

Livestock/CAFO Working Group

Charge from Groundwater Management Area Advisory Committee

Working Group Members

Charlie McKinney - Department of Ecology
Kirk Cook - Department of Agriculture
Dr. Kefy Desta - WSU
Elizabeth Sanchez - Yakama Nation
Heather Wendt - Benton Conservation District
Helen Reddout - CARE
Jaclyn Ford - Department of Agriculture
Jason Sheehan - Dairy Federation
Jim Newhouse - South Yakima Conservation District
Laurie Crowe - South Yakima Conservation District
Patricia Newhouse - Citizen
Steve George - Yakima County Farm Bureau
Stuart Turner - Turner & Co., Inc.
Ali Sedighi - Yakima County Staff Support (Not a member)

Meetings/Calls Dates

Meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 2013, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Location: Radio KDNA, Granger, WA

Participants

Charlie McKinney - Department of Ecology
Helen Reddout - Community Association for Restoration of the Environment
Jason Sheehan - Dairy Federation
Laurie Crowe - South Yakima Conservation District
Steve George - Yakima County Farm Bureau
Kathleen Rogers - Citizen
Larry Fendell - Citizen
Doug Moore - Community Association for Restoration of the Environment
Jean Mendoza - Friends of Toppenish Creek (By telephone)
Ali Sedighi - Yakima County staff support
Don Gatchalian - Yakima County staff support

Key Discussion Points

- Select a chairperson - Charlie McKinney
- Select a note taker - Yakima County staff
- Decide on recurring meeting frequency and location - First Thursday of every month, 5:00 PM -7:00 PM., Radio KDNA Granger
- Request additional Livestock/CAFO Workgroup members

- Discuss work by other Workgroups such as EPO, Irrigated Ag, Data
- Discuss proposed funding discussed during the February 21st GWAC meeting, or to assist with designing studies, etc.

Resources Requested

- Reserve meeting room for the monthly meetings
- Obtain easel, marker and tripod for future workgroup meetings
- May want scientist/s as future speaker to discuss science and effective BMPs
- Coordination of data collection and gap analysis with Irrigated Ag Workgroup

Recommendations for GWAC

- Hold joint meeting, and as needed, with the Irrigated Ag Workgroup on data capture, data gap and study approach, e.g., Deep Soil Sampling (location, scope, purpose, intent, etc.)
- Discuss process in reviewing and providing feedback on proposed Agreements, Contracts, and Purchases
- Identify time limit (deadline) for submitting RFPs
- Include non-regulated dairies (such as hobby farms), non-regulated irrigated ag (such as composting facility and unpermitted lagoons) in this process
- Ask GWAC when the Regulatory Workgroup will start meeting; we will want to coordinate with them – concern about unclear regulatory authority, enforcement

Deliverables/Products Status

- None at this time

Proposed Next Steps

- Hold regular monthly Workgroup meetings
- Determine who will gather data, BMPs, data gaps
- Discuss potential scientists/experts who will be invited to speak before the Workgroup and/or GWAC on science, studies, BMPs, etc.
- Develop the Workgroup's funding request and submit to GWAC for consideration