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Joint Meeting of the Gunnison Basin & Grand Valley Selenium Task Force and Gunnison Basin Selenium Management Program Work Group

Date: Thursday, October 25, 2012
Time: 10am to 3pm
Location: Delta USDA Service Center (NRCS Conference Room), 690 Industrial Blvd, Delta

Attendees: Aaron Derwingson (TNC), Dave Kanzer (CRWCD), Emily Galanto & Agnieszka Przeszlowska (UWP), Dave Dearstyne (NRCS), Jedd Sondergard (BLM), Mike Baker, Allen Distel (BPWCD), Denis Reich (CSU), Barb Osmundson (FWS), Pete Jacobson (CSSAGA), Rick St. Jean (Shavano), Dale Woodbury (NRCS), Terry Stroh (USBR), Dave Noe (CGS), Ed Suppes & Steve Fletcher (UWVUA), Sonja Chavez de Baca (Se Task Force), Suzanne Paschke (USGS), Alisa Mast (USGS via phone), Ken Leib (USGS via phone), Steve Miller (CWCB)

Selenium Task Force (10am-12pm)

I. Introductions

- A. Aaron Derwingson (The Nature Conservancy) – Agricultural cooperative conservation opportunities
- B. Emily Galanto & Agnieszka Przeszlowska of the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership (Americorps/VISTA Outreach Coordinator & UWP Coordinator, respectively).

II. Updates (Coordinator and Members)

- A. STF Budget Status for 2012: Sonja reported that efforts to reduce her hours this summer were effective in heading-off a budget shortfall in 2012. She will be working with the River District soon on the 2013 contract. In addition, a portion of STF planning activities were supported by Steve Miller through the Species Conservation Trust Fund (SCTF - \$5K) and will be utilized to do advanced planning in the Loutzenhizer and Bostwick Park areas and collaboration with the L. Gunnison Salinity Study.
- B. Potential Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership shared AmeriCorps/VISTA Discussion: The STF is in discussions with the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership (UWP) to share an AmeriCorps/VISTA ¼ time. The annual cost is generally around \$8,000/year or thru the Office of Surface Mining which may bring the cost down to around \$3,500. Sonja will work on developing a work plan with Agnes and an agreement would be developed on the supervision of the VISTA which will occur through Agnes. Sonja would supervise the STF work. New grant applications should be reviewed soon with Agnes with interviews likely taking place in February and decisions in March.
- C. N. Fork Selenium Grant Update: The Conservation Center is continuing to implement their sampling plan as scheduled. They will be conducting our second to the last sampling event on November 13/14 on several tributaries in the Lower Gunnison. This sampling will be done in coordination with the USGS' sampling of the Lower Gunnison in order to bolster the dataset. The final sampling will be completed in the North Fork watershed in early December. Anna will be uploading all of the initial data from the project into the DSN during the week of Nov. 5-9 and will do a final upload in late December when the final results are in from the lab. Anna will continue to work on the project during November 2012 and January 2013. She will put together a final report and data report following the grant requirements, and she will create a modified report that is intended for a public audience. Anna is hoping to work with Ken and others from the USGS to use some of their technical retro reports as models. Anna will send a draft of the reports to Sonja in January so that she can forward to the appropriate individuals for comment and input. If you have any questions, Anna will be in the area again from November 6 until the 15th-ish and/or her address at the NFRIA-WSERC Conservation Center is anna@conservationcenter.org

D. CDSN Data Uploads: Sonja has received training from Anna in doing CDSN data uploads. She'll be responsible for uploading future STF monitoring data as well as data associated with existing and future 319 grants.

E. Interim Water Resources Subcommittee legislation (Pete Jacobson, Colorado Stone Sand & Gravel Association). Interim Water Resources Subcommittee legislation (Pete Jacobson, Colorado Stone Sand & Gravel Association). Background: the CSSGA has challenged the WQCDs recent discharge permit process. CSSGA is working on Legislation that will be introduced in January. The intent of the legislation is to require a Rule-Making and oversight process by the Water Quality Control Commission for all NEW PERMITS that are dramatically different than the previous five year permit. If 80% of the requirements from the previous five year general permit are carried forward in the new permit, Rule-Making will not be required.

Pete indicated that there was a new discharge permit released earlier this year with what CSSGA and others saw as a flawed oversight process. The previous discharge permit was 18-20 pages in length and the new combined permit is 113 pages long. Pete indicated that the WQCD did not present any data to justify this new permit, nor did they provide industry with a cost – benefit analysis.

The unintended consequence of this debate between CSSGA and the WQCD is that combined process water and stormwater discharge permits for the sand and gravel industry have been delayed from September of 2013 to September of 2014. Pete indicated that this has a direct impact on the 4.6 ppb discharge standard for selenium.

F. 2013 Soil Health Conference request for financial assistance: Sonja contacted Sarah Carlquist about Delta County Economic Development's request for financial assistance for the 2013 conference scheduled for January 24-25. Sonja explained that with a financial contribution (last year STF gave \$1000) the STF would be asking for some floor time to continue to highlight the importance of soil health and wise water use practices in reducing selenium loading to local waterways. Sonja proposed two presentation ideas which included Denis Reich giving his presentation on the Economics of Sprinkler Systems and/or possibly a presentation on how local farmers fared during this drought year. Sonja asked Ashley (WWUC subcontractor) to call or email both the Delta and Montrose Farm Service Agencies asking when they might receive crop yield data by County. The response was basically that the data may not be available by the January conference date. As of the meeting date, Sonja had not heard back from Sarah. According to Dave Dearstyne and Rich St. Jean, the Soil Health steering committee has not met. Sarah will likely bring forward presentation ideas to the group at their next meeting.

Ashley will continue to work on an article (or possibly presentation) related to the impacts of the drought on crop yield this year. Ashley has indicated that she has collected some data and that she plans to interview local producers to see how they fared this year. Steve Fletcher and Ed Suppes of the UVWUA indicated that this year they would be collecting crop data from their producers. Sonja will follow-up with Steve and Ed to find out what kind of data they collect, how they collect it, etc. She'll then follow-up with Ashley.

Steve Miller offered to contribute funding from the Colorado Species Conservation Trust Fund to the Soil Health Conference. Sonja will follow-up with Steve on the proposal and will contact Sarah.

There will also be a Soil Health Tour on Nov 1 which will look at cover crop practices on the ground. Anyone interested in attending should contact Jerry Allen of the Shavano Conservation District.

G. 2nd Watershed Plan Review: A final review of the Lower Gunnison Basin and Grand Valley Selenium Watershed Management Plan had not been done by the CRWCD (grant sponsor), but had been done by a couple of other members of the STF (CSU, USBR and FWS). Enough time has passed such that Sonja will have to spend some time updating the plan with new information and she will be again asking for a final review before submitting to the WQCD (No later than December 31st). It is imperative that the STF/CRWCD submit a final watershed plan and close out the grant. Not closing out the grant, could have negative impacts on other selenium proposals for 2013.

- H. Requests for FOA application review assistance from the STF: The STF had a discussion about a recent request for assistance to review a FOA grant application. The initial feedback she got from a couple of members was that although it seemed like a good way for the STF to help, there was a concern about fairness to all applicants and existing budget shortfalls to support this effort in 2012. At the meeting today, the feedback was that the rest of the group conceptually supported the idea. Members thought it might be a good idea to plan for this effort in 2014 when a new FOA might come out. In addition, the STF wanted Sonja to begin posting potential grant programs on the website and noticing folks within the STF to see if anyone had application ideas.

Steve offered to provide some financial assistance to Sonja to review applications using funds left over with the Delta Conservation District. Update: Sonja initially indicated that she thought she would have the time to conduct the reviews (uncertain how many there would be), but she later contacted Ralph D'Allesandro and Steve Miller after the meeting and indicated that she was not going to be able to do the reviews within the available time period.

- I. Wise Water Use Council Update: Sonja indicated that at the last WWUC meeting on 10/15/12, a few members (5) attended and seemed to be emphasizing the need for more to be done on the agricultural side of water conservation. Sonja reminded the group that the goals of the WWUC included water-quality improvement and that from the perspective of the STF domestic water users and land use managers and planners needed to be aware of the potential impacts associated with inefficient water use, especially on previously non-irrigated Mancos shale soils. Sonja also relayed to the group that funding for the WWUC coordinator position would be going away at the end of 2012. She emphasized the need for Ashley and the group to prioritize coming up with some funding ideas or grant proposals to continue to support the position. Steve Miller suggested that we contact Terran Hutchins of the CWCB Office of Water Conservation. Sonja will work with Ashley to make the necessary contacts.

The next WWUC meeting is on December 5th from 3-4:30 at Tri-County water. Minutes from the October WWUC meeting are attached.

- J. Mancos Shale Landscapes Project (USGS): It was suggested by Dave Kanzer that the STF contact Michelle Tuttle (USGS) to give a presentation on the Mancos Shale Landscape project. Suzanne Paschke will contact Michelle and talk to her about the possibility of giving a presentation either in person or via webinar to the Selenium Task Force and SMP Work Group at the next meeting scheduled for January 23rd, 2013. If anyone is interested in looking at some of the published products, they can be located on the web at: http://minerals.cr.usgs.gov/projects/mancos_shale/products.html
- K. Planning for another Selenium Summit: Sonja suggested that it may be time for another Selenium Summit (i.e. Selenium Task Force and SMP sponsored one-day workshop) given that a significant amount of new data, studies, and information has come along in the last three years. She will put this on the January 23rd agenda for further discussion.

III. Discussion Items

- A. On-farm BMP Implementation Project Proposal (Coordinator): Discussion was tabled due to time constraints. Sonja will schedule a conference call with interested parties to see if a project can be scoped.
- B. Planning for Bostwick Park and Loutzenhizer Arroyo Focus Area Meetings (Coordinator): Sonja requested input from members regarding how to accomplish focused planning for the Bostwick Park and Loutzenhizer sub-basins given that the Lower Gunnison Salinity Study Team would likely be working on similar efforts and would present an opportunity to coordinate/partner. Members indicated that Sonja should wait until the study has gotten through local interviews and that her role could be to assist the Salinity Study Team in coordinating meetings, getting the word out and soliciting agricultural producer involvement in the process.

Through the meetings, Sonja could identify areas to follow-up on where the salinity program may not choose to go with regard to selenium.

Sonja will be seeing Mary Lou Smith of CSU (Social Engineer working with L. Gunnison Salinity Study Team) and Dave Merritt (HDR Project Lead) next week at a meeting scheduled at the Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association (October 30). She will relay the groups' message and talk to them about opportunities to assist and collaborate.

- C. Lower Gunnison Basin Water-Quality Monitoring Program (Terry Stroh, Dave Kanzer, and Ken Leib):
- a. Coordination between STF (VISTA), CRWCD, and SMP
 - b. Funding and basic program elements and activities covered
 - c. Potential new trend sites – see also Science Team meeting minutes from 10/15/12

The group discussed in general how coordination occurs between sampling partners (STF, CRWCD, WQCD, USBR and USGS). The USBR is assuming responsibility for the Lower Gunnison Basin Water-Quality Monitoring Program which includes long-term trend sites as well as some high priority shorter term sites (CRWCD initially managed and funded the program). Sonja will continue to coordinate the sampling schedule amongst the above mentioned groups. Terry suggested that Sonja schedule a meeting of the water-quality sub-group for December so that a sampling schedule could be set for 2013 for the long-term sites and other sites. Jedd Sondergard (BLM) suggested that the STF and SMP group look at both Lawhead and Sulphur Gulches located below Redlands Mesa. Jedd indicated that these sites were had very high conductivity readings and potentially very high in selenium given the local geology. Sonja was asked to be sure to include Jedd, Sarah, and Carey Denison (Trout Unlimited) to the water-quality sub-group meeting. She was also asked to contact Ken Leib about giving a brief presentation summary on selenium data results from this year's sampling program (WY 11 – 12) such as 85th percentiles in addition to preliminary loading and trend analyses for all SMP sites. The presentation could be given at the proposed science and research team meeting in late November or early December and then final results in January at the joint meeting of the STF and SMP.

- D. STF High Priority Action Plan for 2013: Sonja requested input from the group on the identification of high priority action items for 2013. This is a focused task list for Sonja and the STF which helps to ensure that the STF is accomplishing high priority action items throughout the year. Priority Action Areas suggested included:
- Lower Gunnison Salinity Study Coordination
 - Water Quality Monitoring Coordination
 - VISTA and UWP Collaboration
 - Outreach and Education – local governments
 - Facilitate further grant proposal

Sonja will add further detail to the areas identified and send the list to the STF for additional feedback.

- E. Meeting Dates for 2013 were identified:

- Jan 23
- April 24
- July 24 (The meeting may be schedule around the Water Workshop sponsored by Western State Colorado University and will be held in Gunnison).
- October 17

Lunch on Your Own (12pm-1pm)

Selenium Management Program Work Group (1pm-3pm)

IV. Updates

SCIENCE TEAM (ST) UPDATE:

- A. USGS Science Plan for Selenium (Suzanne Paschke, USGS)
Please see attached Science Team meeting minutes.
Note: Steve Miller indicated he really wanted to see the Science Plan before additional Species Conservation Trust Funds on research or studies. Suzanne was asked to forward a draft of the outline.
- B. Wetlands Study (a.k.a. *Water Table Fluctuation...*) (Ken Leib, USGS)
See ST minutes.
- C. Bostwick Park Water Budget (Ken Leib, USGS)
See ST minutes.
- D. Context Study (Denis Reich, CSU)
See ST minutes.
- E. FWS endangered fish data and sampling (Barb Osmundson, FWS)
See ST minutes. See also draft interim FWS report (attached).
- F. System Optimization Study (Dave Kanzer, CRWCD)
Study being conducted by the Irrigation Technology Research Center at Cal Poly (Dr. Charles Burt, Lead). See ST minutes.
- G. Mancos Study (Dave Dearstyne, NRCS): Dave has sampled a total of 18 sites (irrigated and non-irrigated). He is cooperating with Alisa Mast (USGS) on the analysis of soils from the wetland Water Table Fluctuation study site. Dave indicated his strong desire to continue our partnership in this mapping/study, wants to get together with Dave Noe and others and prioritize CGS sites, etc. and emphasized the need to coordinate among the soils, geology, and water-quality studies.

Dave updated the group on some upcoming changes at the NRCS. Dave is being moved to Grand Junction. He indicated that it is uncertain at this point what it may mean regarding the technical assistance he regularly provides to us. The group was very concerned about ensuring that we had continued soil support from someone who is very knowledgeable about selenium issues. Dave has been exactly this person in the past and has invaluable knowledge of the area and of the issues. Steve Miller and Dave Kanzer will talk to Phyllis Phillips (NRCS) in the next couple of weeks about our concern.

Sonja will coordinate a meeting between interested parties (Suzanne, Alisa, Ken, DK, Dave Dearstyne, Josh, Denis, Theresa or Jason, Terry, etc). The meeting should be planned in late November or early December and would be the same day as the SMP science and research subcommittee meeting.

Dave Kanzer thought we needed to make salinity forum understand the scope and importance of this study and the need for improved soil mapping. Steve Miller didn't think that the forum was interested in this type of information. Mike thought we should pay attention to the political direction things were heading and that

we should target the sites to do the studies based upon where, for example, we have large selenium and salinity loading and significant seepage.

V. Discussion Items (1:30- 2:45) (Terry)

A. Co Geological Survey Se Assistance Proposal (Dave Noe, CGS) (1:30-1:50)

Funding: Unfunded at this time.

Four different proposals were reviewed. Dave Noe emphasized that the XRF gun has the ability to do a lot of samples in a very short time once a calibration is developed. The big question for us to determine is how meaningful are the results and how good is the instrument at determining selenium levels (i.e. capturing the variability)? In general, the group felt that proposals 1, 2, and 3 would better help us target our efforts.

There were still some questions and concerns about the utility of such a tool in the overall work that the SMP does. Concerns were related to the fact that much of our selenium reduction has been accomplished through the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program and the fact that there is no similar, large-scale, dedicated source of funding available to the SMP to independently address selenium control.

B. USBR Soil Core and Column Study (USBR S&T Grant) (Alisa Mast, USGS)

USGS will be conducting lab experiments to see how selenium is released from soil in a controlled environment. Using material from two different sources (NRCS Mancos Study and core material from drilling in the saturated and unsaturated area of the *Water Table Fluctuations Study* / a.k.a. previously known as Wetland Study). USGS has not started the column experiments yet as they have been working on the analytic methods for sequential extraction. Much of the work will be done this winter. S&T program funded. For additional information, please see Science Team meeting minutes from October 15th.

C. Uncompahgre Project System Optimization Study and Lower Gunnison Salinity Study: How can we collaborate and cooperate with the Lower Gunnison Salinity Study to maximize opportunities for selenium reduction?

The objective of the study is to optimize the Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association delivery system. The project is funded through the Species Conservation Trust Fund. Dr. Charles Burt of the Cal Poly Irrigation Technology Research Center is the contractor doing the work. Terry indicated that Reclamation just got their GIS data for the Uncompahgre Project to Burt. Next week, Burt is coming to meet with just the UVWUA to look at more aspects of the system.

Note: The group continues to be concerned about quality communication between all the multiple studies and projects so that each group can continue to be aware of what's going on so there are no missed opportunities for collaboration. In addition, the group continued to emphasize the need to get a better tie between on-farm and off-farm activities so that farmers can get a higher priority in cost share under the EQIP program. The group wanted to be sure to bring forward this concern to the Lower Gunnison Salinity Study Team.

D. Use of CO Species Conservation Trust Funds for Engineering Assistance: Planning for the next Salinity Funding Opportunity Announcement. What needs to be done? (Terry and John Sottolare, USBR)

Terry feels that the engineering assistance offer needs to be publicized a year in advance of the next Salinity Program Funding Opportunity Announcement. John indicated that it could be important to let others know that unofficial salt numbers could be requested earlier so that the design and engineering for projects could advance further.

Steve Miller indicated that he wasn't sure if he was going to support the engineering and design again and that future funding would be dependent upon how well it worked in 2012. Terry was thinking that the SMP group could work to identify and target certain areas and do the advanced planning (e.g. Bostwick, N. Fork, etc.). Mike Baker thought that the most important thing was to do larger more advanced planning (e.g. Uncompahgre System Optimization Study) so that we don't have missed opportunities (i.e. doing things piece-meal versus in a planned manner).

The group felt like further discussion on the best use of SCTF would be needed and could be included on the next agenda of the Science Research and Team meeting with input sought from the larger SMP stakeholder group.

- E. SMP Annual Report to the Fish and Wildlife Service: Coordination of report submittal deadline with other related study report timelines (e.g. Whitewater, Co loading trend report)

The SMP Work Group made an official request for Barb to relay to Patty Gellatt to delay the annual SMP report until December 2012, since we're only 6 months into the SMP implementation and becomes Reclamation would like to coordinate with the Aspinall Unit Report and the USGS submittal of the annual selenium water-quality trend reports. Barb will follow-up with Patty.

The group also indicated the goal to have USGS publish documents of trend studies every 5 years.

- F. FY 13 SMP Project Selection and Funding Requests to SCTF, USBR, and other (Terry, Dave K. and Steve Miller) (2:30-2:55)

Steve indicated that \$500K of SCTF FY12/13 has been set. Steve noted that FY13/14 funding could possibly be problematic due to a reduction in funding.

Steve said he can support up to \$50K in SCTF for support of the UVWUA piping proposal. Sonja needs to let Steve know when the grant proposal is submitted.

VI. Next Meeting Date

Terry would like to have at least two Science and Research Team meetings prior to the next STF mtg in January. Sonja will work on scheduling the first meeting for late November or early December. She'll also work to schedule the second meeting sometime within the first two weeks of January 2013.

The SMP Work Group meetings will continue to be held jointly with the Selenium Task Force. Meeting dates for 2013 are as follows:

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- October 17

Adjourned: 4:45pm

LOWER GUNNISON BASIN WISE WATER USE COUNCIL: MEETING NOTES

Date & Time: Monday October 15, 2012 from 3:00 to 4:30 PM

Location Tri-County Water

647 North 7th Street

Montrose, Colorado

For additional information contact Ashley Bembenek at (406) 599-3914 or abembenek@yahoo.com

*Items in black were a part of the meeting agenda. Items in blue are notes from the meeting.

3:00: Welcome and Introductions

Six people attended the meeting. Four council members RSVP'd that they had schedule conflicts.

3:05: Updates from Council Members

From the WWUC: Summer kept everyone busy. Our last meeting was held in mid-June. In July we presented with other council members at a seminar on irrigation management for drought conditions. We focused on residential water conservation. I am working on a series of articles on the impact of this summer's drought on the environment, agriculture, and crop yields. I am also talking with Sarah at DCED to determine our role in the 2013 Soil Health Conference.

From Council Members: Summer rains came at a critical time. The growing season went relatively well, all things considered. Big gun interest is on the rise, especially for older retired producers on smaller properties. The Soil Health Team Steering Committee continues to plan for next year's soil health conference and a cover crop tour on November 1. Contact Jerry for additional details on the tour or conference. Jerry introduced Brandon Nittler, a new employee with NRCS in Montrose. Project Seven, Tri-County Water and other organizations are working with the basin roundtable to establish goals for water conservation in the basin. The Selenium Task Force continues to work on selenium load reduction efforts with a variety of water users. This year's projects have focused on scientific and technical work.

3:20: Review Goals and Evaluate Progress

We've been working as a group for nearly a year. Last December, we established the following goals:

1. Promote water conservation for all water users in the Lower Gunnison Basin
 - a. Link wise water use to economics
 - b. Link wise water use to local endangered species and the Endangered Species Act
 - c. Water conservation must be used to balance competing demands
2. Improve water quality in the Lower Gunnison Basin
 - a. Decrease selenium and salinity loads by improving water use practices

- b. Reduce deep percolation, especially in areas with Mancos shale derived soils
 - c. Collaborate with other agencies on new and existing water quality improvement projects and events
3. Educate the public, irrigators and professionals on water conservation, water quality and local water use issues
- a. Create an outreach and advertising message
 - b. Support K-12 education efforts

What have we done well?

We have partnered with agricultural water users.

Where do we need to improve?

We need to create more focus and prioritize projects more effectively.

How should we adjust our strategy for 2013?

Create an action plan and budget for 2013 to secure funding for next year. The action plan and budget will be presented at the December meeting.

3:40: Outline goals for the remainder of 2012

1. Select ideas for articles; discuss opportunities for interviews on this summer's drought.

A three part series on the drought of 2012

Article 1: Drought of 2012: The Bath Tub Ring and Beyond

- Most general article- focuses on how the drought affected the environment.
- Publish in local papers in November 2012

Article 2: Drought of 2012: Impacts on Local Agriculture

- Written for agricultural audience- focuses on water supply and use for ag water users.
- Features interviews with producers, irrigation water managers, etc.
- Publish in Conservation District, UVWUA, and DMEA Newsletters in December or January (Depends on organization- Shavano CD deadline is January 6)

Article 3: Drought of 2012: How did Local Agriculture Fare?

- Written for agricultural audience-summarize yield data from 2012 (NASS/FSA). How does it compare to average years? To 2002? Etc.
- Features interviews with FSA/NASS staff, CSU Extension, NRCS or CD staff.
- Given long range forecast for spring/summer what should producers do to prepare? Vary planting schedule or crops, irrigation water management, etc.
- Present or distribute at the Soil Health Conference in January 2012.

2. Review and discuss local ordinances.

I have spent some time reviewing Montrose City Codes and Regulations. I have not found a lot of material that relates to water use or water quality. I have emailed a few different city departments for assistance. Sonja recommended that I contact County planners to get contact information for HOAs.

During this portion of the meeting council members emphasized the need to improve ag water use efficiency. There is no marketability for water savings right now. So conservation doesn't pay and does not provide water users with incentive of any kind. Be aware of new develop on previously un-irrigated acres. It will create additional selenium loading relative to previously irrigated lands.

3. Provide an update on K-12 projects. Get additional contacts from group members.

I made an effort to contact teachers and administrators, but overall didn't get much of a response. The group is not interested in "re-inventing the wheel". So we will continue to promote water-related curriculum like "River of Words" or programs from the USFS, USGS, and other local groups. We need a better dialog with teachers about how we can best meet their needs. Rain gauges are available for schools, paid for by Tri-County water, courtesy of Nolan Deske's Program. Reclamation may have dropped out of Tri-County water's kit program.

4:20: Schedule Next Meeting and Review Follow-up Tasks

Action Items

1. Create a contact list, with Jerry's assistance, of young and/or new farmers. Talk with Ag Land Realtors, as well. We want to reach out to this group of farmers, since they may be most receptive to efficient water use practices.
2. Need a focused strategy to apply for grants. An action plan and project budget will be presented at the December meeting.
3. Attend SHC steering committee meetings, if possible. Cover Crop Tour November 1, 2012. December Steering Committee Meeting- Final planning effort for the SHC planning.

NEXT MEETING: December 5th, 2012 from 3:00 to 4:30pm at Tri-County Water