



PCZD Advisory Committee Meeting Summary: July 8, 2022 APPROVED

## **Attendance**

### **Committee Members:**

Mike Dahlem, City of Sumner, Chair  
Paul Green, Business Representative  
Commissioner Deanna Keller, Port of Tacoma  
David Lewis, WRIA 10  
Todd McKellips, Unincorporated Pierce County  
Char Naylor, Puyallup Tribe of Indians  
Greg Reed, City of Orting  
Lew Wolfram, Councilmember, City of Fife

### **Alternates:**

Chris Cooley, Office of the County Executive  
Hans Hunger, City of Puyallup

### **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 9:00 a.m.**

## **Project Updates from Advisory Committee Members**

Chair Dahlem gave an update on the four Sumner projects; Stewart Road Bridge; Left Bank Setback; Point Bar Setback; 24th Street Setback. Harold Smelt reported on the Pierce County Orville Road Setback project, and the acquisition of properties.

## **Public Comment**

Executive Director Lund introduced Dana Coggon, Executive Director at Pierce Conservation District and Krystal Kyer, Floodplain Management Planner. Melissa McFadden explained about her role as County Engineer, and the responsibilities that she will continue with, and Harold Smelt's transition to the interim Flood Control Administrator position.

## **Approval of Meeting Summary**

Hans Hunger moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 3, 2022, and the motion was seconded by David Lewis. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Operating Rules Revision**

Executive Director Lund stated that there have been changes in state laws that require some revisions to the Operating Rules. She explained these updates, which were suggested by legal counsel, in her presentation.

Todd McKellips moved to approve the changes in the Operating Guidelines, and the motion was seconded by David Lewis. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Introduction to 2023 Budget**

Melissa McFadden referred the group to Exhibit B in the packet, the Pierce County Flood Control Zone District- 2023 Annual Budget. She pointed out that many of the items are similar to the 2022 Annual Budget. The 2023 Annual Budget is only 1% over what was assumed for 2022. Accurate revenue information will not be available from the Assessor until September. Ms. McFadden continued to explain Exhibit C in the packet, the Pierce County Flood Control Zone District Summary of 2023 Capital Improvement Projects. There were no questions, so she moved on to Exhibit D, the Pierce County Flood Control Zone District CIP 2023-2028, and Exhibit E, the Pierce County Flood Control Zone District Six Year Financial Plan 2023-2028 (Informational Purposes Only). Executive Director Lund commented that the Fund Balances cannot be added up to total, and Ms. McFadden agreed. Ms. Lund noted that the important take-away for the Advisory Committee is that there is going to be difficult discussion about trying to stay at \$0.10 per \$1,000 with these fund balances and carryovers for projects. The Committee needs to think about the explanation as to why the district needs \$0.10 per \$1,000 with the current property values and inflation. She went on to say that the Board Executive Committee requested that the Advisory Committee make an assumption of the \$0.10 per \$1,000, but we do not have that information yet from the Assessor's Office.

Executive Director Lund brought up the point that the Committee discussed that after the Flood Hazard Management Plan is completed by the County there is going to be a role for the Advisory Committee and the Board to decide the priorities of the District. The costs for the District doing this work will be included in the 2024 Budget.

## **Discussion**

Hans Hunger had a question regarding the implementation of projects—what is delaying the projects? Will the allocated money be lost if it is not spent fast enough? Brynne Walker stated that something could be attached to this budget addressing this concern.

Executive Director Lund asked for clarification of the obstacles of property acquisition. Mr. Hunger explained that the main obstacles were the circumstances of the person that is selling the property needed for projects, and a shortage of staff to manage the projects.

Dana Coggon mentioned that concerning funding that did not get spent in the correct timeline, “use it or lose it” does not always line up on a timing that is advantageous to the budget cycle, and other obstacles.

Brynne Walker commented that she asked the Advisory Committee members and the cities if they would be interested in showcasing some of their projects.

Ms. Lund paraphrased saying, perhaps the focus for the next couple of budget meetings should be trying to create our case on need and building on the challenges and what kind of actions are being taken to address the challenges. This shows that we are proactively working on the problem and that we see this wave coming in the next year, and this is what can be put in the letter.

Harold Smelt questioned what the strategic reserve was being saved for.

Chris Cooley said that he did not believe that there was going to be a strong interest from the Executive’s Office to re-litigate the 1% question again. He said that he viewed that as a settled matter for the time being.

#### **Other Business**

Executive Director Lund mentioned that Hans Zeiger is leaving his post on the Pierce County Council. In addition, there are Advisory Committee vacancies, and applications are coming in at the end of the month for the Grant Review Committee. Ms. Lund will be in touch with the Committee members at the beginning of August to get organized for reviewing and scoring the Grant applications.

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