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MEETING SUMMARY

Advisory Committee Meeting #10
Flood Control Zone District
March 16, 2009 from 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Location

Skagit County Commissioner's Hearing Room
1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA

Meeting Purpose - For the Advisory Committee (AC) members to conduct normal business and:

1. Adopt screening and fatal flaw criteria for considering projects/measures (Intent is to send these to the Army Corp for their consideration as they assess measures in the coming months as well as using them as part of the CFHMP process)
2. Continue the process of a local screening of the Skagit GI Measures and any local projects using screening and fatal flaw criteria in order to, from a local perspective, narrow measures to a smaller number (Intent is to complete the local screening by the end of this Advisory Committee meeting in order to provide input to the Army Corp for their consideration as they screen the measures, as well as using this work effort as input for the CFHMP) and to consider local projects
 - a. Measures not evaluated at February 18th Workshop
 - b. Local Projects
 - c. Consideration and initial decision of recommendations for Board of Supervisors and Army Corps
3. Determine next steps and schedule, including Technical Committee assignments, if any

Summary of Action Items

1. Next AC meeting scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2009, 2:30-5:30 pm.
2. 2/18/2009 AC meeting summary accepted.
3. Work continued on Document E-1, "Initial Advisory Committee Input On Corps Measures"

Introduction/Welcome

Chairman Bob Boudinot opened meeting by welcoming members and guests (see attached meeting attendance sheet). Gary Jones was attending as proxy for Stanley Nelson, and John Doyle was proxy for Ramon Hayes.

Public Comment

Chairman Boudinot asked for public comment. Bob provided an excerpt from an article in the Wall Street Journal regarding the continued impacts to Cedar Rapids, Iowa from recent flooding on the Mississippi River (see attached #1 pdf document). Carol Ehlers provided comment on a number of the measures and noted the need to coordinate flood reduction measures with other public planning documents including the County Open Space Plan currently under review by the Planning Commission. Dan O'Donnell submitted a letter dated 3/16/09 (see attached #2 pdf document) to the Chair and requested that it be forwarded to the Environmental Technical Committee. Bob Helton spoke and submitted a 3 page handout (see attached #3 pdf document) about global warming and how sea levels are rising twice as fast as predicted. Larry Wasserman submitted a 1963 document from the Swinomish Tribal Indian Community (see

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attached #4 pdf document) expressing objections to an Avon Bypass Project. Larry noted that not a lot has changed in the intervening years.

Consideration and Acceptance of AC Meeting Summary from February 18, 2009

It was moved by Jason Easton and seconded by Bob Carey to accept the February 18, 2009 meeting summary. Approved by consensus.

Skagit GI Measures/Local Project Screening Comments/Input to USACE

Bob Wheeler and Cynthia Carlstad (consultants) led this portion of the meeting. The AC worked from document E-1, "Initial Advisory Committee Input On Corps Measures, draft dated February 27, 2009" (see attachment #5). Document E-1 reflected the revisions made to Document E at the February 18, 2009 AC meeting and it also contained additional information submitted from the FCZD Technical Committees and the Cities of Burlington and Mount Vernon. The bulk of the meeting was taken up with this task. Revisions were approved live on the document as projected on a screen and are reflected in Document "E-1" (attachment #6). Work will continue to complete this task/document at the April 20, 2009 AC meeting. Additional input was requested from the FCZD Technical Committees (see TC Assignments see below).

Screening and Fatal Flaw Criteria for Projects/Measures (Document C-3)

Due to time constraints work on Document C-3 (see attachment #7) was held over to the next meeting.

Regular Report Outs

- County Engineer: Tom Karsh, representing the County Engineer
 - Advised that Interim County Engineer Jeff Miller, P.E., had resigned and that Dave Sheridan will be assuming the position of County Public Works Director with Paul A. Randall-Grutter becoming the Public Works Engineer.
 - Noted that the City of Mount Vernon had submitted a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) to the FEMA for its flood wall project.
 - Noted that the County had commented on a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) released by the City of Burlington and Dike District #12 for their joint certified levee project. The County's written comments were handed out (see attached document #8).
 - Invited AC members to attend the USACE/County Executive Committee meeting on the Skagit GI scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2009 (see Save the Date attachment #9).

- Other regular report outs were cancelled or postponed due to time constraints.

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Next Steps

1. Complete Document E-1 (Initial Advisory Committee Input on Corps Measures and Consideration of Locally Identified Projects).
2. Complete Document C-3 (Fatal Flaw and Project Screening Criteria) including final vote on motion to adopt the 3 E's (Engineeringly possible, Economically achievable, and Environmentally friendly) as fatal flaw criteria.
3. Assignments:
 - Request to Army Corps
 - a. Costs for conducting studies needed or associated with evaluating bypass measures
 - b. Use hydrologic model to determine where the water would go if you widen the 3-bridge corridor by 500 feet. It is understood that the Army Corps will not be able to complete this effort in the near term (for instance, by the next AC meeting).
 - Request to Technical Committees:
Meet on an as-needed basis to do the following:
 - a. For new measure #38 – interior drainage, provide additional project concept information including map(s), project components, project benefits and concerns, and potential costs
 - b. For habitat restoration projects in upper basin, new project suggested by the ETC, provide additional project concept information including map(s), project components, project benefits and concerns, and potential costs
 - c. For City of Burlington Levee Certification project, provide additional project concept information including map(s), project components, project benefits and concerns, and potential costs
 - d. Identify any additional local projects to include in measures screening

Note: AC requests TCs to aim for level and detail of presentation of Army Corps PowerPoint presentation for the Skagit GI Measures. Assignment Due: Submit to Tom Karsh by 5:00 p.m. on April 8, 2009

- Future assignments for consideration by Technical Committees or joint subgroups:
 - a. What would be an acceptable design for the Swinomish bypass? Under what circumstances would this bypass be acceptable? Would the bypass channel be wet, dry, farmland, or is there a hybrid approach? What would other design features be? What could the different interests live with?
 - b. Placeholder big questions:
 - Who pays for O&M if there are any new dikes?
 - What funding mechanisms are real, including what will be funded by locals, state, and/or federal governments?
 - Lost opportunity costs – all encompassing costs (i.e. power generating capacity, crop production). What are they and who determines?

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

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PRESENT AT FCZD ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ON 03/16/09:

| 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 | | | |
| 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 | | | |
| Hayes, Mayor Ramon | Cities and Towns | Town of LaConner | | | X (John Doyle) | |
| Hughes, Robert | LUTC | Ag. Adv. Committee | X | | | |
| Kunzler, Larry | At-Large | Skagit River Flood Historian | X | | | |
| Nelson, Stanley | DDTC | Dike District #22 | | | X (Gary Jones) | |
| Norris, Mayor Bud | Cities and Towns | City of Mount Vernon | | X | | |
| Pflug, Dave | ETC | Seattle City Light | X | | | |
| Wasserman, Larry | ETC | Swinomish Indian Tribe | X | | | |

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OTHERS PRESENT AT FCZD ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ON 03/16/09:

| STAFF & CONSULTANTS | |
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| Name | Affiliation |
| Berentson, Dan | Skagit County Public Works |
| Carlstad, Cynthia | TetraTech |
| Karsh, Tom | Skagit County Public Works |
| MacMullen, Meghan | Skagit County Public Works |
| Wheeler, Bob | Triangle Associates |

| OTHERS | |
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| Name | Affiliation |
| Bell, Esco | City of Mount Vernon |
| Chesterfield, Blaine | City of Mount Vernon |
| Ehlers, Carol | Citizen |
| Fleek, Margaret | City of Burlington |
| Fischer, Polly | Skagit Marine Resources Committee |
| Gibbons, Amy | USACE |
| Helton, Bob | Citizen |
| Lagerlund, Nels | Ag. Adv. Committee |
| Lane, Kim | PSE |
| Loop, Teresa | PSE |
| O'Donnell, Dan | Town of LaConner Council |
| Sibley, Brian | Citizen |
| Watkinson, Mark | Skagit County Emergency Management |