

# Agenda Meeting Notes

## LYV-GWMA Implementation

Thursday, June 9, 2022

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

- Welcome/Group Roundtable
  - South Yakima Conservation District
    - Applying for ARPA funding for GWMA. A lot of focus on infrastructure improvements.
    - This week will start the deep soil sampling pilot project with dairies within the GWMA.
  - Yakima County
    - YC is managing the website and will post any updates. Please send updates and photos to Lisa or David to include in the GWMA page.
    - Yakima county is will be issuing a letter to the communities within the GWMA reminding them that they are part of it and that high nitrates still are still an issue. The letter will invite them to either apply for ARPA or other funding.
  - Yakima Health District
    - 181 people/42 homes are being served with bottled water in the GWMA area.
    - Data from the focus groups is being reviewed and a report will be shared subsequently.
    - Discussion over providing test strips and information concluded with YC offering to share existing information. Shawn will look into ordering test strips. Ecology will also supply some test strips.
    - Working on formulating a response for EPA.
  - Washington State Department of Health
    - ODW and OEPHS is seeking long term funding using a Decision Package for Alternative Water Supply solutions.
    - DOH will connect with partners and elected officials once DOH receives information for next steps.
    - OEPHS health assessment is in latter stages and when the report is complete will be shared.
    - Well Head Protection Project will interview 2 final consultants for final contract for the work.
  - Washington State Department of Ecology
    - Starting 4<sup>th</sup> quarter ambient monitoring, have one well that is 275 ft deep that has dropped to within 8 inches. Using a baler mechanism to continue to monitor this well.
    - Looking for ongoing funding for land use and GW projects
    - EAP developing a story map to show the monitoring project and overall GWMA activities.

- EAP is developing a nitrate assessment of NPDES permits to better understand industrial and municipal contamination.
    - Ecy met with EPA-message is to meet the 45 day return deadline for letter response. Ecy shared that EPA is interested in learning what HAS been done and is ongoing from the implementation group. Damon suggested EPA wants to know that people that haven't been contacted in the GWMA area are part of ongoing outreach.
    - We'll be doing one an assessment of nitrate levels in our NPDES permit facilities as well as state waste discharge facilities. Should be able to present findings at the next implementation meeting.
  - EPA Discussion – Damon Roberts
    - Nothing new to report as to where and how this may end, timeline etc. We're still shooting for the 45 day date for our response.
    - One of the primary concerns is outreach and making sure people are aware if their private wells are high in nitrate.
    - Department of Health intending to get their draft out soon.
  - Implementation Plan Recommended Actions
    - A few of the lower ranking recommendations left. Group agreed to postpone this to the next meeting because of time constraints and desire to cover the project manager topic.
- Project Manager Position – Issue that Ecology has at this point in time is the budget. Looking more towards 2023 to participate.
  - Rodney looking at funding
    - Position will serve as a liaison for the programs
    - Reporting done at a timeframe that is decided upon by the group
    - Community Outreach – Group figures out how to put together various outreach projects for the project manager
    - EP4 – Damon will also share more detail about this with the group
    - Damon will pull some position descriptions together and will share with the group
- Other Good of the Order