PCZD Advisory Committee Meeting Summary: May 1, 2026 - **APPROVED**

Attendance

Committee Members:
Roger Henderson, WRIA 15 , Chair
Nicholas Anderson, Designee for County Executive Mello
Greg Anglemyer, Unincorporated Pierce County
Hans Hunger, Interim Vice Chair, City Engineer, City of Puyallup
Michael Kosa, Public Works Director, City of Sumner
Todd McKellips, Unincorporated Pierce County
Char Naylor. Puyallup Tribe of Indians
Dwane Watsek, WRIA 11
JT Wilcox, Commissioner, Port of Tacoma

Alternates:
Mayor Ned Witting, City of Puyallup
Mindy Keller, Port of Tacoma, Senior Manager, Water Quality

Staff:
Kjristine Lund, Executive Director
Kathleen Berger, Planning and Public Works, Surface Water Management
Matt Gurlock, Planning and Public Works, Surface Water Management
Justin Officer, Maintenance Manager, Pierce County Planning and Public Works
Brandon Smith, District Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.
Chair Roger Henderson called the meeting to order. Executive Director Kjristine Lund took attendance and introduced each member and their affiliation.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Approval of Meeting Summary
Todd McKellips moved to approve the meeting summary for March 6, 2026. Dwane Watsek seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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Operating Rules
Executive Director Lund included a draft of the updated Operating Rules in the meeting package based on the discussion from the last meeting. The only area of change was allowing Alternate members to vote if the Committee member they represent is absent. Chair Henderson moved that the Operating Rules be approved as presented today with a review of the Ground Rules. Todd McKellips seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.Executive Director Lund mentioned that the Advisory Committee is seeking a Business Representative, if anyone knows someone who might be interested.

Election of Vice-Chair
This seat needs to be filled by an elected official, but there were no volunteers. Hans Hunger will continue in his role as Vice-Chair until an elected official can be chosen.

Flood Facilities Maintenance
Brandon Smith, District Administrator, introduced Justin Officer, who gave a presentation on the Pierce County Planning and Public Works Maintenance and Operations Update. He began with an overview of the 2025 and the previous 5 years of Maintenance and Operations investment and flood control infrastructure. He concluded with a look at the 2026 levee repair plans and future considerations. There are plans to have this information available to the public in the near future.

Executive Director Lund suggested putting together a workgroup of some of the Committee Members in order to talk about how something might be scoped to develop a policy framework for maintenance priorities using District funding. This will require further discussion with the Advisory Committee and PPW staff.

Opportunity Fund
Kathleen Berger introduced Matt Gerlach, who gave a presentation about the Opportunity Fund, the Fund guidelines, updates, and changes addressing utilization of these funds in order to best assist the municipalities. He mentioned that some municipalities are taking good advantage of the Fund, but that there are several that have never touched the Fund. He asked the Committee if they could recommend any additional strategies to help increase Opportunity Fund usage. There was a lively discussion on how the municipalities can be contacted to explain about the funds that are available and how this money can be used.

Executive Director Report
Executive Director Lund said the Board of Directors met at the beginning of April and was disappointed that no members of the public or the Advisory Committee were in attendance. Among the items that were approved at the meeting was the carry-over budget of the remaining funds from 2025 to 2026. They also approved two interlocal agreements for the expenditure of projects approved for the City of Sumner and the City of Gig Harbor. Also approved was a resolution to create a Lower Puyallup flood action plan. Another issue that was discussed was the updated Fund Balance Policy, including how the new authority that was given to districts by the State Legislature related to State-declared flood emergencies will be handled.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.
Todd McKellips moved to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Char Naylor. All members were in favor, and Chair Henderson adjourned the meeting.