

VSP Workgroup Meeting

6:30 P.M. November 8, 2018

County Commissioners Meeting Room

Montesano, WA

Attendees: Terry Moore, Darrell Haglund, Owen Shaffner, Ed Lagergren, Gary Waltenburg, Mike Nordin, Kyle Deerkop, Kirsten Harma, Alice Shawyer, Jane Hewitt, Terry Willis, Anthony Waldrop

Workgroup Structure:

- Regularly circle back to the Chehalis Tribe and Quinault Nation to invite them to workgroup meetings
- **Decision:** establish 7 person VSP Workgroup with the 7 agricultural producers present at the meeting. Reach out to two more producers (Logan Zepp and Jay Gordon) to get Work Group to ideal size of 9.
 - Workgroup members include (term length in years in parentheses): Terry Moore (1), Darrell Haglund (2), Owen Shaffner (1), Ed Lagergren (2), Gary Waltenburg (1), Kyle Deerkop (2), Terry Willis (1)
- **Decision:** Terry Willis is elected Chair by consensus
- **Decision:** Kyle Deerkop is elected Vice-Chair by consensus
- **Decision:** Anthony needs to find a copy of by-laws in use by another VSP Workgroup so that the Grays Harbor County VSP Workgroup can adapt and approve their own set of by-laws.

Review of Roles and Responsibilities moving forward:

- The Workgroup, Grays Harbor County representatives, and the District reviewed roles and responsibilities for VSP implementation.
- County gave update on budget, staffing needs, and the need to create outreach materials. There is a bit more than 140k left for the biennium.
 - Discussion about making sure that we use all of our allocated money this biennium. We didn't use all of it last biennium, mainly because the money was awarded halfway through the biennium and the work planning effort didn't need to spend it all to complete necessary work.
 - Discussion of how money flows through the VSP program.
 - Discussion about creating a budget for the rest of the biennium
 - **Decision:** The county, the District, and the Chair will develop a budget to present to the workgroup for review and approval at the January meeting

Important deadlines:

Work Group Meeting schedule:

- 2019
 - Thursday January 3rd, 6:30pm County Commissioner's Room
 - Thursday February 7th, 6:30pm County Commissioner's Room
 - Thursday March 14th, 6:30pm County Commissioner's Room
 - Thursday April 11th, 6:30pm County Commissioner's Room
 - Future meeting dates and frequencies will be discussed at these scheduled meeting times
 - Desire to meet monthly rather than quarterly as implementation ramps up

Other discussion:

- Send documents for workgroup meetings at least 2 days in advance
- It would be good to develop county specific marketing materials that can go in front of a farm that is participating in VSP

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm. Next meeting is Thursday January 3rd at 6:30pm at the County Commissioner's Room in Montesano, WA.