



Okanogan County VSP Meeting Minutes

1 A special meeting of the Okanogan County VSP Workgroup was held on May 24, 2018 at 6:30
2 p.m. in the Natural Resource Conference Room, 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan,
3 Washington.

4 **OKANOGAN COUNTY STAFF** Natural Resource Planner Angie Hubbard

5 **VOULUNTARY STEWARDSHIP MEMBERS:** Jerry Barnes, Dick Ewing, Les Kinney, Megan
6 Kernan, Nicole Kuchenbuch

7 **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Amy Martin, Craig Nelson, Mindy Widell
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9 **Approve Agenda:** Nicole moved to approve the agenda, Megan seconded, all approved
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11 **Approve Minutes:** Jerry moved to approve the minutes, Les seconded, all approved.
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13 Amy went through the changes in the document from the last meeting with the group. The
14 group approved of all of the changes made thus far.
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16 The group went through the draft VSP plan page by page and made amendments as follows:
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18 **Discussion of the Resolution:** Megan added language to the Foundations of the Okanogan
19 County Work Plan. "Protect the unique and diverse ecological communities of the Okanogan
20 and the natural resources that support their health. Recognize that agricultural activities and
21 natural resource protection are not mutually exclusive concepts, but are rather inextricable
22 components of a robust, sustainable economy." Dick mentioned that he would use the term
23 preserve instead of protect. There was much discussion by various members of the group.
24 Megan referenced that protect is in the legislative intent of the VSP.
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26 **Pg. 26 line 12:** The group would like to add flood to the list of natural events which may change
27 the baseline conditions.
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29 **Pg. 39:** Dick suggested bulleting the voluntary protection strategies. On line 8 Megan proposed
30 to add and after erosion to make the sentence more clear.
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32 **Pg. 40:** Line 1 and 2 delete "application of the" and replace with "applying the". Line 2, delete
33 "to manage forage on rangeland". Line 3 delete "sustaining" and replace with "to sustain".
34 Delete "the health of the" and replace with "a healthy", and Delete "providing". Line 4 and 5
35 delete "to livestock" and "sufficient field planning with livestock fencing" replace with fencing.
36 Delete "rotation of the livestock" and replace with "livestock rotation".
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38 **Pg. 41:** Within the table Dick suggested that haylands should be two words. Craig suggested
39 deleting irrigated from "rangelands and irrigated pastures"

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41 **Pg. 42:** Megan does not like the use of the word sideboards. Lines 10 through 17 Megan
42 would like this section to be consistent with stating the regulations are state or federal. Jerry
43 stated he would like to have state and federal listed. Dick would like WA removed from
44 Pesticide Application Act. Jerry asked if RCW and WAC were in our acronyms list. Amy said it
45 is not on the list and they should be. Megan felt they should be in Appendix A.
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47 **Pg. 43:** On line 7 Megan would like to change “was” to “were”. Dick suggested removing the
48 comma from line 16.
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50 **Pg. 44:** On line 18 Jerry would like “fence” changed to “fencing”.
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52 **Pg. 45:** Table 4-2 title should not have Enhancement in it. (Amy) Nicole pointed out that
53 sprinkler system is mentioned twice in the table.
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55 **Pg. 48:** On Line 18 and 19 Megan indicated the title of the court case should be italicized.
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57 **Pg. 49:** Nicole pointed out that this entire section 5 has some formatting issues with
58 justification. Amy said she will work on the issue.
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60 **Pg. 50:** Table Effectiveness Monitoring references page XX. Nicole would like DDT and PCB’s
61 added to the acronym table. Craig explained that Total Maximum Daily Load is a study done by
62 DOE. He further explained that the DDT amounts were part of a legacy load meaning it was
63 there from a long time ago. There are no current dumps for DDT all we can do is wait it out.
64 PCB’s are also a legacy load. This was from treating poles with insulating oil that was used
65 many years ago.
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67 **Pg. 51 and 52:** Effectiveness monitoring references page XX. (Nicole)
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69 **Pg. 53:** Nicole asked what the significance of limiting soil compaction is on protection of
70 frequently flooded areas? Amy explained to promote soil infiltration.
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72 **Pg. 55:** Nicole mentioned the word spacing problem continues in this section. Craig pointed
73 out that there should not be a capital on county within the box below line 19.
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75 **Pg. 57:** Amy mentioned the spacing in the notes section is messed up and she will fix this. Amy
76 mentioned she gave a copy of the Draft VSP to Dan McCarthy representing Horticulture and he
77 commented that the horticulture section looked good.
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79 **Pg. 60:** Line 13 add the word and after recruitment (Megan). Nicole would like to add a bullet
80 point stating “Advocate for affordable labor force.” Minimum wage hikes are hurting farmers
81 (Nicole). Line 25 Dick suggested removing the comma. Line 35 Megan noticed this was in a
82 different color. Jerry asked if bullets have to be sentences. Megan said she is ok with them
83 having periods even if they aren’t sentences as long as it is consistent.
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85 **Pg. 61:** Line 2 Nicole mentioned to remove the comma and this section with the bullets should
86 be consistent whether they have periods or not. Les indicated this is our wish list of items.
87 Nicole mentioned the big thing is to ask if we need to add anything to this list. Amy mentioned
88 having these strategies mentioned on this list could lead to legislative changes, especially if
89 more counties are documenting the same issues.
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91 **Pg. 62:** Line 3 Megan indicated “implantation” should be “implementation”. Line 6 Dick noticed
92 “incentive-based” should be hyphenated.
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94 **Pg. 63:** It does not matter if you use oxford comma's or not just as long as it is consistent.

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96 **Pg. 64:** Line 8 through 11 Dick noticed the font size changed. Megan noticed on line 16 the
97 period should be inside the quotes. Add Evan's language on ground truthing to Adaptive
98 Management section. Amy will work on that for the next meeting.

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100 **Pg. 65:** Jerry mentioned that REAP Data Team should be in the acronym's list.

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102 **Pg. 66:** Nicole mentioned in the notes section XX needs to be changed.

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104 **Pg. 68:** Line 6 Nicole mentioned the period inside the quotes. On line 7, Craig said to add to
105 the end "and based upon sufficient funding to support the activities."

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107 **Pg. 69:** Line 15 delete "County". Line 38 and 39 should be on the next page. (Nicole)

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109 **Pg. 70:** Line 1 capital C.

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111 **Evan's Comments:**

112 We received comments from Linda regarding better descriptions for WDFW habitats and
113 species. I will put clear references for resources in the Appendix where people can find the
114 information.

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116 Evan's comments were not specific to our county but gave a rundown of what to expect. Dick
117 took the time to go through the comments to find where it is in our draft.

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119 Protect and enhancement- Nicole thought we addressed this in our table. We were consistent
120 in that we do not count enhancement toward our baseline. We did the best we could. (Nicole)
121 Dick mentioned how the flooding has impacted the baseline condition and suggested adding
122 language to page 26, line 11 to reflect that. The language from Evan's comments will be added
123 to our resolution for next meeting. Add to Bibliography from Evan's comments for next meeting.
124 Add language to 6.3 Adaptive Management from Dicks notes in Evan's comments for the next
125 meeting.

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127 **Next Meeting:**

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130 **Adjourn:**

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133 Angie Hubbard

134 Natural Resource Planner II

135 Okanogan County Planning and Development