

**Meeting Summary
Skagit Flood Control Zone District
Land Use Technical Committee Meeting #6**

**April 7, 2009
2 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Location

Conference Room at Burlington City Hall, 833 South Spruce Street, Burlington, WA.

Meeting Purpose

1) To conduct normal business and 2) To consider work assigned by the Flood Control Zone Advisory Committee (AC): See attached document: "Advisory Committee Assignment to Technical Committees" dated 3/16/09 for work task details.

Attendance

Members present: Esco Bell, Todd Carlson, Margaret Fleek, Dan O'Donnell, Dave Chamberlain, Chuck Steele, Mark Watkinson, Mark Freiburger and Cory Ertel. Others present: Blaine Chesterfield and Tom Karsh.

Action Items: The LUTC completed the tasks assigned by the AC and the results will be forwarded for consideration at the 4/20/09 AC meeting.

Welcome and Introductions: Margaret Fleek, Chair opened meeting by welcoming attendees. Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

Public Comment: None

Previous Meeting Summaries: The February 3, 2009 LUTC meeting summary was accepted by consensus.

Report out from AC representatives: LUTC AC representatives Todd Carlson briefly provided his take on the AC assignment to the LUTC. The other two LUTC AC representatives Jason Easton and Robert Hughes were not in attendance.

LUTC Assignment/Response:

Task #1: For new measure #38 – interior drainage, provide additional project concept information including map(s), project components, project benefits and concerns, and potential costs.

Response: The LUTC acknowledges that this is an important concept for any flood reduction measure that results in flood water exiting its natural watercourse. Once these overtopping or spillage sites are located, detailed provisions for the expedited conveyance and removal of that water back to a natural watercourse or bay will be necessary. The urban areas should not be used as spillage or drainage pathways.

Task #2: For habitat restoration projects in upper basin, new project suggested by the ETC, provide additional project concept information including map(s), project components, project benefits and concerns, and potential costs.

Response: The LUTC does not have any information/comments related to this task at this time.

Task #3: For City of Burlington Levee Certification project, provide additional project concept information including map(s), project components, project benefits and concerns, and potential costs.

Response: The City of Burlington and Dike District #12 has issued a draft environmental impact statement on this measure with some project details. The City and District are now considering how best to respond to comments received during the public comment period. Revised site plans (see attached pdf documents #1 and #2) showing levee location and flood inundation areas were provided to the LUTC by Margaret Fleek, Planning Director, City of Burlington. Chal Martin, P.E., Public Works Director/Engineer for the City of Burlington, will provide additional information and respond to any questions pertaining to this measure at the next Dike and Drainage Technical Committee Meeting and at the 4/20/09 AC meeting.

Task #4: Identify any additional local projects to include in measures screening.

Response:

1. LUTC requests that the Nookachamps Flood Reduction Project (Skagit GI Measure #4) be redesigned to meet environmental concerns and further studied as a possible Skagit GI and CFHMP project. See attached supporting pdf documents #3 and #4.
2. LUTC notes that earlier flood reduction studies (see site plan pdf attachment #5) had considered additional overtopping/spillage locations than that currently being proposed in Skagit GI measure #9. The Skagit GI and CFHMP should further study these additional locations or provide rationale for their elimination.
3. LUTC forwards proposal from WSDOT (see site plan pdf document #6) to extend Mount Vernon flood wall project (Skagit GI measure #16) to include protection of Interstate 5 and BNSF railway south of Mount Vernon.

Miscellaneous items: None

Next steps and meeting schedule

To be determined by assignment from AC.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm