

# Okanogan County Voluntary Stewardship Program

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## **WORK GROUP MEETING**

Natural Resources Conference Room

125 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Okanogan

**Thursday February 13th at 6:00 p.m.**

- Review and Approve Agenda
- Review and Approve Minutes
- State/local program updates
- Conservation Practices: Beaver mitigation options and practices, Alexa Whipple, Methow Beaver Project
- Upcoming projects
- Schedule the next meeting
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# Program Updates

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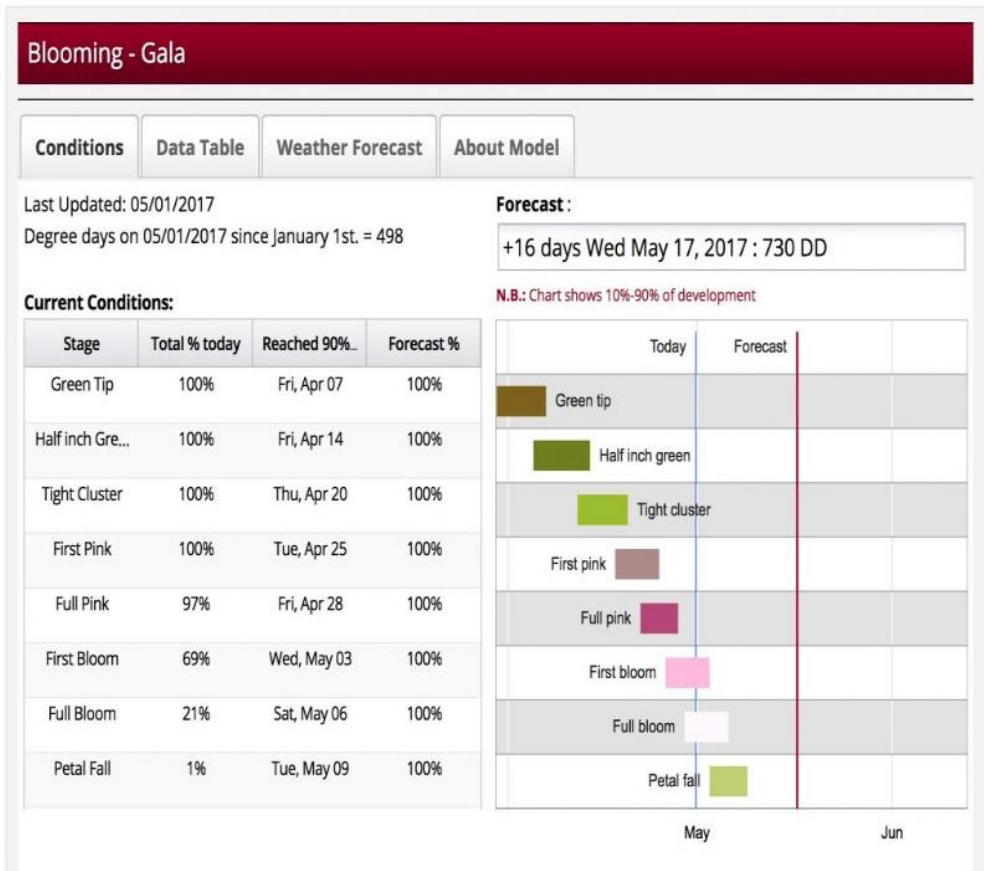
- 5 year report due December 28, 2020. Template (draft) has been provided.
  - Integrated pest management- was the only significant shortcoming from the “2 Year” report.
  - Staff will improve Stewardship Checklist and request participation from producers.
- Amy will contact Chuck Goldmark, Casey Smith, Victor Maldonado and Dick Lorz inviting participation in VSP. Then will request appointments by the Commissioners.

# Projects

- AgWeatherNet Stations- Requesting funding for one more- coordinate with WSU Extension for orchards
  - <https://weather.wsu.edu/>
- WSDA grant application: orchard chipping/mowing, pollinator habitat, and Salmon Safe certification
- NRCS Local Work Group Priorities:
  - Excess/Insufficient use of irrigation water
  - Air quality impacts
  - Degraded Plant Condition
  - Degradation- Organic matter depletion
  - Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife

WSU Sunrise **AWN**

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# Projects

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- Two wetland protection + stock watering projects funded
- Continue planting on Okanogan River bank protection project
- ‘Jackstraw’ livestock barriers
- Planning two small-acreage pollinator plantings

# Upcoming Events

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**Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>** Marlon Winger, Regional Soil Health Specialist

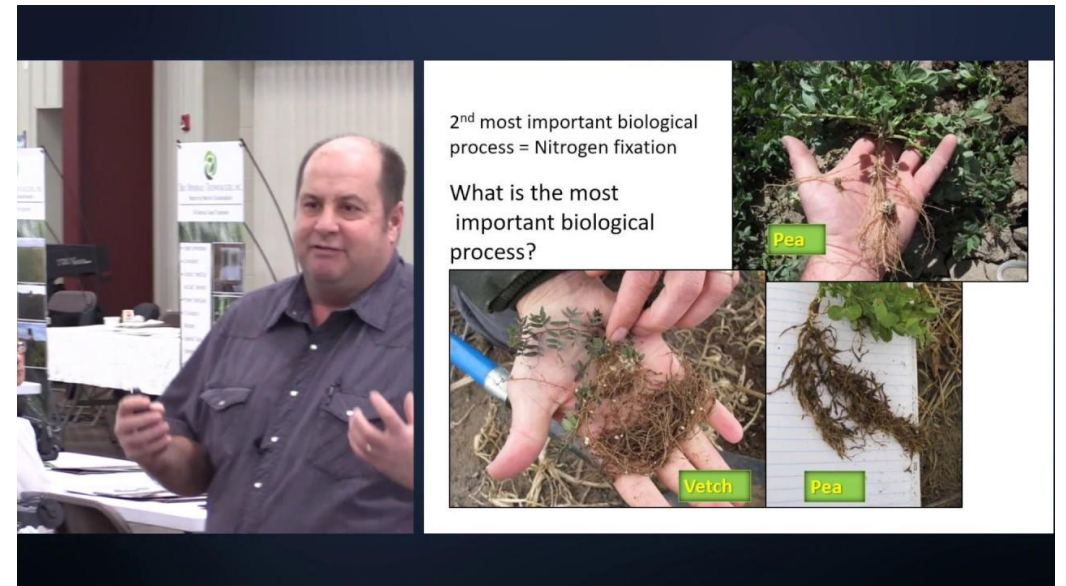
*23 people RSVP'd*

**Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>** - Direct Marketing Strategies

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** - Succession Planning

**April 25<sup>th</sup>** - *tentative* Biochar Workshop, Twisp

**May 13<sup>th</sup>**- Okanogan CD Conservation Celebration



# 2020 Meeting Dates

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May 28<sup>th</sup> (fourth Thursday)

August 27<sup>th</sup> (fourth Thursday)

November 17<sup>th</sup> (third Tuesday)- Work Group reviews 5 Year Report

(Dec. 28: 5 year report due)

*This SHOULD avoid other meetings!*

