion of Election. Patrick Dunn declined the nomination for chair. No other nominations were submitted. Discussion of frequency of meetings. Suggestion of co-chair to lessen the load on any one person. The group decided by consensus to hold off on an election until the next meeting in January.

Presentation on implementation and options for early adaptive management and codes to include by Charissa Waters.

Discussion of implementation and prioritization process and next steps. Discussion of process for communication between agencies with monitoring data in the watersheds and the Workgroup to help with prioritizing areas for implementation. Ecology could potentially provide information on areas with water quality issues. They already communicate with TCD when there are non-point source pollution issues related to agriculture before resorting to enforcement. The CD and Ecology could use the process

that is already in place and can track what would fall under VSP for inclusion in implementation efforts then communicate with the workgroup about areas to prioritize on a watershed level.

Presentation on the Thurston County code update process by Jeremy Davis, Thurston County Long Range Planning.

Discussion of Geohazard and Critical Aquifer Recharge areas as a public safety issue and another reason why it may be better to have the county codes cover those ones.

Discussion of protection and voluntary actions.

Next meeting scheduled for January 25th 3-5pm

The group discussed having a regularly scheduled monthly meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month until implementation, then the meetings could be on an as-needed-basis.

Next Agenda

Election of new chair

Discuss options for Workgroup status

Presentation by TCD on ISPs and conservation planning process

Adjourned at 5:05pm