

Meeting Summary
Skagit Flood Control Zone District Land Use Technical Committee
Thursday, November 6, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Location: Skagit Room, County Continental Building, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon.

Meeting Purpose: 1) To conduct normal business and 2) To “fine tune” the project screening criteria previously drafted in respond to a request from the FCZD Advisory Committee (AC) to provide input from the perspective of folks with expertise on land use, on criteria to be considered for screening CFHMP recommended projects or measures.

Attendees: Margaret Fleek (Chair), Esco Bell (Vice Chair), Mark Watkinson, Dan O'Donnell, Dave Chamberlain, Chuck Steele, and Tom Karsh (staff support),

Action Items: Revised the project screening criteria previously developed by Land Use Technical Committee (LUTC) at its 9/22/2008 meeting. The criteria will be forwarded to the FCZD Advisory Committee.

Public Comment: None

Previous Meeting Summary: Action on the 9/22/2008 postponed due to lack of quorum.

Report out from AC representatives: None. Advisory Committee representatives were unable to attend today's meeting.

Background Discussion: Group continued to emphasize need to get hydrology correct. Resolving the hydrology controversy should be afforded the highest priority in order determine baseline for future flood control projects and land use measures.

Screening Criteria: After discussion, the following project screening criteria were approved to be forwarded to the Advisory Committee:

- Projects/Measures should:
 - Be consistent with CFHMP mission/goals/objectives.
 - Protect existing infrastructure and essential public facilities (wastewater and water treatment plants, transportation hubs, fire/police stations, etc).
 - Be consistent with applicable plans, regulations, and programs.
 - Recognize impacts to entire river system and mitigate where feasible.
 - Encourage maintenance and preservation of existing flood protection infrastructure before consideration of new or expanded projects.
 - Demonstrate effectiveness in reducing flood risk.
 - Be economically feasible and cost effective. Cost effective needs to address a broader community interest.
 - Acknowledge and encourage those projects that can be implemented in a short time frame.
 - Reduce the number of properties that experience repetitive flood damage.
 - Have multi-jurisdictional cooperation including broad-based support from the public and elected officials.

Other items: None discussed.

Next steps and meeting schedule: To be determined by assignment from AC.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm

See attached sign-in sheet for members/guests present at 11/6/08 LUTC meeting.