

## Irrigated Agriculture Working Group

### Charge (or Assignment) from Groundwater Management Area Advisory Committee

#### Working Group Members

Dr. Kefy Desta (WSU), Dr. Troy Peters (WSU) Elizabeth Sanchez (Yakama Nation), Jean Mendoza (Friends of Toppenish Creek), Jim Trull (Roza-Sunnyside Joint Board of Control), John Van Wingerden (Port of Sunnyside), Lonna Frans (U.S. Geological Survey), Ralph Fisher (EPA), Ron Cowin (SVID), Stuart Turner (Turner & Co.), Thomas Tebb (Department of Ecology), Ginny Prest (Dept of Ag), Laurie Crowe (South Yakima Conservation District), Scott Stephen (Citizen), Mike Shuttleworth (Citizen), Chelsea Durfey (Citizen), Lino Guerra (Citizen), Doug Simpson (Farmer), Don Gatchalian (Yakima County staff support)

#### Meetings/Calls Dates

Meeting: Thursday, August 15, 2013 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM  
Location: KDNA Granger

#### Participants

Jim Trull (Chairman), Ginny Prest (WSDA-Dairy Nutrient), Pony Ellingson (PGG Consultant), Doug Simpson (Farmer), Kevin Lindsey (GSIWS Consultant), Ginny Stern (DOH Alternate), Jean Mendoza (Friends of Toppenish Creek), Chelsea Durfy (Citizen), Matt Bachmann (USGS), Jim Newhouse (South Yakima Conservation District), Don Gatchalian (Yakima County staff support)

#### Key Discussion Points

- Pony Ellingson presented Technical Memorandum - Considerations for Further Scoping of Deep Soil Sampling (DSS) dated August 6, 2013. Key points:
  - Three purposes of DSS – (a) education of growers, (b) BMP effectiveness, and (c) current conditions
  - PGG Current Scope of Services – development of DSS Plan. In the Plan, it will have recommended number of samples and locations
  - It will address crop type, soil type, irrigation practices, and nitrogen source types
  - Will prepare a draft DSS Plan prior to September 5<sup>th</sup> work group conference call meeting

- Discussed confidentiality of participants and sample locations, protection of participants from prosecution. Also discussed when reviewing goals and objective to look at WAC 173-100, Groundwater Management Areas and Programs (copy is attached)

### **Resources Requested**

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- Pacific Groundwater Group provide draft Deep Soil Sampling (DSS) Plan prior to September 5<sup>th</sup> conference call meeting

### **Recommendations for GWAC**

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### **Deliverables/Products Status**

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### **Proposed Next Steps**

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- Next meeting - 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, by conference call. The call-in number is **(509) 574-2353**. PIN is **2353#**
- Ginny Prest will contact Simplot for a subcommittee representative.
- Jim Trull will contact Gordon Kenyon to serve on the subcommittee and will contact WSU about a plant nutrient specialist. Completed
- Jim Trull to contact/invite NRCS to be a Work Group member
- Review Draft DSS Plan, discuss or meet with Livestock/CAFO Work Group on DSS scope and budget, then make recommendation to GWAC
- All committee members to review WAC 173-100 GWMA and Programs