

Terry Willis, Chanele Holbrook, Lee Napier, Ann Wick, Kahle Jennings, Doug Fricke, Bob Amrine, Ramn Iyer, Margaret Rader, Samuel Iwenofu, and Ken Miller. Cynthia Carlstad participated by conference call.

General comments

Kahle shared with the group a funding opportunity that might become available to the group that would further evaluate groundwater in the Upper Chehalis Basin. He is exploring development of a scope that would serve as a pilot project in the Chehalis Basin. It would be funded by the Department of Ecology.

Coordinated Water Quality Monitoring

The group followed up with some comments related to the revised schematic. Raman asked to include updates to the QAPP in the text box describing the schematic. He also wondered if the Monitoring Coordinator and the Data Manager were one or two positions. Cynthia responded that it could be either. There would be a Coordinator and if appropriate that person could also assist with data management. That would be possible if the state provided support to continue the effort to standardize and better manage data.

The group felt it would be helpful to remove the text from the schematic and elaborating the text on page 4.

The schematic appears to bypass the water quality committee by showing an arrow that directs the staff to report back to CBP.

Change the agencies to state (Ecology and Agriculture) and federal (EPA and USGS) and add Heernett to the Nonprofit box.

The group is still contemplating how to hire staff. Options include funding or sharing resources such as staff from stakeholders.

What kind of monitoring? Groundwater monitoring is mentioned in the document. The Chehalis Tribe has been monitoring groundwater for the past two years.

1.4 Schedule, page 4, does not state that implementation is possible only if funding is available. The text needs to state that it is dependent upon available funding and resources. Willis suggested the following change- the WQ will pursue implementation if funding is available. Cynthia will revise this section.

How will this group interact with "outside" groups that may pursue water quality projects independent from the CBP? The intent of the Coordinator is to serve as a facilitator to gather information and share information and possibly resources between stakeholders in the basin. After hearing Cynthia response, Margaret requested that the document include a section better describing this function on page 4.

Raman reminded the group that the Chehalis Tribe's lab is certified and should be considered as a resource for this project.

The group agreed that this would be one of their work plan components. It would not limit the group's scope.

Presentation-Trees are the Answer

Terry introduced the guest speaker Ken Miller, who is a small tree farmer near the Millersylvania State Park. He shared a slide presentation with the group.

Closing comments

Ann Wicks presented a letter addressed to Terry Willis, dated October 6, 2003 regarding a recent inspection by the Department of Agriculture. The group requested a copy be sent to the concerned citizen.

Next meeting:

- Review the schematic for the Water Quality Report.
- Watershed Plan recommendations
- DIP for TMDL