



Draft Meeting Summary
Skagit FCZD Environmental Technical Committee
Thursday, September 25, 2008 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Location: Mount Vernon Police Department Multi-Purpose Room, 1805 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA

Meeting Purpose: The Technical Committee (TC) was tasked with addressing the Advisory Committee's (AC) request for input on the criteria to be considered while screening Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan (CFHMP) recommended projects and/or measures.

Attendees: Polly Fischer (Skagit MRC Proxy), Kristen Kerns (USACE), Lauren Tracy (Hamilton PDA), Stan Walsh (SRSC), Carolyn Kelly (Skagit CD), Bob Carey (TNC), Bob Boudinot (Skagit Land Trust), Terry Stevens (Padilla Bay), Bruce Freet (SFEG), Michael Scuderi (USACE), Michael See (SCPW).

Action Items

- County Staff Person Michael See will compile the draft criteria into an electronic format and circulate it to the TC for review. See will also meet with several TC members prior to the AC meeting on October 20 to refine the draft criteria.
- County Staff will establish a reoccurring meeting date for the Environmental TC to meet on a monthly basis.

Public Comments

- Lauren Tracy represented the Hamilton Public Development Authority, and emphasized the importance of considering the work and resources that have recently been put into the development of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan in the update of the CFHMP.

Committee Meeting Notes

- The meeting began at 9:37 a.m. with introductions and the approval of the May 5 meeting summary.
- A summary and description of the September 15 AC meeting was made by See, Bob Carey, and Bob Boudinot. In general, it was agreed that the meeting was positive as progress was made towards developing goals and objectives for the CFHMP.
- The Committee spent a majority of the meeting discussing the AC's request to provide input on criteria to consider while screening CFHMP recommended projects and/or measures. During a general discussion of environmental criteria it was noted that someone from the TC will need to present a report at the AC meeting on October 20. Boudinot asked if Stan Walsh could present the information since neither Carey nor Dave Pflug will be in attendance. Walsh said he would check into his availability.
- The TC drafted approximately eighteen criteria that will be further modified by the TC via electronic e-mail. The task of prioritizing the draft criteria was discussed, and it was determined this would be addressed at a later time. It was proposed that the criteria only be prioritized as far as first and second priority tiers.
- Once discussion was completed on criteria, the remaining time was spent asking Mike Scuderi, from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), questions about the Skagit General Investigation (GI), and discussing general feelings on the Community's involvement in the GI process. Discussions included questions relating to the impacts of local city projects on the GI cost benefit analysis. In addition, Scuderi clarified the organizational differences in the USACE between divisions. He explained that there is an Operation and Planning section that is separate from the Regulatory and Emergency Operations section. The PL8499 repair work of existing dikes falls under the latter. Several technical questions were asked relating to proposed levee setbacks, such as, the anticipated amount of rock that would be removed from the old dike. Scuderi responded that only 50% of the rock is anticipated to be removed.

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