

Charter**Watershed Land Conservation Subcommittee of the YRBWEP Workgroup**

The Subcommittee's mission is:

1. to identify and evaluate a range of options for carrying out the Targeted Watershed Protections and Enhancements (TWPE) component of the Yakima River Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan (Integrated Plan);
2. To recommend to the YRBWEP Workgroup actions and priorities for TWPE components consistent with the overall objectives of the Integrated Plan, as the Integrated Plan is implemented;
3. To act as a liaison between the YRBWEP Workgroup and entities engaged in actions related to the TWPE component, including planning and implementation;
4. To advise the YRBWEP Workgroup on land issues related to other parts of the Integrated Plan besides the TWPE component.

To perform this mission, the Subcommittee will:

- Meet as needed to discuss particular land issues identified for Subcommittee consideration by the YRBWEP Workgroup;
- Solicit and review input from interested parties, governments and agencies;
- Refine aspects of the Targeted Watershed Protections and Enhancements component to ensure it can be implemented in a practical manner, including recognition of related land management activities undertaken by a variety of agencies.
- Provide Subcommittee recommendations on the TWPE component or on land issues related to other components of the Integrated Plan to the full YRBWEP Workgroup.
- As requested, assist the Implementation Subcommittee of the YRBWEP Workgroup by providing information needed to advance the implementation of the TWPE component.
- Other actions as necessary and requested by the YRBWEP Workgroup to fulfill the mission described above.

The Subcommittee will attempt to reach consensus on its findings and recommendations. Where consensus is not achieved, members of the Subcommittee may at times provide separate findings or recommendations. Any final recommendations to acquire, manage and conserve tracts of land under the TWPE component of the Integrated Plan will be made by the full YRBWEP Workgroup, and will be directed toward Local, State, Tribal and Federal government agencies that have authorities and jurisdiction for land acquisition, management and conservation, or to private organizations that participate in land management processes for the public interest.

List of YRBWEP Workgroup Assignments to Subcommittee

(Note: this is separate from the actual Charter. This list of assignments may be expanded in the future, at the discretion of the YRBWEP Workgroup or Implementation Subcommittee).

- *July 2011 Workgroup Meeting.* Identify options and make recommendations for carrying out the Targeted Watershed Protections and Enhancements (TWPE) component of the Integrated Plan issued in April 2011. Proposed actions include:
 - Acquisition of a 46,000 acre tract in the middle and lower Teanaway River Basin (or alternative sites of equivalent conservation value);
 - Acquisition of a 15,000 acre tract in the Yakima River Canyon area (or alternative sites of equivalent conservation value);
 - Acquisition of approximately 10,000 acres at the headwaters of the Little Naches River and lands surrounding the headwaters of Taneum and Manastash Creeks (or alternative sites of equivalent conservation value).
 - Designation by Congress of a subset of the existing public lands within the Yakima River Basin for special protection and management;
 - Designation by Congress of select surface waters in the Yakima River Basin for special protection and management.

- *December 2012 Workgroup Meeting.* Review input provided by a group of public lands advocacy groups in Washington State who met beginning in September 2012 to discuss the TWPE component of the Integrated Plan as described in the Subcommittee Proposal dated January 4, 2012.

- *December 2012 Workgroup Meeting.* Review input provided by Kittitas County based on recommendations from a Citizens Advisory Committee convened by the County in 2011 to discuss the TWPE component of the Integrated Plan as described in the Subcommittee Proposal dated January 4, 2012.