

DRAFT Snohomish Basin Policy Development Committee
July 20, 2017 Meeting Summary
Gary Weikel Room, Willis Tucker Park, 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)
 - Morgan Ruff (Tulalip Tribes)
 - Alexa Ramos (Snohomish County)
 - Scott Powell (Seattle City Light)
 - Elissa Ostergaard (Snoqualmie Forum)
 - Cindy Dittbrenner (Snohomish Conservation District)
 - Dawn Pressler (Sno PUD)
 - Stacy Vynne (PSP)

2. Basin Updates

- Snoqualmie Forum: Elissa Ostergaard gave an update. The Snoqualmie Forum held their meeting last night after the project tour. They toured 4 projects at 3 sites: Miller River, Beckler River, Skykomish trail, and Maloney Creek. The Forest Services also gave an update on their NRDA clean up in the Skykomish. The Forum approved their 2018 work plan. The FFF effort is working to assemble a 15-person committee (5 from each FFF caucus). Scott asked about whether they plan to include the WRIA on the fish caucus. Elissa said she will look into that. Their plans still include the formation of 3 task forces: buffer, ag, and regulatory. They also have 2 positions to fill- one focused on outreach and one focused on admin. coordination. The CWM projects have been fully approved and should be able to begin contracting in the next couple of months. Elissa also informed the group that Perry is working on a 10-year project list update. The basin could really use a monitoring plan. King County does most of the monitoring in King County. Snohomish County does most of the monitoring in Snohomish County. The tribes conduct their own monitoring as well. It would be great to get everyone on the same page. They have money in the budget for staff time for monitoring work too. Stacy noted that WRIA 8 has just posted their monitoring plan so we could take a look at theirs. Gretchen asked if there is potential for funding from the region for this type of effort. Stacy said that funds are being focused towards wrapping up Common Indicators right now.

- Snohomish Basin SRFB 2017 Round: Gretchen reported that there is still no capital budget. See handout. So 2016 PSAR funded projects are not moving and neither are the 2017 projects. Stacy commented that PSAR '13 – '15 large cap return funds could be used for LE capacity to keep them afloat. This is being considered for approval at PSP. Gretchen noted that Qwuloolt and [REDACTED] have return funds (\$200,000) that could be used to get the 2016 projects rolling. Gretchen is working with sponsors to figure out which projects need the money in order to avoid complications resulting from the budget delay. There are still questions around how we allocate the \$200,000 though. This money could fully fund our alternates on this year's list. But what about last year's alternates? We also agreed to fund Cherry Creek's cost increase, but are still waiting to hear back on the exact amount they need. So do we need the Forum to sign off on the decision or can the committee(s) just decide/make a recommendation? November 7th is the deadline for final budget/project list so we'll need Cherry Creek's numbers by then. There isn't really a deadline for the reallocation funds other than that they need to be used by June 2019. Though we might not even run a round next year due to the budget delay and no capacity to run the grant at state level. Cindy mentioned that SCD is getting an emergency permit to remove rocks so the fish can get through if they're not breaking ground this year. Next steps: we will keep checking with sponsors on status and costs. Will present the Forum with a memo of options and get their approval to delegate the decision to the committees.
- Reallocating 2015-2017 PSAR Return Funds:

3. Regional Updates

- SRC needs new WRIA 7 rep.: Scott explained that he will be retiring next year and therefore not renewing his seat on the SRC in November. We will make a call for volunteers at the next Forum meeting. Over the next couple months we'll work to set expectations and determine what we would want from the rep. and who we think would be a good fit. Aim to make a recommendation to the Forum in December.
- Bold Actions: Scott gave an update. The SRC approved most of the Bold Actions as an addition to the Implementation Strategies. However, there were 2 sticking points – land use regulations and water regulations around the Hirst decision. These were given to a subcommittee to iron out. Also, riparian buffers are being reworded. Cindy is working with Ron on it. The initial language made it impossible to get funding for projects. Stacy noted in order to provide emphasis on implementation they will be adding in outcomes and recovery plan updates to the Action Agenda as well.
- PSAR large cap improvements: Stacy said a few options are being considered for the path forward as well as administrative tweaks. Stacy asked whether we

should consider not running a large cap round next year. But some watersheds didn't submit last year so that would mean 4 years off for them. Or do we just go down the list of alternates? Do we lump in some more funding with the watershed allocations instead? There was some discussion and the group agreed more time is needed to think about it. At the next SRFB meeting they will be considering not running a SRFB round next year or delaying it.

- Follow up on Emerging Topics – Net Pens: Stacy commented that the Leadership Council met yesterday. They decided not to write a letter or take action until the investigation is completed. Then the three agencies will reconvene. WFC/Puget Soundkeeper are reportedly filing a lawsuit against Cooke for damages.
4. 10 Year Status and Trends Report: Gretchen reported that the draft is in progress in spite of some delays in the timeline. See handout. The group provided feedback on the SBPP table.
 5. LIO/LE Improved Integration: Gretchen gave a brief update. The subcommittee has arrived at some options for alternative structure models. Gretchen would like to get more input from Forum members on their opinions before formalizing a staff recommendation.
 6. October Forum Meeting Agenda: The group reviewed the draft agenda. Members suggested Moga, Braided Reach, and the diversion dam as potential project updates. An EMDS/riparian panel was also proposed for a future meeting. The committee agreed to hold an additional meeting in November in preparation for the December Forum meeting.
 7. Review Next Steps and Adjourn
 - Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.