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Re: *Receipt of Voluntary Stewardship Program Work Plan from County Work Group*

Dear Lynn:

By this letter the Washington State Conservation Commission (Commission) formally acknowledges receipt of the Yakima County Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) work plan on Wednesday, August 30, 2017.

Per RCW 36.70A.725 and [SSB 5883, §961](#), the VSP Technical Panel (TP) shall review the work plan and report to the Commission within ninety days after the Commission receives the plan.

The TP has until November 29, 2017 to review the work plan and report to the Commission whether or not at the end of ten years after receipt of funding, the work plan, in conjunction with other existing plans and regulations, will protect critical areas while maintaining and enhancing the viability of agriculture in the watershed.

A representative from Yakima County shall be invited by the Commission to attend the TP's formal work plan meetings. At the first meeting, the representative will be asked to summarize

1. Where in the work plan the Technical Panel can find the each of the items listed in RCW 36.70A.720 (1) (a) – (l), and
2. The links between the goals and benchmarks of the plan and the monitoring and adaptive management of the plan.

The first meeting is set for September 29, 2017, at the Farm Bureau building, 975 Carpenter Rd NE, Lacey, WA 98516 from 9 am – 3 pm. The second is set for October 27, 2017 at the same location and the representative is asked to attend that meeting to answer questions about the work plan from the Technical Panel.

The decision of the TP on the work plan shall be communicated back in writing to Yakima County by Commission staff as soon as practicable after the last TP formal work plan meeting.

Thank you for your continued engagement in and support of VSP. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ron D. Shultz
Policy Director