

**Thurston County Voluntary Stewardship Program
Workgroup Meeting #42 Summary
February 22, 2018
Thurston Regional Planning Council**

In attendance:

Jon McAninch, WWA, Cedarville Farms, TCFB
Brian Merryman, TCFB
Raul De Leon, TCFB
Robin Buckingham, TCD
John Stuhlmiller, WFB
Karen Parkhurst, TRPC
Nicole Warren, TCD
Brad Murphy, TC
Dan Calvert, PSP
Patrick Dunn, CNLM
Rick Nelson, TCFB/Grange

Staff: Charissa Waters

Excused absence:

Evan Sheffels, WSFB
Jim Myers, Nisqually farmer

Current Voting Members:

Jon McAninch, WWA, Cedarville Farms, TCFB
Bruce Morgan, TCFB/UPPL
Patrick Dunn, CNLM
Rick Nelson, TCFB/Grange
Evan Sheffels, WSFB
Karen Parkhurst, TRPC
Brian Merryman, TCFB
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Welcome and Introductions: Co-Chair Jon McAninch opened the meeting at 3:10pm.

Public Comment: No comment.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved.

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

Discussion of Election. Discussion of potential conflict of interest with a vice-chair that is also on the Planning Commission and will be reviewing the VSP code updates recommended by the group. The

workgroup decided to go forward with the election with the understanding that if the attorney's opinion is that there may be a conflict of interest then they may need to remove him as co-chair or he may need to recuse himself from any discussion and votes related to VSP on the Planning Commission. A motion was put forward to approve Raul De Leon as co-chair and the issue will be revisited if the County determines there is a conflict of interest. Motion passed. Raul was elected as vice-chair by consensus and show of hands.

Discussion of early adaptive management and the code update process. The workgroup discussed the option to include a new VSP Chapter 17.16, rather than incorporating it into 17.15. Chapter 17.15 will still need to be updated and reference VSP. Dept. of Commerce rule recommends referencing and describing VSP in current codes. Discussion of who to ask in order to clarify the process and address concerns about legal challenges.

Update on outreach and implementation. The Conservation District discussed interest in participation, funding issues, and priorities. They are seeking input from the workgroup on focus areas and producers that would be interested in participating as pilot projects. The workgroup suggested demonstration projects in major types of agriculture, which can serve as a way to test how it works and adapt if needed and provide success stories to increase participation from other producers. Other suggestions:

- Collaborate on outreach to use other resources and spread the work load.
- TCD could include a flyer with all mailings, etc.
- Could work with salmon recovery projects and others doing similar work
- Getting checklist out is the first step and gets the ball rolling
- TCD will be including VSP in everything they do, community listening sessions, meetings, workshops, etc.

Next meeting scheduled for February 22nd 3-5pm

Next Agenda

Voting members and potential conflict of interest
Update on outreach and marketing plan from TCD
Adaptive management and code update

Adjourned at 5:00pm