



Groundwater Management Area (GWMA):

The purpose of the GWMA is to reduce nitrate contamination concentrations in groundwater below state drinking water standards

Funding Working Group Meeting

Meeting Time and Location:

Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 5:00-7:30 PM

Washington State Department of Ecology, Room 102 B
125 West Alder Street, Union Gap, WA 98903

PLEASE NOTE: With prior notice we can arrange for people to call in at:

Call In: (360) 407 3780 PIN CODE: 306589#

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Purpose of the Meeting:

To determine funding sources for proposed solutions.

Agenda

Topic	Purpose	Lead
Welcome and Meeting Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions, meeting overview, confirm agenda 	Vern Redifer, Chair
Review of Last Meeting’s Discussion of Funding Source For:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Program • Drinking Water Well Monitoring Program • Yakima County Administration of Groundwater Quality Program (if the GWAC decides to recommend that). • Yakima Health District Onsite Sewage System Operation and Maintenance Plan (as described by WAC 246-272A-0015). NOTE: this seems like a rather likely recommendation to come out of the GWAC as it is recommended by RCIM and is acceptable to YHD. 	Vern Redifer will lead group discussion.
Discuss Funding for Additional Items Emerging From GWAC Discussion of Alternatives	<p>Department of Ecology abandoned well education, search and decommissioning project.</p> <p>Post-GWAC health-risk education and outreach campaign</p>	Vern Redifer will lead group discussion

Post-GWAC agricultural producer education and outreach campaign

Post-GWAC urban and hobbyist education and outreach campaign

Maintain a GIS data base on the GWMA over time.

Maintain the GWMA website.

Engineering study of locations outside urban growth areas where there is rural residential medium to high density OSS and the nitrate concentration is greater than the state water quality standard where community waste water systems could feasibly be constructed in lieu of individual on-site septic systems.

Building from the WSDA's Nitrogen Availability Assessment, develop a Nitrogen Loading Assessment for all agricultural, residential and commercial properties, using newly collected data. Hire a technical consultant to conduct a literature review to determine the most relevant information and accurate factors for use in the Nitrogen Loading Assessment. Periodically repeat the grower survey used in the Nitrogen Availability Assessment to compare against the currently established data.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 11, 2017