

**Spokane County VSP
Work Group Meeting
Minutes
February 21, 2018**

Work Group Members Present: David Boleneus, Brent Burger, Judy Crowder, Casey Flanagan, Doug Greenlund, Robyn Meenach, Ty Meyer, Kevin Paulson

Staff: Walt Edelen, Lindsay Chutas, and Seth Flanders

Facilitator: Andy Dunau

Welcome, Minutes and Announcements: Andy Dunau welcomed participants to the meeting. Draft January minutes were discussed. Ty motioned to accept the minutes and Casey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Doug announced that on Tuesday, February 27th, 5:30 p.m. at City Hall there would be a Water Forum on conservation in Spokane. It would be a holistic look at water use in the city and other parts of the county.

Outreach: Walt contacted Cherilyn Nagle about leading a workshop for area farmers. She is available for a few dates this spring. Walt asked the group for input on an alternative, which would be for Cherilyn to come in November as a keynote speaker at the Small Farms Conference hosted by SCD. Walt also suggested providing a workshop in the watershed south and north at the same time to reach larger ag producers. Members liked the idea and asked Walt to further investigate.

Work Plan Review: Section 1.0 and the part of section 3.0 were reviewed. In addition, initial development of the table of contents, list of figures, list of tables, list of acronyms, and definitions was reviewed.

A number of wording changes were suggested and adopted. The next draft will be distributed showing these edits as track changes. In addition, it was agreed that:

- Appendix A would include the three Board of County Commissioner resolutions pertaining to Spokane County VSP.
- Lindsay will update maps per group suggestions.
- Andy will insert additional descriptive information about the Spokane Valley Rathdrum Prairie aquifer.
- Andy will add definitions for the following: Idaho Batholith, Loess Hills of the Palouse, and Glacial Lake Missoula Floods. He will also insert definitions used by the USDA Census of Agriculture.
- Tables showing critical area intersects with agriculture will use the term Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas rather than Priority Habitat Species.

Section 2 and the remainder of Section 3 will be sent to the work group for review before the next VSP meeting. Andy indicated that CAO definitions and goals will be taken from the Spokane County Comprehensive plan, Chapter 10, Natural Environment. As discussed at previous meeting, what's in the comprehensive plan is very robust. As the VSP workplan compliments both the county's comprehensive plan and critical area ordinance, showing this connectivity directly in the narrative provides clarity and efficiency.

Additional Business: David will be speaking on 2-22-18 at the Argonne Library about how to find water using different technology.

V. Action Items and Closing: Follow-up and action items include:

- Andy will draft and distribute February minutes.
- Andy and staff will draft and distribute Section 2 and remaining parts of Section 3.
- Lindsay will continue to work on proof of concept for aerial imagery monitoring.
- Seth is continuing to work on entry of restoration and conservation projects into data base.
- Walt will continue to research workshop with Cherilyn Nagle.
- SCD will develop a strategy for a staff person to possibly be an ag viability liaison.
- SCD will begin to research with county opportunities to amend Conservation Futures Funding options to support commodity buffer program.

Next meeting will be at SCD, Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 6 pm.