

Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Municipal (RCIM) Working Group

Charge from Groundwater Management Area Advisory Committee

None at this time

Working Group Members

Robert Farrell – Chair (Port of Sunnyside), Dr. Kefy Desta (WSU), Elizabeth Sanchez (Yakama Nation), Gordon Kelly (Yakima Health District), Jan Whitefoot (Concerned Citizens of Yakama Reservation), John Van Wingerden (Port of Sunnyside), Stuart Turner (Turner & Co), Tom Ring (Yakama Nation), Kathleen Rogers (Citizen), Sanjay Barik (Ecology), Donald Gatchalian (Yakima County)

Meetings/Calls Dates

Where: KDNA Granger Conference Room – 121 Sunnyside Avenue, Granger, Washington

When: 10:00am – 11:00am Thursday, March 27, 2014

Call: (509) 574-2353 - PIN# 2353

Participants

Robert Farrell (Chair), Gordon Kelly, Dan Degroot, *Kathleen Rogers, and Troy Ross-Havens (Yakima County support staff)

* Participated by telephone

Key Discussion Points

Welcome and Meeting Overview

The Chair of the working group welcomed the members and provided a brief overview of the agenda.

Agenda:

1. Needs for Education and Public Outreach

In an effort to complete the next tasks on the 2014 task list for the RCIM's scope of work, the group had an open discussion on their needs for the Education and Public Outreach (EPO) campaign. Bob passed out a document titled, "*Steps in Developing a Marketing Plan*" from the EPO Working Group. The document asks a suite of baseline questions regarding topics such as program description, purpose, situation assessment, target audience, marketing strategy, promotional strategies, and evaluation measures. The group began addressing some of these

topics, however Bob suggested that the working group members submit their answers to the document individually to Troy Ross-Havens prior to the next RCIM meeting, at which point the answers will be reviewed by the working group.

ACTION: Working group members to review the “*Steps in Developing a Marketing Plan*” document and submit their answers or suggestions to Troy Ross-Havens via email at troy.ross-havens@co.yakima.wa.us prior to the next working group meeting scheduled for April 24.

Coordination with the EPO Working Group was discussed. The group reached consensus that a joint face-to-face meeting should occur within the next few months, as soon as the group addresses content relevant to the marketing plan document. Bob Farrell volunteered for the task of coordinating with the EPO Working Group.

ACTION: Bob Farrell to coordinate with the EPO Working Group for a future face-to-face joint meeting with RCIM to discuss public outreach efforts as they pertain to the RCIM’s scope of work.

2. Review Ecology Data Collected

Bob noted that as of March 17th, Sanjay Barik has submitted the list of permitted facilities that Ecology has on file for the Lower Yakima Valley GWMA boundary. This database was submitted to the County and the consultants.

3. Other Items

WAC173-100

One group member brought up the WAC 173-100 document and referenced items that are required of the LYV GWMA by law. It was emphasized that activities such as waste disposal, improperly constructed or abandoned wells, mining activities, accidental spills, and application and storage of roadway deicing chemicals have not been discussed, or have been discussed in minor detail within the LYV GWMA. The group member stated that we are required to cover these by law, and perhaps in doing so we can learn more about the LYV GWMA.

ACTION: Bob Farrell to converse with Sanjay about these actions and their associated permits, if applicable.

This discussion led to the suggestion that locating abandoned wells could be included in the education and public outreach campaign, and that perhaps funds be set aside for properly

decommissioning these wells at no cost to the landowner, under the assumption that some landowners might not want to let the LYV GWMA know about a potentially abandoned well, which could consequently lead to a financial burden if they were required to decommission the well themselves.

It was suggested that well logs could be cross-referenced with home construction dates to see if there is a gap from when the home was constructed and when the well was installed, implying that if a home was constructed in 1955, and the well log was dated 1975, there could be a well somewhere on the property that served prior to the 1975 well.

Fertilizer Companies Delivering to Farms

Another group member inquired about fertilizer deliveries to farms, citing that often you see large fertilizer drums on farms that may or may not be protected by secondary containment. Some members reacted by stating that the drums might only be there for a few days, however Bob volunteered to follow up with Ecology about these actions and any associated permits.

ACTION: Bob Farrell to converse with Sanjay about these actions and their associated permits, if applicable.

Resources Requested

None at this time

Recommendations for GWAC

None at this time

Deliverables/Products Status

Deliverables for Task List 2014 for February and March complete.

Proposed Next Steps

- Carry out action items identified through the course of today's RCIM meeting
- Incorporate data into nitrate database being developed by HDR/PGG and Yakima County