



Okanogan County VSP Meeting Minutes

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

4 **OKANOGAN COUNTY STAFF** Administrative Secretary Rocky Robbins

5 **VOULUNTARY STEWARDSHIP MEMBERS:** Jerry Barnes, Dick Ewing, Les Kinney, Nicole
6 Kuchenbuch, Bill Tackman, Maurice Joy

7 **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Amy Martin, Craig Nelson, Mindy Widell,
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9 **Approve Agenda:** Jerry motioned to approve, Bill seconded, all approved.
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11 **Approve Minutes:** Jerry corrected line 64 on page 2 to say “leaky transformer” instead of
12 “treating poles”. Jerry motioned to approve as amended, Les seconded, all approved.
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14 **Review edits suggested at last meeting:** Amy presented her edits, the group reviewed each
15 edit and discussed.
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17 Line 17, pg. 4: Bill wants it to say “Okanogan County” instead of “the Okanogan”.
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19 Les asked if a piece of land isn’t farmed, does it get regulated by the Growth Management Act.
20 Craig said it would be regulated by the county’s CAO.
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22 Section 3.1.2: The group discussed if shrub-steppe is really considered unique. They will take
23 out the 50 year reference.
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25 Pg. 65, line 1: “the department” means Okanogan County.
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27 The group discussed how much of the RCW to include in the plan. They decided to leave the
28 whole RCW in for reference.
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30 **Review stakeholder’s comments:** Nicole asked Amy if she feel that Evan’s and Linda’s
31 comments were integrated well enough. Amy said that there is one comment that she will need
32 to put in. Dick and Nicole suggested adding language stating the Okanogan County VSP
33 workgroup supports regulations within the critical areas ordinance that insures agriculturalists
34 insurance eligibility in section 1.2.1’s last paragraph.

35 The group discussed the best way and place to add language about ground-truthing. They will
36 add in the table on page 62 in adaptive management that says “site evaluations and additional
37 outreach and education” and “focused outreach related to identified critical area protection site
38 evaluations to assess issue source”

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Pg. 68: Dick would like to add “if goals are met, the VSP plan will be maintained and implemented.” Dick would like to add: Section 5.2 Practices that enhance critical areas

While the main focus of the VSP is to ensure no net loss of critical areas in reference to the 2011 baseline, the program does encourage enhancement of critical areas. Enhancement will be sought through increase participation the VSP above plan goals to protect critical areas. If particular problem areas are identified, adaptive management strategies will be used to achieve enhancement goals.

The group reviewed the comments from Linda and discussed if they could be addressed in the plan. Craig reminded the group that VSP is everyone collectively working together not everyone doing everything.

Appendices: Amy presented her draft appendix and informed the group how she got the data.

Appendix B: Nicole would like to add the ag map back in.

Appendix D: Nicole would like to see data from 2011 added for a reference.

Appendix F: Amy will remove NRCS code 450 and will check on 533 and 584.

Nicole motioned to allow the CD to inset photos at will as they see fit, Jerry seconded, all approved.

Next Meeting: June 14th

Adjourn: Bill motioned and Jerry seconded.

Rocky Robbins
Admin Secretary