

DRAFT Snohomish Basin Policy Development Committee
January 18, 2018 Meeting Summary
Willis Tucker Park, Weikel Room, 9:30-12:00

1. Agenda Overview and Introductions
 - The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.
 - Introductions were made; in attendance were:
 - Gretchen Glaub (Snohomish County)
 - Alexa Ramos (Snohomish County)
 - Elissa Ostergaard (Snoqualmie Forum)
 - Cindy Dittbrenner (Snohomish Conservation District)
 - Keith Binkley (Snohomish PUD)
 - Rodney Pond (Sound Salmon Solutions)
 - Paul Crane (City of Everett)
 - Jim Miller (City of Everett)
 - Morgan Ruff (Tulalip Tribes)
2. Ongoing Business
 - Gretchen reviewed the agenda for the meeting. Introductions followed.
3. New WRIA 7 Rep. for SRC: We need a new representative to replace Scott Powell on the SRC. Rodney Pond was recommended for the position. The committee discussed his willingness to fill this role. Rodney agreed to be the new representative. Dawn had also mentioned previously that Keith may be interested in serving as an alternate. Gretchen and Keith will discuss this further. Final Forum approval will be requested at the February meeting.
4. February Forum Meeting Agenda
 - The committee discussed potential topics for the upcoming Forum meeting including: the 4YWP update, approval of the 2018 PSAR/SRFB grant round RFP, letter of support for a FbD proposal (someone suggested having a presentation on the project), reviewing salmon NTAs, decision on whether to add a seat for the Snoqualmie Forum. Councilmember Sladek with the Town of Skykomish is the vice chair of the forum and volunteered to be the representative. A councilmember from the City of Duvall volunteered to serve as the alternate. There was discussion around whether this Snoqualmie Forum seat could replace the vacant local jurisdiction seats. A presentation by the Rivers Recreation Coalition (water trail) has not yet been confirmed.
5. Future Forum Meeting Topics

- Topics including a riparian panel, TDR bank and farmland protection, and acquisition strategy were discussed.
6. Floodplains by Design Proposal
 - Gretchen provided a brief overview of the proposal which includes funding for modelling, funding for staff for the FFF effort, and funding for implementation of prioritized projects.
 7. Guidelines Document Updates and Revisions
 - See handout. The committee discussed “activities” defined in the document and updating it to include the Snoqualmie Forum representative decision.
 8. Workplan
 - This is on hold/in flux while the Capital Budget gets worked out.
 9. 4 YWP Update
 - This is being updated per regional requirements. Aiming to have staff update HWS via the Smartsheet project list. As for the narrative, what are some things affecting your work? Comments included: funding, capacity, multi-benefit focus, multiple planning efforts distracts from implementation, regional game is always changing, lack of capital budget, unclear state/federal landscape, emerging threats (temp., WQ, climate change), record low chum numbers, population pressure, loss of institutional knowledge. What can the region do to help? We were asked to explain how climate change relates to our projects but we need support to do this beyond just a generic, vague answer (especially for smaller agencies).
 - Gretchen passed out copied of the scope of work for review. Blank means we do it, but don't have designated money for it. There are also NTA placeholder ideas for the monitoring plan. What about culverts? Or a knotweed strategy? The scope of work capital funding has been extended to March for Gretchen and Morgan's positions.
 10. Review Next Steps and Adjourn
 - Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.