

MEETING SUMMARY

Advisory Committee Meeting Flood Control Zone District September 19, 2011 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Location

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. Election of New Chair
2. Skagit GI Update and NOI
3. Baker FERC Relicensing 107 (c)
4. To determine next steps and Technical Committees assignments (if any)

Acceptance of July 25, 2011 AC Meeting Summary

Jason Easton made the motion to accept the meeting summary. Larry Kunzler seconded. Motion passed (8/0/0).

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Chal Martin, proxy for Mayor Ed Brunz, nominated Daryl Hamburg for Chair of the AC. Stanley Nelson seconded. Motion passed (5/1/2).

Leonard Halverson nominated Easton for Vice Chair of the AC. Unknown who seconded. Nomination passed (8/0/0).

A resolution will be drafted for the Board of Skagit County Commissioners' (BCC) consideration and signature regarding these nominations.

Skagit GI Update and NOI:

Dan Berentson introduced Margaret Chang and Hannah Hadley, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), to give a brief report out on the Skagit GI and NOI. Chang stated the USACE completed its comments on the Future Scoping Meeting Report (FSM), and submitted them to USACE Division. It is anticipated this document will be submitted to USACE Headquarters (HQ) by September 30; the end of the federal fiscal year. Hadley explained the comments received regarding the NOI were wide-ranging and from a variety of entities and the public. The USACE'S consultant is scoping a summary report of these comments. All NOI information will be posted to the web site.

Lorna Ellestad noted that a letter of thanks was sent to the Colonel for his attendance. Berentson added the "reset" meeting at HQ in Washington, D.C. was well-attended by local community partners. The USACE advised the FSM will definitely be finalized by the end of the fiscal year. HQ also provided back-check comments on debris loading and Hydrology and Hydraulics of the Skagit GI. With the completion of the FSM, the County and USACE have positioned the study in such a way that it will be ready to move forward when more funding comes available. Adam LeMieux, Deputy Director to Congressman Rick Larsen, said his office continues to look at funding levels for investigations. This is a tough time for budgets, but they

are always trying to find alternative avenues for funding, should such opportunities arise. Sally Hintz, Liaison to Senator Maria Cantwell, added the investigation is high on their list of priorities, as well.

Baker FERC Relicensing 107 (c):

Berentson explained that the settlement agreement required a report be filed three years from the date of license that addresses imminent dam drawdown, including a means and method for doing so. The County felt it was not being adequately consulted regarding the report. As a result, meetings have been held between the County and Puget Sound Energy (PSE). The County's concern is that not enough storage is being addressed in the analysis of storage, and has filed comments asking PSE to complete it without Water Control Manual constraints.

Martin reinforced the intent is to come up with protocol for imminent dam drawdown. He gave a small presentation on suggestions for storage and how the different levels of cfs would affect flooding and salmon habitats.

Suggested Next Steps and Meeting:

1. Jason Easton will reach out to the tribes via the Environmental Technical community.
2. Daryl Hamburg will communicate with the BCC the continued importance of the Skagit GI.
3. FEMA Mapping presentation from Martin.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

PRESENT AT FCZD ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING:

Name	Representing	Affiliation	Present	Absent	Proxy
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 Chal Martin
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		
Norris, Mayor Bud	Cities and Towns	City of Mount Vernon		X	
Pflug, Dave	ETC	Seattle City Light		X	
Solomon, Shirley	ETC	Skagit Watershed Council		X	

STAFF	
Name	Affiliation
Berentson, Dan	Skagit County Public Works
Ellestad, Lorna	Skagit County Public Works
Flagan, Jan	Skagit County Public Works
Hash, Henry	Skagit County Public Works
Symonds, Kara	Skagit County Public Works

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES	
Name	Affiliation
Bell, Esco	City of Mount Vernon
Borman, Neil	Environmental Technical Committee
Chang, Margaret	USACE
Chesterfield, Blaine	City of Mount Vernon
Ertel, Cory	Puget Sound Energy
Hadley, Hannah	USACE
Harrison, Bryan	City of Burlington
Helton, Bob	Citizen
Hintz, Sally	Senator Maria Cantwell
Jones, Gary	Attorney for DD3, DD17, and DD22
LeMieux, Adam	Congressman Rick Larsen
Martin, Chal	City of Burlington
Shultz, John	Attorney for Dike Districts 1 and 12
O'Donnell, Dan	Citizen