

Meeting Notes
LYV-GWMA Implementation
Thursday, August 11, 2022
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Attendees: Rodney Heit, Andres Cervantes, David Haws, Jaclyn Hancock, Lori Brady, Damon Roberts, Shawn Magee, Caitlin McConkey

➤ Welcome/Group Roundtable

- South Yakima Conservation District – Rodney Heit
 - *Savanah joining the team. There are some up and coming projects in the hopper but no decisions have been made yet. In a bit of a holding pattern. Will be starting the nutrient soil sampling this fall with the USDA. Looking into the EPA doing a field visit while this is going on, looking for a suitable client field to do this. Will be somewhere in the GWMA area. The sampling won't take place until after the harvest this fall. If you would like to know more about this plan, please reach out. Dairy Nutrient Program management submitted a funding proposal through the legislature.*
- Yakima County – David Haws
 - *Updating the county website. Wondering whether we want the 64 items on the page with regular updates that people could see on a regular basis – thoughts from the group?*
***Add to agenda for next month*
- Yakima Health District – Shawn Magee
 - *Still carrying on with the potable water program with people in the GWMA. Working on getting more people signed before the end of the year.*
<https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Who-we-are/News/2021/Sept-21-Septic-Loans>
- Washington State Department of Health – Andy Cervantes
 - *Contract issued for Wellhead Protection Areas and are planning a presentation/overview of the work they will be doing. With Holly's help, they have a group that is working on the potable water system that are falling through the cracks. Something that came out of the EPA discussions – we essentially have a committee set up to handle these situations.*
- Washington State Department of Agriculture – Jaclyn Hancock

- *Dairy Nutrient Program's funding proposal through the legislature will increase capacity for the Dairy Nutrient program's work on nitrate issues in LYV and compliance. Looking at creating a position, and the big thing will be looking at providing the money to the conservation district. Hoping it will move through the agency level in the next month or two.*
- Washington State Department of Ecology
 - *Melanie Redding*
 - *Continuing on with groundwater monitoring/sampling*
 - *Our WR lead left recently so I am waiting until they hire a new person so we can talk about identifying the wells that need improvement.*
 - *We are compiling data for the permittees that are within the GWMA area and assess the nitrates from those facilities - will report back to the committee on that.*

- Recommended Actions

- 46) Included in letter
- 47) Plan to include this within the community engagement plan
- 48) Have not started talking about this one yet, but likely will need to find funding to begin a study on it – further down the road
- 49) Ask for update from Gary Bahr at next meeting
- 50) Ecology recently lost our head on our composting operations, but in the near future when this person is hired, we will follow up on this one.
- 51) Gary Bahr will need to provide update for this item
- 52) No update on this item
- 53) No update on this item
- 54) Ongoing
- 55) Ongoing – working with WSDA
- 56) No update
- 57) Evaluation of options and ranking them
- 58) Damon will speak with the permit manager and follow up
- 59) No update at this time without the composting head of operations – will update when that position is filled
- 60) No update
- 61) No update
- 62) No update
- 63) Ongoing – addressing issue and moving forward – plant being constructed in Sunnyside.
- 64) No update

- Other Good of the Order

