

MEETING SUMMARY

Advisory Committee Meeting #19 Flood Control Zone District February 16, 2010 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Location

Skagit Room, Skagit County Administrative Building, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA

Meeting Purpose

For the Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) Advisory Committee (AC) members to conduct normal business and:

1. Review of FEMA Flood Maps Presentation
2. Review of CFHMP Update - DRAFT Chapters 1 - 4
3. To determine next steps and Technical Committee assignments (if any).

Introduction

Chairman Bob Boudinot opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to AC meeting #19.

Public Comment

Carol Ehlers raised a question about the meeting summary. She felt Ryan Ike, FEMA, and others working on the FEMA flood maps will not evaluate and incorporate submitted data in the revisions, as was stated in the summary. Lorna Ellestad pointed out two issues were discussed. Ike was referring to revising the narrative of the FIS report. Larry Kunzler added he sent Ike the draft of his historical chapter, from the *Skagit River Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan*, for use in the narrative.

Acceptance of January 19, 2010 AC Meeting Summary

Kunzler stated the summary should reflect Ike's comment that part of FEMA's modeling process for the flood insurance study involves modeling the levees, not necessarily the hydrology. Stan Nelson also understood Ike to say the depth of the hydrology will not effect the elevations as much as the method FEMA uses for modeling the levees. Boudinot continued with the idea that the method is creating the numbers for elevations rather than the quantity of water in the river. It was moved by Jason Easton to accept an amended version of the meeting summary, which includes Ike's statement and the abovementioned thoughts. It was seconded by Kunzler. Motion carried 12/0/0.

Regular Report Outs

County Engineer: Dan Berentson reported on behalf of the County Engineer. The County is still searching for a Director. Also, Public Works will be organizing the public meetings at which the FEMA flood insurance maps will be reviewed. It was noted that a FEMA representative will be present at these meetings.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE): Lorna Ellestad reported on behalf of the County and USACE. The county is completing a review of the USACE's Hydrology and Hydraulics, and Northwest Hydraulic Consultants (nhc) has prepared draft technical memorandums to document inconsistency and errors in the USACE's models. Task order amendments will need to be funded to correct and update the required documentation of the 2004 USACE reports. The Skagit GI project delivery team is also reviewing the scope of work to complete the 10% design and cost estimates for each measure. This information will feed into the USACE's HEC-

Federal Damages Assessment model to establish whether there is a Federal interest in pursuing a flood project in the Skagit River basin.

Ellestad also stated the County is organizing technical and vertical team meetings in Washington, D.C. regarding the ongoing Hydraulics & Hydrology issues in the Skagit River General Investigation (Skagit GI). The County plans to meet with USACE HQ to discuss the USACE's participation in the proposed Hydrology Technical Conference; and to find out why the Skagit GI hasn't been included in the President's Annual budget for USACE Activities, and what it will take to get funding for the GI. Discussion will also include lack of progress on the GI.

Boudinot read a letter, to be sent to congressional delegates on behalf of the AC, regarding an appropriation request for the Skagit GI. It was moved by Gary Jones and seconded by Stan Nelson. Motion carried: 12/0/0.

CFHMP Drafting Subcommittee: See *Review of CFHMP Update - DRAFT Chapters 1 - 4* below.

Dike and Drainage Technical Committee (DDTC): The DDTC did not meet; no report. A meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 2.

Environmental Technical Committee (ETC): The ETC did not meet; no report.

Land Use Technical Committee (LUTC): The LUTC did not meet; no report.

Flood Historian: Kunzler had no formal report, due to the review of the draft chapters, but did mention he placed information regarding the history of the storage of Ross Dam on his web site. This and other flood information can be viewed at www.skagitriverhistory.com.

Review of FEMA Flood Maps Presentation

It was reviewed that FEMA is revising the flood maps. The task is still Michael Baker's, but will eventually be passed to PBS&J. This is expected to be positive due to PBS&J's great knowledge of the Skagit River Basin. nhc will review the model, on behalf of the County, when it's finalized.

Review of CFHMP Update - DRAFT Chapters 1 - 4

The group reviewed each chapter and offered several suggestions. Jones mentioned he would like planning aspects incorporated in the CFHMP. He referenced documents that provide relevant verbiage. Kunzler pointed out this would be used in Chapter Five – *Relevant Regulatory and Capital Improvement Programs*. A draft was provided at a previous meeting.

Suggested Next Steps and Meeting

1. There were no assignments for the Technical Committees.
2. Continue review of CFHMP Update draft - Chapters 5 - 8
3. Funding

The next AC meeting will be on April 19, 2010, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT AT FCZD ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ON February 16, 2010:

ADVISORY COMMITTEE						
Name	Representing	Affiliation	Present	Absent	Proxy	Position Vacant
Anderson, Mayor Mike	Cities and Towns	City of Sedro-Woolley	X			
Boudinot, Bob	ETC	Skagit Land Trust	X			
Brunz, Mayor Ed	Cities and Towns	City of Burlington	X			
Carey, Bob	ETC	The Nature Conservancy		X		
Carlson, Todd	LUTC	WA Dept. of Transportation	X			
Easton, Jason	LUTC	Washington Realtors	X			
Flaig, Dean	DDTC	Drainage District #21	X			
Halverson, Leonard	At-Large	Sterling Area	X			
Hamburg, Daryl	DDTC	Dike District #17	X			
Hughes, Robert	LUTC	Ag. Adv. Committee			X Gary Jones	
Kunzler, Larry	At-Large	Skagit River Flood Historian	X			
Nelson, Stanley	DDTC	Dike District #22	X			
Norris, Mayor Bud	Cities and Towns	City of Mount Vernon			X Esco Bell	
Pflug, Dave	ETC	Seattle City Light		X		
Vacant	ETC					X

OTHERS PRESENT AT FCZD ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ON February 16, 2010:

STAFF	
Name	Affiliation
Berentson, Dan	Skagit County Public Works
Ellestad, Lorna	Skagit County Public Works
MacMullen, Meghan	Skagit County Public Works
Symonds, Kara	Skagit County Public Works

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES	
Name	Affiliation
Borman, Neil	Marine Resources Committee
Brower, Randy	Skagit Public Utility District 1
Chesterfield, Blaine	City of Mount Vernon
Ehlers, Carol	Citizen
Fischer, Polly	Marine Resources Committee
Helton, Bob	Citizen
Killgore, Mark	Puget Sound Energy
Leven, Morgan	City of Burlington
Loop, Teresa	Puget Sound Energy
Martin, Chal	City of Burlington
O'Donnell, Dan	Citizen
Olson, David	Dike District #3
Shultz, John R.	Dike Districts #1 and #12
Sjostrom, Elizabeth	WSDOT
Thomas, Scott	City of Burlington
Watkinson, Mark	Skagit County Emergency Management