

Flood Control Committee  
Information Update  
January 4, 2008

- Four responses were received to our request for a Planning consultant to help facilitate the FCZD Advisory Committee and compile chapters for the Skagit River Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan. Interviews to select the Planning consultant will be conducted mid-January by Ric Boge, Lorna Ellestad, Tom Karsh and Betsy Stevenson (for SC Planning Dept.)
- Responses for an Engineering consultant to work on the design for flood control alternatives to be included in both, the Skagit GI and the Skagit River CFHMP are due February 8.
- We've received several responses to our request for interest to serve on one of the FCZD Technical Committees. Staff is compiling the names and will discuss the appointments at a worksession with the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) late in January, to be followed by a resolution making the actual appointments.
- Attached is the current timeline we are aiming at to get the FCZD structure up and functioning (note that the BCC will be sending a letter to SCOG to request the names of 3 mayors to serve on the Advisory Committee).
- Public Works has received notice that our FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant application for funds to buyout some properties on Cockreham Island has scored well. We expect to hear of a grant award from FEMA for this purpose mid-January.
- Staff has been spending quite a bit of time in support Mount Vernon/Dike District 3's legal wrangling with BNSF over the potential closing of Hickox Road where it intersects the BNSF railway.
- Staff has sent draft documents to the four cities and Skagit River Diking Districts for consideration in cost-sharing for the annual maintenance of and data gathering at several USGS gauges on the Skagit and Sauk Rivers.

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*Draft Timeline to Implement New FCZD Structure*

**November/December 2007**

- Advertise for Technical Committee members
- Advertise for consultants
- BCC sends letter to SCOG requesting three mayors for the AC

**2008**

**January/February**

- BCC appoints Technical Committee members
- SCOG recommends three mayors for AC membership
- Select and execute contract with Planning consultant
- Hold orientation dinner meeting for all Technical Committee members
- Select Design consultant

**March/April**

- First Technical Committees meetings (facilitated by County Mediation Services) to elect chair, vice chair and representatives to the Advisory Committee
- Training session with the chairs and vice chairs of the Tech Committees on the consensus process
- Execute contract with Design consultant
- Board appoints AC members
- Technical Committee meetings (if needed)

**May/June**

- First Advisory Committee meeting
  - Orientation on the consensus process
  - Discussion of agenda items for next meeting: election of chair and vice chair.
- Advisory Committee meeting to elect chair and vice chair
- Technical Committee meetings (if needed).