

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF KITTITAS
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-001

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature, through Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1886, effective July 1, 2011, amended chapter 36.70A RCW to add a Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) (RCW 36.70A.700 through 36.70A.760) for the protection of critical areas in relation to agricultural uses; and

WHEREAS, with the adoption of Ordinance Number 2011-012 on November 30, 2011 pursuant to RCW 36.70A.710, Kittitas County elected to participate in the Voluntary Stewardship Program; and

WHEREAS, during the 2015 legislative session the state legislature provided funding for the Voluntary Stewardship Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.715, when the Conservation Commission makes funds available to a County that has made the election provided in RCW 36.70A.710, the county must within sixty days:

- a. Acknowledge the receipt of funds; and
- b. Designate a watershed group; and
- c. Identify the lead entity to coordinate the watershed group; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.715, the watershed group must include broad representation of key stakeholders and, at a minimum, representatives of agricultural and environmental groups and tribes that agree to participate; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2015 the County acknowledge the receipt of funds through approval of a contract with the Washington State Conservation Commission for the Voluntary Stewardship Program Workplan development; and

WHEREAS, with the approval of Resolution 2015-139 on October 20, 2015, the County entered into an interlocal agreement with the Kittitas County Conservation District. The interlocal agreement outlines the work to be completed by the District as the lead entity for the watershed group and the responsibilities of the County during the development of the Voluntary Stewardship Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the attached Exhibit A formally designate the Kittitas County Conservation District as the lead entity of the VSP watershed group and a watershed group contact list that identifies individuals, agencies, and organizations that will be asked to participate in the watershed group.

ADOPTED this 5th day of January, 2016

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Chairman



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Commissioner



CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie A. Kjorsvik

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Neil Caulkins,
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Exhibit A: Kittitas County VSP Watershed Group and Lead Entity Identification

Watershed group lead entity – Kittitas County Conservation District

Potential Watershed Group Participants – Contact List
Group Members¹
Farm Bureau
Kittitas Reclamation District
Kittitas County Cattlemen’s Assn.
Agricultural Operator (upper county)
Agricultural Operator (lower county)
Organization of Kittitas County Timothy Hay Growers
Small Acreage Operator
Swauk Teanaway Grange
Nature Conservancy
Kittitas County Conservation Coalition
Futurewise
Forterra
Kittitas Audubon Society
Yakama Nation
Resource Members²
County Commissioner
WSU Extension
WDFW
Ecology
DNR
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
KCCD & County Staff³
Kittitas County Conservation District
Director Kittitas County Community Development Services
Planner, Kittitas County Community Development Services

1. Group members are the official voting members of the watershed group
2. Resource members are non-voting members to provide agency input and technical assistance as appropriate.
3. Kittitas County Conservation District and County staff are non-voting members to provide technical assistance, facilitation, and guidance to the watershed group as appropriate.

KITTITAS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: _____ Dated: _____
 Mark Moore, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

WASHINGTON STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

By: _____ Dated: _____
 Ron Schultz, Project Officer