

July 2017 VSP Newsletter

This is the monthly installment of a Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) informational newsletter. Please sign up to receive the newsletter [here](#). Feedback is welcome - please direct it to [Bill Eller](#).

VSP END-OF-FISCAL-YEAR VOUCHERING: All vouchers for VSP eligible expenditures must be received no later than **Monday, July 10, 2017** to be processed and eligible for reimbursement. *Vouchers received after July 10, 2017 will not be reimbursed.* Submit vouchers to [Karla Heinitz](#) at the Commission.

GRANT COUNTY VSP WORK PLAN APPROVED: Grant County's VSP work plan was recommended for approval by the VSP Technical Panel on June 20, 2017. The work plan will then be approved by the Executive Director of the Commission, in accordance with RCW 36.70A.725(3)(a)(ii). VSP work plans can be found on the Commission's VSP web page [here](#). Congratulations to the Grant County VSP Work Group for all their hard work and effort on a successful plan!

SUBMITTAL OF VSP WORK PLANS TO THE COMMISSION: The Commission has set up a schedule for the formal submittal of VSP work plans. Two plans can be reviewing in any given month. Plans must be formally submitted no later than the first of the month in which the review meeting is set for that plan. Counties wishing to formally submit work plans must contact [Bill Eller](#) at the Commission before submitting their work plans so that the plan can be assigned a meeting. [Bill Eller](#) can be reached at 509-385-7512 or by email at beller@scc.wa.gov. *Action by Work Group on Work Plan:* remember, the action the VSP work group needs to take in sending the work plan to the Commission is that the work group should move to submit the work plan to the Commission and VSP Technical Panel, not "approve" the work plan.

UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE VSP TECHNICAL PANEL: The VSP Technical Panel has revised its meeting schedule. The most complete and up-to-date meeting schedule can always be found on the Technical Panel web page [here](#). All meetings will be held at the Farm Bureau building, 975 Carpenter Rd NE #101, Lacey, WA 98516, unless otherwise noted. A summary of the revised meeting schedule is below:

Thursday, July 6, 2017, 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm - Vote on Skagit County VSP work plan. Though this meeting is designed to be a webinar, those who cannot attend by webinar can attend in person at the Conservation Commission, 300 Desmond Drive SE, Lacey, WA 98503.. To register for the webinar, use this link:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4591759952813078019>.

Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm - Initial formal work plan review of Whitman and Pacific County work plans. This meeting is available by webinar. To register for the webinar, use this link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6773296574446463234>

Friday, July 28, 2017, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm - Set for informal review for Yakima and Benton county work plans. This meeting is available by webinar. To register for the webinar, use this link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1600275786169938433>

Friday, August 4, 2017, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Final formal work plan review of Whitman and Pacific County work plans. This meeting is available by webinar. To register for the webinar, use this link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/863657971141476865>

Friday, August 25, 2017, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm - Agenda TBD

Tuesday, Sept 5, 2017, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm - Agenda TBD

UPCOMING MEETING OF THE VSP STATEWIDE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: The VSP Statewide Advisory Committee (SAC) has set a meeting date for the SAC for Wednesday, July 12, 2017, from 9 am - 12 noon. This meeting will be held in Lacey at the Conservation Commission office conference room, 300 Desmond Drive SE, Lacey, WA 98503. It will also be available by webinar if you register using this link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2452484158871815427>

This meeting is separate from any VSP Technical Panel meeting currently set.

HOW TO FIND VSP WORK PLANS: To find VSP Work Plans that have been submitted to the Commission, please go to the main VSP web page [here](#). Once there, click on the map the county that you are interested in. An informational box will appear that has the link to the county work plan (if it has been received by the Commission) and whether any public comment was received by the Commission on the plan.

VSP WORK PLAN “PRACTICE POINTERS”: During its deliberations of the Thurston and Chelan County VSP work plans, the Technical Panel identified a number of “practice pointers” that the other 25 VSP work groups would want to review to incorporate into their work plans before they are submitted to the Technical Panel. Those practice pointers are in the minutes to the meetings on the two work plans, and have been posted on the [VSP web page](#).

VSP MONTHLY CONSULTANT Q&A: Due to a conflict, the July Q&A webinar set for Thursday, June 13 from 9am-9:30am is **CANCELLED**. The next scheduled consultant webinar is Thursday, August 3, 2017, from 9 am-9:30 am. Please register for Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) Monthly Q&A on Aug 3, 2017 9:00 AM PDT at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4054994868807681025>

This conference call is meant to be a Q & A on VSP for all 27 VSP opt-in counties. The purpose of the call is to be a forum to disseminate information about VSP on a statewide level and to answer VSP related questions. It is open to any who want to phone in, but mainly directed at

County staff, Conservation District staff, and consultants and facilitators responsible for VSP.

Links to past webinar recordings are available on the [VSP Workgroups web page](#).

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