**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			- Membership, and appointment of new members, release of previous members who are no longer active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**