

Snohomish-Stillaguamish LIO Implementation Committee (IC) Meeting Summary

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Skype for Business

LIO-IC Members

Chrys Bertolotto, WSU Extension
Monte Marti, Snohomish Conservation District
Perry Falcone, Snoqualmie Forum/King County
Bob Landles, CWDAB
Francesca Perez (for Paul Clampitt), Snohomish MRC
Kirk Lakey, WDFW
Gregg Farris, Snohomish County SWM

Participants

Elisa Dawson, Snohomish County SWM
Dan Calvert, Puget Sound Partnership

LIO Support Staff

Kit Crump, Snohomish County Surface Water Management, Senior Planner II/Stillaguamish Basin Co-Lead Entity
Gretchen Glaub, Snohomish County Surface Water Management, Senior Planner II/Snohomish Basin Lead Entity
Jessica Hamill, Snohomish County Surface Water Management, Senior Planner II/LIO Coordinator
Alexa Ramos, Snohomish County Surface Water Management, Planner
Ann Bylin, Snohomish County SWM, Public Works Supervisor III

1. Introductions

Jessica opened the meeting and introductions followed.

2. 2017 \$100,000 LIO Allocation

Goal of the Meeting

Jessica reviewed the purpose of the meeting, which is to narrow the list of 12 NTA's down to three or less so that the Implementation Committee can make the final decision at the August 24th meeting.

Reviewed the criteria

Jessica walked the IC through the criteria they decided to use at the July 27th IC meeting:

- ▶ “Bang for the buck”/ co-benefits
- ▶ LIO scores/rank
- ▶ Non-capital project

Definition of “capital” discussion

Francesca discussed the MRC’s Snohomish Estuary Clean-up project, previously selected for partial funding, being a non-traditional capital project that should therefore be considered for this \$100,000 allocation. Other IC members at the meeting felt that this project is in a “grey area,” meaning that it could be argued as being non-capital so the group agreed to keep it on the list for consideration. The MRC added that of the two NTAs being considered, Snohomish Estuary Clean-up NTA and the Eelgrass and Forage Fish Mapping NTA, they would prefer to further fund their already partially funded NTA (Snohomish Estuary Clean-up NTA) due to capacity limitations to manage a new project.

There was discussion about the Arlington South Slough Fish/Flood Project also being “semi-capital” in nature due to the design element of the project. There was also discussion about the cost of the project (\$490,000) relative to the available funding and that it would take a 5-year funding commitment from the LIO to fund the effort in its entirety. The group also discussed other funding sources for the Arlington project, including Floodplains by Design. However, the uncertainty in the capital budget was noted. Based on the capital elements of the project and the cost, the group decided to set this project aside for this allocation round.

The group also discussed the need to get better guidance from the region regarding what is and is not “capital.” It also may be worth a discussion at future LIO meetings.

Clarification on NTAs

Perry provided some clarification on the current funding situation of the Snoqualmie Fish, Farm, Flood NTA. It has been recommended by the region for \$200,000 in funding for the buffer task force portion of the proposal. That would leave a \$200,000 gap to fully fund the rest of the project. This \$100,000 would go towards the long-term agriculture management strategy project component, which is tied to the buffer task force element. King County would likely be able to leverage funds to get match for the remaining \$100,000 shortfall.

Chrys provided more information on the WSU Extension NTAs as there were three on the list for consideration. Chrys explained that the Latino Stormwater NTA is targeted at a completely unserved community that can have a significant impact on stormwater BMPs in the LIO. She noted that the Latino Stormwater and LID Outreach Project would be WSU extension’s preferred project for funding and it would have the greatest impact in the LIO area.

Francesca explained what the \$50,000 that was previously awarded to the MRC’s Estuary Clean-up NTA has been put towards. An interagency agreement is in progress and so is prioritization of the vessels for removal. They have also secured another \$50,000 from DNR for the project. The project was refocused on derelict vessel removal as that seemed the best use of the limited funds as opposed to the creosote piling removal element of the original proposal. Creosote piling removal was budgeted at an estimated \$1,000 per piling in the initial NTA.

Narrowing of the List

For this allocation round, the IC members agreed to set aside the NTAs which were ranked “medium” by the LIO subcommittee scoring process. After also setting aside the additional NTA’s, deemed to be a lower priority for the MRC and WSU Extension, the list was narrowed down to 5 NTAs to consider for this allocation round. The five NTAs are listed below.

PSP ID #	Abbreviated Title	NTA Owner	Award Amount	Cost Revised (Original)
Stormwater Strategic Initiative				
0162	Latino Stormwater and LID Outreach	WSU Extension	Unfunded	\$100,000 (\$76,185)
0262	Snohomish Co. Natural Yard	Snohomish County	Unfunded	\$231,483
Habitat Strategic Initiative				
0045	Balancing Fish, Farms, and Floods...	King County	\$200,000 (partial-region)	\$400,000
0169	MRC, Snohomish Estuary	Snohomish County	\$50,000 (partial – local)	\$1,500,000
Shellfish Strategic Initiative				
0306	Financing Options for Healthy OSS	Snohomish County	\$100,000 (partial – region)	\$246,950 (\$206,950)

Key questions for August 24th meeting

1. Do we want to further fund an already partially funded NTA or would we rather fund a new project?
2. Do we want to fund gaps in our high priority vital signs or within our recovery strategies?
3. Which option do we want to consider? Fund multiple phases of one NTA, fund a single NTA in its entirety, or pool our NTA funding within LIOs?

3. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. The next IC meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2017.

Action Items

1. Send out the revised list
2. Send out the meeting summary
3. Send out the links to the NTAs still being considered

Key Recommendations/Decisions

1. Approved list of 5 projects to recommend for consideration at the August 24th meeting