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Draft Agenda 319 TAC Meeting

THURSDAY March 3, 2016

8:00 am

USDA Service Center Building

Old CSCD/NRCS office – street side of building

- A. Opening of meeting (Mike Swartz)
- B. Review minutes from the February 11, 2016 meeting
- C. Old Business
  - 1. Robin
    - a. 319 Proposals from February 11 meeting.
    - b. Monitoring dollars for landowners cover crop study
  - 2. RCPP Update—approved
  - 2. Dan Steenson
    - a. Treasure Valley Water Users (T.V.W.U.)
  - 3. TMDL Implementation Plan--Delwyne Trefz from ISWCC
- E. Open items for discussion
  - 1. Agency reports
    - a. NRCS—Amie Miller, D.C.
    - b. FYI-WAG meeting March 10, 2016 from 1 – 3 PM at DEQ State Office.

Set time and date for next meeting

**1 Please note the agenda is subject to change. Thank you!**



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DRAFT Minutes  
319 TAC Meeting  
THURSDAY February 11, 2016  
8:00 am  
USDA Service Center, Conference Room

Sign in sheet for the 319 TAC meeting completed—Lori Kent-CSCD, Robin Hadelers-CSCD, Mike Swartz-CSCD, Bob Braun-TASCO/LBWC, Lance Holloway-DEQ and Graham Freeman--DEQ

- A. Opening of meeting (Mike Swartz)—8:10 AM
- B. Reviewed and approved minutes from the January 7, 2016 meeting.

Questions asked—When is the final date to have funds spent and how much is available with this grant? Final date for grant is December 31, 2017—money should be spent by March or April 2017. There is \$103,305.00 to spend in the grant.

- C. Old Business
  - 1. Robin—CSCD
    - a. Robin presented two 319 Proposals
      - Permanent Drip Irrigation on Tier 1 field consisting of 108 acres. They will be converting from flood irrigation to Permanent Pump & Filter Station
      - Permanent Drip Irrigation on Tier 1 field consisting of 85 acres. They will be converting from flood irrigation to Permanent Pump & Filter Station.

These proposals will be taken to today's WAG meeting. See Bob's email Dear Members of the WAG:

During the Ag/319 TAC meeting this morning Robin Hadelers presented two projects for 319 funding. Per Tom Dupuis' analysis in the attached message, there is a balance of \$103,305 remaining in our current 319 grant. Because these two projects involve the same type of capital improvements and rank equally, the 319 committee is proposing to split the balance between the two projects. The 319 cost share will be about 27%. We are reasonably confident that the two landowners will be agreeable to this level of cost sharing. Funding both will get us the most "bang for the buck." Plus when we close the grant we propose to allocate the balance available in our 10% reserve by bumping up our cost share on these two projects slightly. Then we will not have to search for another project to use the small amount in the reserve.

After funding these two projects the remaining balance will be the \$50,000 which the WAG reserved for the Farmer Coop RCPP project. Rumors still suggest that this project will be approved. If not, we will need to find another project to use the \$50k.

I informed Clint that I am not able to attend today's meeting, so if you have any questions about these 319 grant proposals, Lance or Graham should be able to respond. Please know that a prompt decision will enable these projects to move ahead this season. We are not aware of any other 319 funding requests.

For the next 319 grant cycle (FY2017) we would like to be able to assemble a list of shovel-ready projects instead of submitting a generic application. So, we will be looking for projects should you have ideas.

Have a good meeting,  
Bob  
208-383-6534

b. Discussion on the proposal for monitoring dollars for 319 project on landowners cover crop study.—waiting for landowners decision regarding EPA—Lance spoke with EPA – no on site

2. RCPP Update—waiting for approval

3. Dan Steenson—Not present

4. TMDL Implementation Plan—Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting on the TMDL Implementation Plan on Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 – 4:30 PM at Meridian City Hall.—Bob reported that Delwyne is on the Agriculture Subcommittee. The subcommittees are Nonpoint Source, Stormwater, Urban, Ag, and Septic to name a few.

They have 18 months to complete. Bob suggested to have Delwyne and the 319 TAC Group work together on the Agriculture part of the Plan.

D. Open items for discussion

1. Agency reports

a. NRCS

- FYI-Soil Health Symposium will be February 18<sup>th</sup> from 8AM to 4PM at the Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario. On February 19<sup>th</sup> is the workshop from 8AM to 4PM at the Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario.
- FYI-The EQIP ranking will be completed March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- FYI-Mary Wolf has accepted a new job in Tucson, AZ as a Soil Conservationist at the Plant Materials Center.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY March 3, 2016 at 8:00 AM in the  
OLD CSCD/NRCS OFFICE - STREET SIDE OF THE BUILDING**

Adjourned 9:10 am