



Approved: Advisory Committee Meeting Summary: February 3, 2018

Attendance

Present: Gary Brackett, Mike Brandstetter, Chris Cooley, Mike Dahlem, Jason Jordan, Russ Ladley, Ryan Mello, Chuck West, Ken Wolfe, Lew Wolfrom

Staff: Dennis Dixon, Kjristine Lund, Anne-marie Marshall-Dody, Melissa McFadden, Harold Smelt, Brynne Walker

Future Actions Requested at Meeting:

1. Identification of Advisory Committee alternates in writing.
2. Legal opinion about whether or not Opportunity Funds be used to offset costs for preparing the documentation to participate in the CRS program?
3. Planning & Public Works presentation on SWM geographic funding distribution.
4. Distribute 2017 Annual Report to Advisory Committee members, cities, Board, and WRIA's

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Approval of Meeting Summary

The Chairman, Ryan Mello called for approval of the meeting summary from November 3, 2017. They were approved with one change noting Jason Jordan as in attendance.

Election of Officers

The Chair called for the election of officers for 2018. Chuck West nominated Ryan Mello as Chair. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Chair called for nominations of a vice chair. Ken Wolfe nominated Mike Dahlem as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded. Mike Brandstetter asked if Mike Dahlem was the official representative of the City of Sumner. Executive Director Kjristine Lund answered yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Designation of Alternates

Lund asked members of the committee to let her know in writing about their alternate on the Advisory Committee. She said she would follow-up with an email request. Mike Brandstetter asked about the process for identifying alternates. Chuck West referred the Committee to page 2 of the operating rules for a description of the alternate roles and appointment process.

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Tribal Liaison

District Administrator Melissa McFadden reported about the designation of a tribal liaison staff person within SWM.

Operating Rules Review and Update

Lund introduced the topic of updating the operating rules, last approved on June 5, 2015. She noted some editorial changes to reflect the new name of the Department of Planning and Public Works, and to revise the cover page to no longer say Revised Draft. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of changing the requirement for all votes to be a simple majority. Mike Brandstetter spoke against the change to note that in the interest of ensuring all parts of the County are having a voice in budget decision, the rule should remain a super majority. Other spoke to the need to move forward with business with a simple majority of currently appointed members.

The Committee voted to amend the rules to require a simple majority of currently appointed members. Mike Brandstetter and Gary Brackett voted against the change.

FEMA maps and Incorporated Areas

Dennis Dixon, Civil Engineer, SWM gave a presentation about flood insurance and the situation for some policy holders who previously were in unincorporated Pierce County where they received a 40% discount on their flood insurance, but now they are located within cities due to incorporations, and their rates will not be as low.

Dixon described the Community Rating System program (CRS) and the benefits accruing to residents in communities who are part of the CRS program. He noted that participation is staff time intensive but beneficial for residents in flood map areas. He said that he has been reaching out to communities to provide some technical assistance.

He wanted to inform the Advisory Committee in case they hear from residents about policy increases due to this situation.

Dennis presentation is available on the District web site.

Chair Mello asked if Opportunity Funds could be used to offset costs for preparing the documentation to participate in the CRS program.

Discussion ensued about FEMA training opportunities and technical assistance.

In conclusion, Dixon reported about a recent meeting he participated in with the British Consulate in Seattle and how Moody's bond rating criteria for jurisdictions have similar metrics as does the CRS program; therefore, showing that prudent flood management can have positive fiscal benefits for jurisdictions.

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Planning and Public Works Organizational Structure

District Administrator McFadden and Marshall-Dody gave a presentation about the current organizational structure of the Department of Planning and Public Works. The handout is in the record and posted on the District web site.

Marshall-Dody added that the *Floodplains for the Future* is Pierce County's response to *Flood Plains by Design* to promote restoration and protection of floodplains throughout the state. The County has been successful at partnerships with the Pierce Conservation District, Tribes, and cities. She noted that the County is taking a look at how we can work together to make sure that we have comprehensive flood plain management ability to have habitat, farming and fish work together. Over the past 6 years the County has leveraged about \$25 million to build some capital projects including agricultural easements, monitoring, acquisitions, and habitat improvements.

She also described other partnership programs such as:

- The Watershed Partners Program focuses on clean-water partners.
- Watershed Councils
- Salmon Recovery

Chuck West asked if the County has looked at how funds are distributed on geographical basis. McFadden said they are looking at how SWM fees are calculated, the balance between urban and rural areas and the distribution between various program areas such as shellfish and water quality. She noted that Supervisor Derek Young is asking those same questions.

West asked that a future meeting of the Advisory Committee include a briefing on this funding distribution.

Opportunity Fund Project Updates

Brynne Walker updated the Committee on recent activity with Opportunity Fund projects. She Noted the City of Puyallup will have a project to create pervious surface in the reconstruction of Shaw Road. Harold Smelt noted that the County is banking its funds this year. Walker said the staff is updating the data on available Opportunity Fund dollars and will be sending letters to jurisdiction in March noting the available funds.

Brandstetter reported that the City of Dupont is preparing a project to submit and so is the City of Lakewood. He also noted that the cities of Fircrest, University Place, and Steilacoom are continuing to bank their funds.

Ryan Mello noted that the City of Tacoma is allowing funds to accumulate.

Executive Committee Report

Lund reported on the December 2017 Flood District Executive Committee and said they discussed revisions to the Interlocal Agreement between the District and County. She also said they would be considering a 2018 Budget Amendment to carry-forward funds.

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Updates

Walker said the final payment for the City of Tacoma Waste Water Treatment Flood Wall was paid. She said the City of Puyallup will be carrying over funds and that the County will be carrying forward some funds related to the Neadham Road property acquisition.

The 2017 Annual Report is almost complete and will be distributed in February.

Brandstetter asked that the WRIA's receive copies of the 2017 Annual Report.

Walker reported on the Flood Plan status. She reminded the Committee that the plan update is not introducing new projects. She said that post cards are going out to residents about the Flood Plan update IN mid-March. There will be a virtual open house on April 2.

Dahlem reported the White River 24th street project is going to 30% design and permitting. The City hopes to turn dirt next summer. The also said the City is taking its funding from the State to start 30% design on Pacific Point Bar, 16th Street Levee.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.