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Date: 2/6/2001 3:22:02 PM  
To: 'Larry Kunzler'  
CC: Scuderi, Michael R NWS  
Subject: RE: Working Group Meeting

thanks for the note. here's some draft presentation items being prepared for the WG. What's not shown is the Counties new number 5 alternative.

The item for Francis Road is from the brain storming session (September). The idea is that Sterling and Nookachamps could be given something like 25 year protection, consistent with the rest of the dike systems. There would be some road access during the floods, etc. If we went with an overtopping alternative, this piece would give us some more options to study.

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From: Larry Kunzler [mailto:Larry@hagens-berman.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2001 06:08  
To: 'JacquelineVander Veen'  
Cc: DaveBrookings; 'Valerie Lee'  
Subject: RE: Working Group Meeting

Jacqueline:

Thank you very much. Because I have to schedule vacation days in order to attend the meetings it is imperative to me that I be notified as soon as everyone else in order that I can schedule work around the meetings. With all the people I had contact with last week I too am very optimistic that we are finally headed in the right direction and hopefully we can achieve a positive result. I am concerned that without a by-pass the 500 ft setback will only be half as much as is needed which will result in more frequent flooding of lower valley farmlands and will be a hard sell which is another reason I think that we need to have it go to a vote of the people. It would appear at least at this juncture and admittedly it is very early in the process but it would appear that COST will be the major obstacle which will entail some "creative" interpretation of the regulations governing the determination of cost benefit ratio. I think it wouldn't hurt to have a sub-committee of volunteers to thoroughly study that aspect of the project and perhaps write a "white paper" on the subject that everyone could understand. It could come in handy later down the road as a handout at public meetings.

One other thing. The article in Saturdays paper mentioned using Francis Road as the levee. That was never my understanding. To do that (although it might make sense from a cost/benefit perspective) would entail serious impacts to all the farm houses (at least 9) north and west of the road. Was that a miss-print? One last thing, although you personally have promised that it is a "given" that anyone adversely impacted by the project would be

fairly compensated, there is nothing in writing to that issue. I would suggest that at the next meeting the committee pass some sort of a resolution to that effect.

Again thanks. Your dedication to this project is appreciated.

-----Original Message-----

From: JacquelineVander Veen [mailto:jvanderv@co.skagit.wa.us]

Sent: Monday, February 05, 2001 5:45 PM

To: 'Larry Kunzler'

Cc: DaveBrookings; 'Valerie Lee'

Subject: Working Group Meeting

Larry,

I understand that you already know that the February 8 working group meeting has been canceled. You were not contacted when the members of the working group were because I wanted to determine when the meeting would be rescheduled before I contacted you. Nothing more has been forwarded to them. Please be assured that you will be notified when the meetings will be held and you will receive pre-meeting documents.

I have not heard if the working group members are available for a March 1 meeting date. That is the tentative date as of now. We had to postpone the meeting because I felt that the Corps did not have all the information prepared that was promised. I see little value in wasting people's time when there is no information. I will be working with the Corps to make sure that they are developing the information that is needed for making decisions between now and then. I am feeling better that they are understanding what we need. As I indicated to you before, I was disappointed in the information that they brought to the last meeting and I didn't want a repeat performance.

Chal Martin, Roy Atwood, Dave Brookings and myself made a trip down to meet Colonel Graves and to emphasize the importance of this study. I believe that they are sincere in reciprocating their high priority on this project. The new commissioners are very interested in the flood study and with their support, I am much more optimistic that we will see a project built. I am hopeful that things will get very exciting in the next few months.

I will keep you posted as I learn more.

Jackie