

MEETING SUMMARY

Advisory Committee Meeting Flood Control Zone District September 20, 2010 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. FEMA Flood Maps Update and Biological Opinion
2. Mount Vernon CLOMR Update
3. CFHMP First Draft Review
4. To determine next steps and Technical Committees assignments

Introduction

Chairman Bob Boudinot opened by welcoming everyone to the meeting.

Public Comment

Carol Ehlers brought a copy of the *Skagit County-Wide UGA Open Space Concept Plan* that she previously referenced in June's meeting. It can be located on the Skagit County Planning and Development Services web site. She reiterated the document has very useful environmental information for the *Skagit River CFHMP*.

Acceptance of April 19, 2010 AC Meeting Summary

Larry Kunzler corrected the section regarding the "Blueprint" Meeting discussion, paragraph five. He requested the sentence, "Kunzler further expressed that immediate needs and long range plans should be put together by each technical committee," be changed to reflect that he only requested the needs and plans of the Dike and Drainage Districts Technical Committee. Mayor Mike Anderson moved to accept the meeting summary from June 21, 2010 with the revision. Jason Easton seconded the motion. Motion passed (12-0-0) with Bob Carey serving as Dave Pflug's proxy.

Regular Report Outs

County Engineer: Dan Berentson announced the County hired Henry Hash as its Public Works Director. County staff, including Berentson, Hash, Commissioner Dahlstedt, and Boudinot met with Senator Murray's staff regarding the possibility of the County receiving \$1.13 million for the Skagit River General Investigation (Skagit River GI). Also, staff is working on finalizing activities for Flood Awareness Week, which takes place October 18 – 22.

Skagit River General Investigation (Skagit River GI): The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Hydrology and Hydraulics update is nearing completion. NHC will soon be working on the 10% design of the measures. The Project Development Team will be meeting on September 29 to view the measures sites. This will be followed by a discussion of the measures. Dan Johnson, USACE, added the Corps is wrapping up the *Without Projects Conditions* report as well. County staff also attended the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies (NAFSMA) conference in August. This continues to be a

good opportunity to meet those involved in flood and stormwater management, and to learn of new activities across the country.

Mount Vernon CLOMR Update: Esco Bell spoke about the City of Mount Vernon receiving its Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR). The city is constructing a series of flood walls and earthen levees to primarily reduce the damage of flooding in downtown Mount Vernon, and ensure the downtown area is 100-year flood protected. In order to receive a CLOMR, the city submitted the design, geotechnical, comprehensive operation maintenance plan, and other additional data to FEMA. The CLOMR was approved and issued in August. Further progress depends on funding.

FEMA Flood Maps Update and Biological Opinion: FEMA asked that all tier 1 communities comply with FEMA's biological opinion of its model ordinance. Margaret Fleek spoke about the City of Burlington complying by providing a checklist that demonstrated all current laws, policies and procedures. The Town of Hamilton opted to submit permits, because it is in the floodway and will comply case by case. Both entities submitted by FEMA's deadline.

CFHMP First Draft Review

There were no suggested revisions. Staff will draft a schedule for the CFHMP.

Suggested Next Steps and Meeting:

All committees are to review the first draft *Skagit River CFHMP*.

The next AC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2010, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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	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 Bob Carey	
Solomon, Shirley	ETC	Skagit Watershed Council	X			

OTHERS PRESENT:

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
Barnes, Bob	Puget Sound Energy
Bell, Esco	City of Mount Vernon
Chesterfield, Blaine	City of Mount Vernon
Ehlers, Carol	Citizen
Ertel, Cory	Skagit and Island Counties Building Assoc.
Fischer, Polly	Marine Resources Committee
Helton, Bob	Citizen
Johnson, Dan	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Jones, Gary	Dike District 3
Kelly, Carolyn	Skagit Conservation District
Lipsey, Ed	Land Use Technical Committee
Martin, Chal	City of Burlington
O'Donnell, Dan	Citizen
Loop, Teresa	Puget Sound Energy
Olson, Brian	Drainage and Irrigation District 17
Raines, Mary	Skagit Watershed Council
Warinner, Bob	Washington State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife