

Meeting Summary

Advisory Committee

Skagit County Flood Control Zone District

August 18, 2008 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Location

The Aqua Room, Skagit Public Utilities District No. 1, 1415 Freeway Drive, Mount Vernon, WA

Meeting Purpose

For the Advisory Committee (AC) members to:

- Conduct required business
- To hear a report-out by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and solicit comment on the preliminary flood control measures being considered as part of the Skagit County Flood Damage Reduction Study (aka Skagit GI)
- Consider any initial assignments to the Technical Committees
- Determine next steps and schedule for AC

Summary of Action Items and Next Steps

- Regular AC business was postponed in order to maximize time for the USACE to present and solicit public comment on the preliminary flood control measures being considered as part of the Skagit County Flood Damage Reduction Study (aka Skagit GI).
- Postponed AC old business:
 - Approval of 7/14/2008 AC meeting summary.
 - Skagit County staff to report back on the differences between the newly-formed AC and the former Flood Control Committee.
 - Staff to report back on audio recording of future AC meetings.
 - Staff to report back on the feasibility of televising future AC meetings.
 - Coordination with the five year update of the Skagit Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (NHMP).
 - Review AC recorded motion and staff proposal to modify the AC operating procedures related to decision-making.
 - Revisit questions and issues the AC needs to consider (goals, objectives, evaluation criteria, flood protection concepts, etc).
 - Consider the CFHMP development work plan schedule and timeline.
- Determine FCZD Technical Committee assignments.

Welcome

Chairman Bob Boudinot opened the meeting, welcomed AC members, and public attendees. He announced that this month's AC meeting would be devoted to the USACE preliminary measures presentation and that regular AC business would be postponed until the September meeting. Bob then introduced Linda Smith, Chief, Plan Formulation Section, USACE, who in turn introduced members of the USACE team (including: Cheryl Francois, Assistant Project Manager; Andrea Takash, Public Affairs

Specialist; Mike Scuderi, Scientist, Environmental Resources Section; Douglas Symes, Economist; Chemine Jackels, Biologist, Environmental Resources Section; Kristen Kerns, Plan Formulator; and Ted Perkins, PE, Hydraulic Engineer.

Public Comment

Public comment normally heard at this time was postponed to coincide with the public comment and question/answer period following the measures presentation by the USACE.

Meeting Summary

Approval of the July 14, 2008 meeting summary was postponed to the next AC meeting.

Regular Reports

Regular reports were postponed to the next AC meeting.

Agenda Topics

- Linda Smith, Chief, Plan Formulation Section, USACE (with assistance from other USACE staff members in attendance) led the USACE's preliminary measures presentation. The presentation consisted of a PowerPoint slide show highlighting the history of the Skagit River Flood Damage Reduction Study, relevant USACE regulations/policies, and a description of 37 possible flood reduction measures. The pros and cons of each measure were discussed with the public given the opportunity to comment and ask questions for clarification.
- Public Comment, Questions, Answers. The USACE fielded questions from the AC and the public following their presentation. The public was encouraged to submit written comments. Written comments can be submitted in any of the following ways:
 1. Mail written comments to Lorna Ellestad, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.
 2. Drop off written comments to Lorna at above address.
 3. Email comments to Lorna at lornae@co.skagit.wa.us.
 4. Email Lorna and request electronic comments form and email completed form back to Lorna.
 5. Comments will be accepted until 4 p.m. on September 30, 2008
- The AC took no formal action on the USACE's measures presentation. Written comments will be compiled by the County and USACE. Then a summary report will be provided to the AC. Later this year the USACE anticipates providing a revised measures presentation to the AC and the public.
- The USACE's PowerPoint presentation will be placed for viewing on the Skagit County website (WWW.SKAGITCOUNTY.NET → Directory → Public Works Department → Surface Water Management → CFHMP Update → Documents of Interest).
- The USACE measures presentation was also videotaped for future viewing by the public on Channel 21 and also archived for viewing on Skagit County. How to watch this presentation online:
 1. Go to Skagit County's website at www.skagitcounty.net
 2. Click on "Skagit 21" on the right-hand side of the webpage
 3. Click on Special Meetings Presentations
 4. Click on this presentation to view the archived presentation
- How to sign up for Skagit County Flood Control Zone list serve to receive updates and meeting notices:

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1. Go to Skagit County's website at www.skagitcounty.net
2. In the bottom left-hand corner, under "General Information," click "E-mail Subscription lists."
3. Look for "Flood Control" and click on it.
4. Click "Join the List"
5. When the e-mail comes up, push send

Future AC Agenda Topics

- September 15 meeting agenda to include development of mission statement, goals, objectives, and evaluation criteria for flood control measures.
- Determine TC assignments.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

See meeting attendance roll below.

8-18-2008 FCZD ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

| Name | Representing | Affiliation | Present | Absent | Proxy | Position Vacant |
|----------------------|--|---------------------------------|---------|--------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Anderson, Mayor Mike | Cities and Towns | City of Sedro-Woolley | X | | | |
| Boudinot, Bob | At-Large | Skagit Land Trust | X | | | |
| Carey, Bob | Environmental Technical Committee | The Nature Conservancy | X | | | |
| Carlson, Todd | Land Use Technical Committee | WA Dept. of Transportation | X | | | |
| Easton, Jason | Land Use Technical Committee | Washington Realtors | X | | | |
| Flaig, Dean | Dike and Drainage District Technical Committee | Drainage District #21 | X | | | |
| Halverson, Leonard | At-Large | Sterling Area | X | | | |
| Hayes, Mayor Ramon | Cities and Towns | Town of LaConner | | | X (John Doyle) | |
| Hughes, Robert | Land Use Technical Committee | Agricultural Advisory Committee | | X | | |
| Kunzler, Larry | At-Large | Skagit River Flood Historian | X | | | |
| Nelson, Stanley | Dike and Drainage District Technical Committee | Dike District #22 | X | | | |
| Norris, Mayor Bud | Cities and Towns | City of Mount Vernon | | X | | |
| Olson, David | Dike and Drainage District Technical Committee | Dike District #3 | X | | | |
| Pflug, Dave | Environmental Technical Committee | Seattle City Light | | X | | |
| Wasserman, Larry | Environmental Technical Committee | Swinomish Indian Tribe | X | | | |