

## MEETING SUMMARY

**Advisory Committee Meeting  
Flood Control Zone District  
March 19, 2012 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

### **Location**

Board of County Commissioners' Hearing 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. Acceptance of Meeting Summary
2. Skagit River General Investigation (Skagit GI) Update
3. Meeting Schedule
4. Feasibility Scoping Meeting (FSM) Update
5. To determine next steps and assignments, if any, for Technical Committees

### **Chairman Comment**

Daryl Hamburg presented a list of ground rules for the AC, which included items such as the importance of following the agenda, and that public comment would be moved to the end of the meetings.

### **Historical Perspective**

Larry Kunzler presented a memo from 1979. It was directed to the Agricultural Coordinating Council from Frederick Wepprecht, Area Extension Agent, with the WSU Cooperative Extension. This memo explained the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) was going to be in attendance to discuss the idea of dredging as an alternative for flood risk reduction. To prepare for this meeting, Wepprecht listed concepts and questions to be considered for evaluating each project. These concepts and questions can still be considered in today's evaluations of projects.

### **Acceptance of January 23, 2012 and February 21, 2012 AC Meeting Summaries**

The location of each meeting was listed as the Skagit Room, and Kunzler pointed out the meetings took place in the Board of County Commissioners' (BCC) Hearing Room. With this change made, Jason Easton made the motion to accept the meeting summaries. Kunzler seconded. Motion passed (9/0/0).

### **Skagit GI Update**

Dan Berentson said the FSM went well, and the GI appears to be on track.

### **Meeting Schedule**

As was discussed at the previous month's meeting, the idea to move to quarterly AC meetings was broached again. After some discussion, the AC made the motion to hold meetings every other month, starting after April's meeting; no less than six meetings per year. Shirley Solomon made the motion to accept this new schedule. Jason Easton seconded. Motion passed (9/0/0). A second vote will take place in April.

### **Other Business**

Hamburg suggested the AC adopt a new rule that states if a member misses three (3) consecutive meetings, the AC can remove him/her from the membership. Pursuant to current policy, the replacement members would be picked by the committee the member represented. At-Large and City representatives would still need to be appointed by the BCC. If passed by the AC, this revision would then have to be written into resolution for the BCC's approval. Jason Easton made the motion to accept this new rule. Kunzler seconded. Motion passed (9/0/0). A second vote will take place in April.

### **Feasibility Scoping Meeting**

Dan Johnson, USACE, was unable to attend the AC meeting as had been scheduled. Instead, Kara Symonds gave a brief run-down of the FSM, which took place on March 13. The USACE documented technical studies and findings related to flood risk management. Hand-outs included the agenda, a copy of Johnson's presentation, and the USACE's comments. Johnson presented an overview of the basin, and a summary of work completed to date. The group also discussed responses to USACE Headquarters comments of the FSM Read-Ahead Report. It is anticipated Johnson's FSM presentation will take place at the AC meeting in April.

The next step for the Project Delivery Team is to formulate about six or seven alternatives to be discussed with the community. The alternatives will be reformulated based on comments received during this process. About two or three alternatives will be taken through 10% design and given cost-to-benefit analysis. Final alternatives will be taken through 35% design.

### **Public Comment**

It was requested that acronyms be used less, since the form of abbreviation is not known by everyone. It was also mentioned that input will be critical when several documents are made available. In addition, concern was raised regarding all constituencies be included in the public process. Finally, it was asked what the water content is of the snowpack.

### **Suggested Next Steps and Meeting**

1. Feasibility Scoping Meeting presentation from USACE.
2. Second vote on AC meeting schedule.
3. Second vote on AC membership rules.

### **Adjourn:**

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

**PRESENT AT FCZD ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Proxy</b>
Anderson, Mayor Mike	Cities and Towns	City of Sedro-Woolley		X	
Boudinot, Bob	ETC	Skagit Land Trust		X	
Boudreau, Mayor Jill	Cities and Towns	City of Mount Vernon			X Esco Bell
Carey, Bob	ETC	The Nature Conservancy		X	
Carlson, Todd	LUTC	WA Dept. of Transportation		X	
Easton, Jason	LUTC	LUTC	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		
Kunzler, Larry	At-Large	Skagit River Flood Historian	X		
Nelson, Stanley	DDTC	Dike District 22	X		
Pflug, Dave	ETC	Seattle City Light		X	
Sexton, Mayor Steve	Cities and Towns	City of Burlington			X G. Benson
Solomon, Shirley	ETC	Skagit Watershed Council	X		

<b>STAFF</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Berentson, Dan	Skagit County Public Works
Flagan, Jan	Skagit County Public Works
Hash, Henry	Skagit County Public Works
MacMullen, Meghan	Skagit County Public Works
See, Mike	Skagit County Public Works
Symonds, Kara	Skagit County Public Works

<b>OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Borman, Neil	Environmental Technical Committee
Chesterfield, Blaine	City of Mount Vernon
Ehlers, Carol	Citizen
Ertel, Cory	Puget Sound Energy
Helton, Bob	Citizen
Jones, Gary	Attorney for Dike Districts 3, 17, and 22
Lefeber, Dan	Dike District 12
Martin, Chal	City of Burlington
O'Donnell, Dan	Citizen
Tjeerdsma, Eddie	Dike District 12
Watkinson, Mark	Skagit County Emergency Management