

Washington Resource Conservation & Development Council

Board Meeting Minutes

September 18 | 1-3 p.m.

Attendees: Frank Hendrix, North Yakima Conservation District; Ken Tolonen, Master Gardeners; Tom Coleman, Rabbitbrush Ranch; Reese Lolley, The Nature Conservancy; John Simmons, City of Zillah; Ryan Anderson, Brian Miller, Kirstin Taggart and Heather Hadsel, WA RC&D

Absent: Rebecca Wassell, Mid Columbia Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group; Anna Lael, Kittitas County Conservation District; Phil Rigdon, Yakama Nation; Kara Karboski and Hilary Lundgren, WA RC&D

1. Introductions

Frank called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

2. Agenda

The agenda was reviewed, and no changes were made.

3. Minutes

The minutes from the July meeting were reviewed. It was noted that John Simmons had attended the meeting and was missing on the attendee list. *The minutes passed with the approval of all present.*

4. Budget Reports

The budget report was reviewed. The WA Prescribed Fire report will be reviewed in a project meeting with Kara and Reese. *The financial report passed with the approval of all present.*

5. YTAHP

Brian provided a handout with the highlights for YTHAP to date. The YTAHP Strategic Plan has been updated for 2017. The YTHAP FY18 Expense Contract Budget was reduced by \$3,450 to \$901,476. There is a current job opening for the WDFW position that provides technical assistance and project facilitation to members of YTAHP.

6. Fire Landscapes and Communities

- Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposed adding an additional \$1.5 million to our agreement to support work through August 2020. Currently approved for \$630,000.
- The US Forest Service (USFS) formed a \$70,000 supplemental project agreement to support Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue participation in WAFAC Learning Network. The Watershed Center is also providing technical support related to systems and structures for sub-award management.
- WA will host the National Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network Workshop next spring, along with others.
- Kittitas County Conservation District provided \$5,000 to develop work plan and agreement to support ongoing facilitation of Upper Kittitas Fire Adapted Communities Coalition.
- Existing agreement with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) for \$17,000 is almost complete. Development of a work plan for the next TNC agreement has begun.
- TNC supported the Yakima Valley FAC to get plans in place. The coalition needs management, with each organization owning their own piece. VSP will be working on some of these issues as well.

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- The WA Rx Fire Council's Training Exchange (TRES) begins at the end of the week in Leavenworth, funded with \$64,500 from the USFS. A supplemental agreement was formed to support the development of a TRES in the Tapash Sustainable Forest Collaborative.
- A agreement for \$450,000 was formed for the NEPA analysis of Tapash Restoration Strategies.
- Working with USFS to finalize a Request for Proposals for a project consultant
- An agreement for \$1 million for NEPA analysis and contracting for the Upper Wenatchee Restoration Project. We have enough match for the first million. Ryan will not expend any funds without match.

7. Other

Frank said that the Yakima County VSP submit their proposal the last day of August. Ferry County also called the RC&D regarding potential fiscal sponsorship.

Kirstin mentioned that the Kittitas Fire Adapted Communities Coalition is also looking for a fiscal sponsor and is considering the RC&D.

The meeting was adjourned.