

Data Collection, Characterization, Monitoring

Charge from Groundwater Management Area Advisory Committee

A discussion of timelines and details regarding the Nitrate Loading Assessment

Working Group Members

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Meetings/Calls Dates

Meeting: Thursday, October 08, 2015 10:00am

Call Number: 509-574-2353 pin: 2353#

Participants

Present: Melanie Redding (Chair)*, Ginny Stern*, Steve Swope*, Pony Ellingson*, Kevin Lindsey*, Steve George, Jim Trull, Jim Davenport, Jean Mendoza, Vern Redifer, Lee Murdock, and Erica Naasz (Yakima County Support Staff)

*via phone

Key Discussion Points

Update on the Ambient Groundwater Monitoring Program

At the February 19, 2015 GWAC meeting the group discussed and approved the Data Working Group to develop an Ambient Groundwater Monitoring Program. Steve Swope with PGG is working with Melanie and the County on the initial scope of work which includes the design and selecting phase. The latest proposed scope of work allows for design of monitoring well system, identification of well locations and some installation of the wells, depending upon funds available, based upon recommended prioritization criteria.

The draft of the scope of work should be available for comment in the next few weeks.

Update on the Nitrogen Loading Assessment

The Department of Agriculture is the County's lead contractor on this effort. The draft report is due from Kirk, of the Department of Agriculture, on October 16, 2015. It will be reviewed, sent to the Data Work Group for review, and then sent to the GWAC for review. Melanie will provide handouts for the GWAC members stating the list of sources and timeline for this report.

It was discussed whether Kirk would be finishing up this process or if he would be replaced. It is very important that members know how this is to be managed. Melanie will update the GWAC with this information at the GWAC Meeting.

USGS

An agenda item for the GWAC meeting will be presented regarding the appropriate process for considering further USGS presentations.

Resources Requested

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Recommendations for GWAC

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Deliverables/Products Status

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Proposed Next Steps

- Next Meeting: Thursday, November 12, 2015 at the Yakima County Courthouse from 10am to noon.