

DRAFT Snohomish Basin Policy Development Committee
June 18, 2020 Meeting Summary
Zoom 10:00 -12:00

1. Agenda Overview and Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
- Introductions were made; in attendance were:
 - Elissa Ostergaard, Snoqualmie Watershed Forum
 - Cory Zyla, Snoqualmie Watershed Forum
 - Alexa Ramos, Snohomish County
 - Gretchen Glaub, Snohomish County
 - Linda Lyshall, Snohomish Conservation District
 - Kristin Marshall, Snohomish Conservation District
 - Elizabeth Butler, RCO
 - Jim Miller, City of Everett
 - Rodney Pond, Sound Salmon Solutions
 - Keith Binkley, SnoPUD
 - Kate Engel, Seattle City Light
 - Terry Williams, Tulalip Tribes
 - Paul Crane, City of Everett

SRFB 2020

Gretchen reminded the group that 12 projects were proposed – 9 NMI, 1 POC (Monroe acquisition), 2 cleared. A week ago sponsors and LE staff met by phone with tech reviewers to discuss their concerns. Worthwhile conversation. Sponsors have until 6/29 to update their proposals. Then will reconvene the local score committee to develop the recommended ranked list sometime in July. Based on state level of review we may need to re-review our local ranked list. Hence the Forum meeting scheduled for August. A lot of state partners are making budget cuts so we don't know how this will affect PSAR/SRFB allocations. A lot of discussions at SRFB about what the state budget requests will be. They are thinking to use the 4YWPs to fill in a project forecast list and inform the funding request. A lot of discussions about potential federal stimulus package funding and shovel-ready projects. Probably will be asking sponsors for more information.

Rodney added that the SSS LWD Catherine and woods creek proposals sent out solicitation for landowner acknowledgement forms. So far 16/80 from Catherine creek returned forms. Good chunk of the properties responded. Exciting. Fewer for Woods creek – 7 or 8/60. Still have time. More of those landowners don't actually live on the land (LLCs, trusts, live out of state) so harder to hear back from those types.

Floodplains by Design

3 in Snoqualmie, 1 in Skykomish. Expect to see Letters of Support for approval by email shortly.

Rodney raised concerns about Snohomish County and Tulalip Tribes coordination with AASF and SSS around the work being planned for their next Fbd proposal. Gretchen – working on this. Exploring “disappearing work groups” to coordinate among all relevant stakeholders working in the area.

Gretchen commented that it’s uncommon to have 4 Fbd proposals coming from 1 basin. The reviewers indicate that they prefer 1 project per basin, but they did ask all 4 pre-proposals to come back with full applications... There is some concern about how the proposals will fare competing against one another this year.

Elissa noted that after the plan update is complete it would be good to strategize about where in the basin to focus first, second, third so that we can be more strategic when applying for funds. The proposals are a lot of work to put together so we should be putting our best project forward rather than competing with each other.

There was discussion around constraints for smaller, NGO sponsors with depending on and securing grant funds.

At the next Forum we will discuss legislative opportunities. Gretchen encouraged everyone to check out the Puget Sound Day on the Hill virtual sessions. Tomorrow’s looks especially interesting.

This Fall, Gretchen would like to use these meetings for plan update work. She asked members to review other plan updates (e.g. WRIA 8, Island, RCO’s strategy) and give feedback on what works and what doesn’t work. Gretchen will send out a draft table of contents for feedback. She is also compiling a reference document with the decisions we’ve made so far about what we want the plan update to look like (and not look like).

The next PDC meeting is scheduled for September. We will likely be meeting remotely for the foreseeable future. Gretchen asked if anyone has ideas for improvement. Elissa mentioned that the Zoom breakout rooms tool is helpful for getting people’s thoughts on things.

Adjourned at 11:00am.