



PCZD Advisory Committee Meeting Summary: June 3, 2022 - Approved

Attendance

Present: Mike Dahlem, City of Sumner, Chair; Chris Cooley, Office of the County Executive (alternate); Paul Green, Business Representative; Hans Hunger, City of Puyallup (alternate); Commissioner Deanna Keller, Port of Tacoma; David Lewis, WRIA 10; Todd McKellips, Unincorporated Pierce County; Char Naylor, Puyallup Tribe of Indians; Greg Vigoran, City of Fife; Lew Wolfram, Councilmember, City of Fife

Staff: Kjristine Lund, Executive Director; Melissa McFadden, Pierce County Engineer; Anne-Marie Marshall-Dody, Floodplains and Watershed Services Manager, Pierce County PPW; Harold Smelt, Engineering Services Manager, Pierce County PPW; Brynne Walker, Floodplain Management Planner, Pierce County Planning and Public Works Department (PPW).

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Meeting Summary

Todd McKellips moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 6, 2021 and the motion was seconded by Hans Hunger. The minutes were approved as presented. To fill in the missing information from the last meeting, Hans Hunger volunteered to have seconded the motion to approve the meeting summary for July 9, 2021.

Election of Officers

Hans Hunger nominated Mike Dahlem for the position of Chair. Paul Green moved that Mike Dahlem be elected as Chair, and the motion was seconded by Deanna Keller. The motion passed unanimously. Todd McKellips nominated Deanna Keller for the position as Vice-Chair. Hans Hunger moved that Deanna Keller be elected as Vice-Chair, and the motion was seconded by Paul Green. The motion passed unanimously.

Project Updates from Advisory Committee Members

Anne-Marie Marshall-Dody shared information on the 2023 Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan. The Plan shows how Surface Water Management will provide flood services within Pierce County. Regarding regulatory requirements, the plan serves the dual purposes of meeting different regulatory requirements required of the County as part of participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, and is part of the participation in the community rating system. The 2023 Plan is different from the previous Plan in four ways:

2013 Plan	2023 Flood Plan
Riverine flood hazards only	Riverine, coastal, urban and groundwater flood hazards
20-year planning horizon	10-year planning horizon
Unconstrained	Constrained financially and physically achievable within 10 years to include a rate study
Conducted studies only relevant to the 2013 plan	Identified additional studies needed for 2033 plan

The process was changed to use virtual scoping due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Scoping took place in December 2020. Ms. Marshall-Dody introduced the planning team, and the representation of additional planning team members across Pierce County. She explained about new contracts and studies that support the Plan, the Disappearing Task Groups, the Advisory Committee dates, the Steering Committee dates, and the Executive Management Team dates. Ms. Marshall-Dody explained the relationship between the River Flood Hazard Management Plan and the Comprehensive Plan of Development, and tribal outreach and coordination during the development of the plan.

There were meetings with the cities over the summer of 2021 to review the 2013 version of the problem and project ranking criteria. She explained the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and the EIS (including Non-Action and Action Alternatives) and Flood Plan Processes. She closed with an explanation of the timeline. More information can be found at www.piercecounty.wa.gov/comprehensiveflood.

Ms. Marshall Dody continued with the next update, A Primer on Flood Hazards. She explained the difference between Creek, Stream and Riverine flooding. She also explained the circumstances surrounding Urban Flooding, Coastal Flooding, Groundwater Flooding, and Multi-Causal Flooding.

Grant Program Update

Before speaking about the grants, Melissa McFadden shared the news that she has been promoted to County Engineer, oversight of Pierce County Transportation. She reported on the Flood Risk Reduction Watershed Management Economic Stimulus Grant. The Board of Supervisors had set aside \$3.5 million in 2022 for projects to be funded in 2023. A total of \$3 million was to be applied to construction projects and \$500,000 for plans or studies. Twenty-five applications were received from 15 municipalities. A total amount of \$738,000 was requested for Plans and \$10,315,600 for Construction. According to the timeline, funding will be available to those approved on January 1, 2023. The Review Process consists of Project Priorities and Weight of Project Priorities. The Review Panel will include County Staff, Advisory Committee Members and Stakeholders. Three Advisory Committee volunteered to serve on the review committee: Commissioner Keller, David Lewis, and Char Naylor.

2023 Budget Assumptions

Due to time constraints, Ms. Kjristine Lund drew everyone’s attention to the memo that was in the packet, and this will be moved to the agenda for the meeting on July 8, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.