

**Meeting Summary
Skagit Flood Control Zone District
Land Use Technical Committee Meeting #4**

**January 6, 2009
2 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Location

Conference Room at Burlington City Hall, 833 South Spruce Street, Burlington, WA.

Meeting Purpose

1) To conduct normal business and 2) To consider work assigned by the Flood Control Zone Advisory Committee (AC): See attached document "12/15/09 "Advisory Committee Assignment to Technical Committees" for work task details.

Attendance

Members: Esco Bell, Fred Buckenmeyer, Elizabeth Sjostrom (proxy for Todd Carlson), Margaret Fleek, Dan O'Donnell, Dave Chamberlain, Chuck Steele, Jason Easton, Ed Lipsey, Charyl Francois, Carly Roucho (proxy for Kirk Johnson). Others: Cory Ertel, Blaine Chesterfield and Tom Karsh (staff support).

Action Items: The LUTC completed the tasks assigned by the AC. Revised CFHMP goal/objective statements and screening criteria will be forwarded for consideration at the 1/20/09 AC meeting.

Welcome and Introductions: Margaret Fleek, Chair opened meeting by welcoming attendees. Jason Eason introduced Cory Ertel, Governmental Affairs Director for the Skagit/Island Counties Builders Association.

Public Comment: None

Previous Meeting Summaries: The September 22, 2008 and November 6, 2008 LUTC meeting summaries were accepted by consensus.

Report out from AC representatives: Jason Easton was the only AC representative present who had attended the 12/15/09 AC meeting. Jason provided background for the tasks assigned to the LUTC by the AC.

Technical Committee Assignment/Result:

1. *Consider reducing and narrowing the list of project/measure screening criteria.* The LUTC reviewed options presented in Document C "Draft Criteria For Screening Project/Measures" (attached). After discussion it was agreed by consensus to recommend that Option 2 "Themes form the Technical Committees" as presented in Document C (page 6) provided an adequate list of screening criteria (at least from the land use perspective). It was acknowledged that other Technical Committees may need to augment the Option 2 list.

2. *Consider phasing the screening criteria first for project selection and then for alternative selections.* After discussion it was agreed by consensus that the reduced list of screening criteria (Option 2 list) should be used both for initial project/measure screening selections and later to determine ultimate project (or combination of projects/measures) configurations. A two tiered screening criteria list was considered unnecessary.
3. Review the following Objectives found in the latest draft of Document B "Mission, Goals, and Objectives" and provide feedback and language for consideration at the January 20, 2009 meeting of the AC:
 - 2.10 – Protect the floodplain by minimizing development in the floodplain outside Urban Growth Areas
 - 2.11 - No net loss of farmland
 - 3.3 – Prevent new development in hazardous areas or ensure that it is built in such a way that risk is minimized and does not impact surrounding landowners or natural resources either upstream or downstream (Note: Need definition of hazardous areas).

The LUTC respectfully recommends and approved by consensus that the AC consider deleting all the objective statements noted above. The recommendation was, in part, on the following rationale:

- a. The statements are inconsistent with the policy language found in the existing Skagit County Comprehensive Plan and existing land use regulations.
- b. The statements are misplaced and redundant in that the subject matter is sufficiently addressed in existing State, County and City land use plans and regulations, including SEPA and NEPA.

Miscellaneous

Hydrology and 100-year levee certification. The LUTC wishes to convey to the AC its continued contention that it is essential to resolve the hydrology estimate inconsistencies before any effective flood reduction planning can be successful. In addition it was agreed that protecting urban areas to the 100 year protection level, where possible, should be a priority of any comprehensive flood reduction plan.

Next steps and meeting schedule

To be determined by assignment from AC. Tuesday, February 3, 2009 in the City of Burlington's conference room was selected as the next tentative meeting date/location.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm

Land Use Technical Committee Criteria Recommendations

- 1. Critical infrastructure protection**
- 2. Other existing infrastructure protection**
- 3. Minimal known land use conflicts**
- 4. Minimal known regulatory conflicts**
- 5. Could be designed to benefit multiple objectives**
- 6. Degree of environmental impact/mitigation and could it be designed for ecosystem benefits**
- 7. Timeliness of implementation**
- 8. Cost**
 - **Capital**
 - **Land acquisition**
 - **Maintenance**
 - **Cost-benefit**
- 9. Perceived community acceptance**
 - **Shared burden**
 - **Impacts to privately-owned land**