

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DOUGLAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Resolution No. TLS 12-01

Voluntary Stewardship Program )

LAND SERVICES

Notice of Hearing – Resolution No. TLS 11-43A

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature, through ESHB 1886, created a Voluntary Stewardship Program (“VSP”) for protection of critical areas in areas of agricultural activities; and

WHEREAS, ESHB 1886, as codified in RCW 36.70A.710, states that “As an alternative to protecting critical areas in areas used for agricultural activities through development regulations adopted under RCW 36.70A.060, the legislative authority of a county may elect to protect such critical areas through the program.”; and

WHEREAS, in order to participate in the VSP, the legislative authority of a county must elect to participate by January 22, 2012; and

WHEREAS, prior to electing to participate in the VSP, a county is required to (a) confer with tribes, and environmental and agricultural interests; and (b) provide notice following the public participation and notice provisions of RCW 36.70A.035 to property owners and other affected and interested individuals, tribes, government agencies, businesses, school districts, and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County conducted a public meeting on December 13, 2011 to which parties named in RCW 36.70A.710(2) were notified and invited to participate as were other potentially interested individuals and organizations, notice of this conference meeting was also posted on the county’s Internet web site as well as published in the legal newspaper of the county and the newspaper of general circulation; and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners conducted a duly advertised public hearing on January 3, 2012 to accept testimony and consider which approach to elect to protect critical areas in areas of agricultural activities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners hereby:

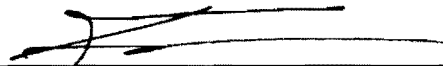
1. Elects to have Douglas County participate in the “Voluntary Stewardship Program” pursuant to RCW 36.70A.710(1);
2. Identifies those portions of the Moses Coulee (WRIA 44) watershed and the Foster Creek (WRIA 50) watershed that are within Douglas County, together with all other portions of unincorporated Douglas County not included in these two watershed resource inventory areas, for participation in the “Voluntary Stewardship Program;”


3. Nominates the Moses Coulee (WRIA 44) watershed and the Foster Creek (WRIA 50) watershed for consideration by the Washington Conservation Commission as state priority watersheds; and
4. Elects to have Douglas County proceed as required by ESHB 1886, as currently codified in RCW 36.70A, to implement the requirements of the "Voluntary Stewardship Program" once the Washington State Legislature provides adequate funding for such activity.

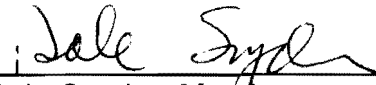
This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption. Adopted at East Wenatchee, Washington this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2012.

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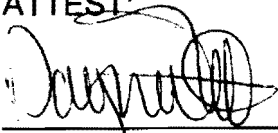


  
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Ken Stanton, Chair

  
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Steven D. Jenkins, Vice-Chair

  
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Dale Snyder, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Dayna Prewitt, Clerk of the Board