

**Meeting Time and Location****Thursday, October 18, 2012, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Denny Blaine Board Room  
810 E. Custer  
Sunnyside, Washington

**Groundwater Management Area (GWMA):** *The purpose of the GWMA is to reduce nitrate contamination concentrations in groundwater below state drinking water standards. (Department of Ecology)*

**Purpose of the Meeting:**

- Establish committee work plan framework, including topics, work assignments, and schedule
- Hear from Education & Public Outreach Working Group; provide input on progress to date on outreach plan
- Discuss relationship between EPA regulatory actions and GWMA planning

**Agenda****4:30 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Special Briefing:** Environmental Protection Agency – “Relation Between Nitrate in Water Wells and Potential Sources in the Lower Yakima Valley”

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Lead</b>
<b>5:00 – 5:10 p.m.</b>	Welcome & meeting Overview	Introduction, meeting overview, confirm agenda	Penny Mabie, facilitator
<b>5:10 – 5:20 p.m.</b>	Committee business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve Sept. 20 meeting summary</li> </ul>	Penny Mabie, facilitator
<b>5:20 – 6:00 p.m.</b>	Committee Work plan	Discuss and decide on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work plan framework</li> <li>• Working group organization</li> <li>• Working group assignments</li> </ul>	Penny Mabie, facilitator Vern Redifer, Yakima County
<b>6:00 – 6:10 p.m.</b>	Break		
<b>6:10 – 6:30 p.m.</b>	Education and Public Outreach (EPO) Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update from the Education &amp; Public Outreach working group</li> </ul>	Lisa Freund, Yakima County Penny Mabie, facilitator
<b>6:30 – 6:45 p.m.</b>	EPA Report Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EPA update on next steps</li> <li>• Committee discussion with EPA on</li> </ul>	Tom Eaton, EPA Penny Mabie, facilitator

		relationship between GWMA and regulatory pathway	
6:45 – 6:55 p.m.	Public comment	Opportunity for members of the public to make comments to the committee.	
6:55 – 7:00 p.m.	Next steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review action items</li> <li>• Review next steps and topics for next agenda</li> <li>• December meeting date</li> </ul>	Penny Mabie, facilitator
7:00 p.m.	Adjourn		

### Committee Members

Stuart Turner, agronomist	Turner and Co.
Helen Reddout, Wendell Hannigan (alternate)	Community Association for Restoration of the Environment
Robert Morales	Lower Valley Community Representative
Jean Mendoza, Eric Anderson (alternate)	Friends of Toppenish Creek
Jan Whitefoot, Jim Dyjak (alternate)	Concerned Citizens of the Yakama Reservation
Steve George, Don Young (alternate)	Yakima County Farm Bureau
Jason Sheehan, Dan DeGroot (alternate)	Yakima Dairy Federation
Jim Trull, Ron Cowin (alternate)	Sunnyside-Roza Joint Board of Control
Laurie Crowe, Jim Newhouse (alternate)	South Yakima Conservation District
Mark Nielson, Heather Wendt (alternate)	Benton Conservation District
James Beaver	Benton County Commission
Robert Farrell, John Van Wingerden (alternate)	Port of Sunnyside
Rand Elliott, Vern Redifer (alternate)	Yakima County Commission
Gordon Kelly	Yakima County Health District
Bruce Perkins	Benton-Franklin Health District
Kefyalew Desta, Dr. Troy Peters (alternate)	WSU Irrigated Agriculture Research and Extension Center
Tom Eaton	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Elizabeth Sanchey, Tom Ring (alternate)	Yakama Nation

Lonna Frans, Matt Bachmann (alternate)	U.S. Geological Survey
Kirk Cook, Jaclyn Ford (alternate)	Washington Department of Agriculture
Andy Cervantes, Ginny Stern (alternate)	Washington Department of Health
Charlie McKinney, Tom Tebb (alternate)	Washington Department of Ecology
Ramon Tobias, Margarita Tobias (alternate)	Hispanic Community Representative

**Committee Ground Rules:**

- Come to committee meetings prepared
- Treat one another with civility
- Respect each other's perspectives
- Listen actively
- Participate actively
- Honor time frames
- Silence electronic devices during meetings
- Speak from interests, not positions.

**Next scheduled meeting dates:**

November 15

December 20