

**FRANKLIN COUNTY VSP
WORKGROUP MEETING MINUTES**

November 2, 2017

**Franklin Conservation District
1724 E. Superior Street
Pasco, WA 99301**

ATTENDED BY

Commissioner Bob Koch (FC), Keith Johnson (FC), Kent McMullen, (NRAC), James Alford (Farm Bureau), Mark Wieseler (FCD), Debbie Berkowitz (LCBAS), Mike Ritter (WDFW), Brian Cochran (Wheat), Dave Solem (SCBID), Case VanderMeulen (Dairy), Heather Kosaka (ECY), Evan Sheffels (State Farm Bureau), Mark Nielson (FCD), Heather Wendt (FCD), Josh Jensen (Anchor QEA), Ben Floyd (White Bluffs Consulting), John Small (Anchor QEA), Bill Eller (WSCC), Shaina Zollman (FCD), Valerie Carlson (LCBAS), Rick Leaumont (LCBAS).

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Ben Floyd welcomed the group.

STATUS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY VSP WORK PLAN

The public comment period for the plan ended October 27th. Ben reviewed comments received from Debbie Berkowitz, LCBAS, and comments that Anchor QEA has received from the Technical Panel on other plans that have been submitted.

Comment 38: Was discussed at the April meeting and the plan has already been updated to include photo evaluation in addition to random samples of aerial photography.

Comments 72 – 77: Tech Panel Comments in this section should be added to narrative of the plan.

Comment 75: Add the words critical areas to text: “random samples of critical areas”

Comment 76: Add “Guiding Principles” to the body of the plan

Comment 77: Remove Forestry reference

For Fish and Wildlife Areas Goal & Benchmarks it was suggested that the language be taken straight from the RCW to make it clear that not meeting enhancement goals does not cause the plan to fail rather it triggers adaptive management.

Evan Sheffels recommended that the plan language be very clear that the loss of wetlands from the implementation of irrigation efficiency projects will be backed out of the baseline.

Debbie Berkowitz, Kent McMullen and Keith Johnson all requested additional time to review the Response Matrix. Comments need to be submitted to Heather Wendt by November 9th.

If plan implementation begins in February, the work group will re-convene in July 2018 and January 2019 to review progress.

SCHEDULE

- FCD/Anchor QEA/White Bluffs will respond to comments and send to the Work Group Monday, November 13
- The Work Group will approve of the suggested changes by e-mail
- FCD will submit the final Work Plan to the Tech Panel by Thursday, November 30
- Tech Panel meeting to discuss the Work Plan is Friday, January 12
- Tech Panel vote and approval of the Work Plan is Friday, January 26

NEXT STEPS

We will update the work plan for submittal to the Tech Panel by November 30th.

Public Comment / Other:

ADJOURN

The meeting concluded at 2:58 pm