

Agricultural Burning Practices & Research Task Force #110 Meeting Summary

DATE: July 28, 2021

LOCATION: Virtual Meeting held on Skype

<u>Members Present</u>		<u>Representing</u>
David Knight-Chair	Air Quality Program	Department of Ecology
Larry Cochran	Washington Assoc. of Conservation Districts	Conservation Districts
Keith Hurley (for Rob Rodger)	Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency	Eastern Washington Local Air Authorities
Jay Penner	Washington Association of Wheat Growers	Agricultural Community
Karen Lewis	WSU Extension	Academia, (Tree Fruit)
Scott Steinbacher	WA. Dept of Agriculture	WA. Dept. of Agriculture
Mike Buckley	Alfalfa Seed Industry	Agricultural Community
<u>Members Absent</u>		
Bill Johnston	WSU Crop and Soil Science	Academia
Dan McCarthy	Okanogan Horticultural Association	Agricultural Community
Rob Rodger	Benton Clean Air Agency	Eastern Washington Local Air Authorities
Chris Skidmore	Whitman County Public Health Department	Public Health

Introductions, Announcements

The 110th Agricultural Burning Practices and Research Task Force (Task Force) meeting was held on July 28th, 2021 via Skype online due to limitations on travel and meeting face-to face caused by the COVID-19 virus situation.

This meeting of the Task Force was specifically for the purpose of hearing more about what was learned by task force members regarding the research proposal presented at the last meeting in June, and for the task force to recommend whether they recommend for Ecology to fund this project and at what level of funding.

Task Force Research Funding Recommendation

The proposal to be considered was:

Agricultural Industrial Symbiosis: An Applied Research Project as an Alternate Approach to Reduce/Eliminate Emissions from Agricultural Burning

The Task Force heard from task force members Jay Penner and Karen Lewis to get more information from the cooperators in the research project, as well as from Austin Allred, the cooperator (running a dairy involved in the proposal) and Russ Davis, author of the proposal. The task force members learned that the economics of the project were favorable for the

cooperator, and that the proposal goals seemed viable to find the best way to source and size wood chips for the worm beds treating dairy waste.

The task force took a vote, with all members present (with the exception of Karen Lewis, who abstained due to a potential conflict of interest) voting to recommend for Ecology to fund the proposal fully at the \$90,000 level

Public Comment

Brenda Blanchfield asked a question about apple maggot quarantine areas and burning. This involved the Wenatchee area. No one at the meeting was able to answer her question.

Next Meeting

The next meeting (Meeting #111) of the Agricultural Burning Practices and Research Task Force will be on Wednesday, November 3, 2021.