**12/9/20 VSP Workgroup Meeting Notes**

**1pm to 2:30pm**

**Present:** SJICD Staff: Matt Claussen, Bruce Gregory, Cathi Winning,

Work Group Members: Faith Van De Putte, Learner Limbach, Vicki Heater, Kendra Smith, Erika Shook, Candace Jagel, Brook Brouwer

1. **Primary Topic:  5-Year Report**
   * + Cathi presented reporting document which connects existing Goals, Benchmarks, Metrics, Propose adaptive management to clarify inconsistency.
     + Presented Table for reporting referencing existing Table 13 goals, benchmarks, achievements, and proposed adaptive management changes
     + Some of the goals and benchmarks in critical area section relate more to ag viability goals discussion if they can be moved to reporting on ag viability
     + FFA (frequently flooded area)- mapped and defined critical area as FEMA flood area. Work group can’t change definition of Critical Areas
     + Need to clarify goals particularly for FFA and Geological Hazardous
     + Discussion of restoration goals:
       - Restoration may increase area versus enhancement of specific area
       - Not required by VSP
       - Restoration goals may not need to be included in reporting
     + Implementation monitoring versus effectiveness monitoring
       - Current workplan is focused on implementation monitoring
       - Proposed adaptive management to included effectiveness monitoring and attach to benchmarks
     + Key to reviewing the report – See document developed by Cathi
     + Primary recommendation is to review workplan propose adaptive management plan in order to better line up goals and benchmarks
     + SJICD is compiling work that has been done as regards farm plans, cost share and ISP’s.
     + Not all goals have been met, however progress is being made and changes are proposed.
     + SJICD will share report documents, requesting feedback by next week so that it can be approved and submitted by 12/21/20
2. Work Group organization
   * + SJICD will post meeting announcements on website
     + Brook will share some resources and examples
     + Specific future discussion on formalizing work group process in early 2021
     + Questions to address:
       - Membership, and appointment of new members, release of previous members who are no longer active
       - Voting versus non-voting members
       - Documentation of decisions
       - Length of terms
       - Voting and decision-making process
       - How are meetings run, scheduled, ground rules
       - Recruitment of new members
3. Ag Viability results
   * + Survey has been completed and results have been reported
     + Faith and Matt are meeting to work through numbers
     + SJICD will share report

**Next meeting Dec 16th 1pm to 2:30 pm**