



Advisory Committee Meeting Summary: February 1, 2019

### **Attendance**

Present: Mike Dahlem, City of Sumner, Vice Chair; Jason Jordan, Port of Tacoma (Alternate); Gary Brackett (Business Association); Russ Ladley, Puyallup Tribe; Greg Reed, City of Orting; Chuck West, Key Peninsula Fire Department; Chris Cooley, representing Pierce County Executive (Alternate). Hans Hunger, City of Puyallup (Alternate).

Staff: Kjristine Lund, Executive Director; Melissa McFadden, District Administrator; Anne-Marie Marshall-Dody, Program and Partnerships Manager, Pierce County Planning and Public Works Department (PPW); Brynne Walker, Floodplain Management Planner, PPW; Harold Smelt, Engineering Services Manager, PPW; Char Naylor, Puyallup Tribe.

**The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.**

### **Approval of Meeting Summary**

The Vice Chair called for approval of the meeting summary from November 2, 2018. There were no changes and the summary was approved unanimously.

### **Election of Officers**

The Vice-Chair called for nominations for chair; Councilmember Ryan Mello was nominated and there were no other nominations. Councilmember Mello was elected unanimously.

The Vice-Chair called for nominations for vice chair; Mike Dahlem was nominated and there were no other nominations. Mr. Dahlem was elected unanimously.

### **Designation of Alternates**

Ms. Lund indicated that she would be asking each jurisdiction to appoint alternates. The County Council is in the process of appointing new members to the advisory committee. There was a discussion that members can appoint their own alternates. Mr. Cooley described the process before the Council.

### **Operating Rules Review**

Ms. Lund reviewed the operating rules and suggested that the members review the rules. She is not recommending any changes to the rules at this time.

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### **Updates from Flood District**

Ms. Lund reported on the first meeting of the District Board of Supervisors. Derick Young was elected chair; Dave Morrell was elected vice chair and Pam Roach was elected as the third member of the Executive Committee. There was a general discussion of District projects and the need to consider agricultural and unincorporated interests.

She remarked on the 2018 Annual Report, which was described by Ms. Walker. The Annual Report is distributed to the Board of Supervisors, the various jurisdictions and other interested parties. Mr. Ladley pointed out some concerns about how toe rock in the Puyallup and Carbon Rivers was described in the Annual Report. He noted that it was inaccurate to say the toe rock was “missing” since toe rock is not naturally occurring in the river.

Because the leadership of the Board is new, the District’s work plan priorities for 2019 is still under discussion. However, Ms. Lund pointed out that staff has raised the following issues that might be addressed:

1. strategy relating to the White River;
2. tour of projects along the White River in May/June;
3. issue of fish sustainability and habitat restoration;
4. continuation of the GI Study and financial planning relating to the study.

Mr. Hunger asked about the status of FEMA mapping because of the funding gap created by the Army Corps of Engineers’ pulling out of the General Investigation Study.

Other issues that might be considered by the Advisory Committee include a discussion of the SWIF, NMFS regulations, and the implementation of maintenance policies.

### **Scope of Work for Flood Plain**

The scoping of the 2023 Flood Plan has begun. Ms. Walker reviewed past updates to the Flood Plan. She also reported on staff suggestions for inclusion in the plan: basin plans, levels of service, river maintenance, financial plan and rate study, cleaning up deeds and easements , equity and social justice, climate change, sustainability, adaptive management, coordination with other jurisdictions, Clear Creek project, integrated flood plain management, SWIF, CMZ updates, agricultural easements, sediments update, and capital project (50 projects maximum) determination.

Other possible issues that might be raised in the Plan are coastal flooding, culverts, water quality and water temperature, setback levee study.

There was a discussion on the County’s Hazardous Mitigation Plan and its relation to the Flood Plan.

### **Project Updates**

Mr. Smelt reported on the projects funded by the District in 2018/2019: Alward Road acquisition and setback levee; habitat and floodplain capacity creation (now considered inactive); Upper

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Nisqually channel migration protection; Orville Road revetment; Neadham Road floodplain acquisition; and the Middle Puyallup/128<sup>th</sup> St. comprehensive study. He also reported that County opportunity fund moneys will be used on the Peninsula.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.**