

WRIA 10/12 CAC/TAG

Meeting Summary

June 4, 2009, 4:00 to 6:00pm
Tacoma Mall Office Building

Attendees: Bill Anderson, Bob Burkle, Karen Chang, Ron Larson, Ken Wolfe, Tom Nelson, Lorin Reinelt, Sarah McCarthy, Dave Seabrook, Hans Berge, Barbara Ann Smolko, Carl Ward, Monty Mahan, Devin Wolf, Ted Hill, Scott Hansen, Lance Winecka, Melissa Buckingham, Bart Madison

1) Updates and Information Sharing

- a) LEAG is transitioning to RCO and they will be hiring a new person to coordinate. New contracts with the lead entities (for the 2009-10 fiscal year) will be coming with updates resulting from the shift to RCO.
- b) May 13th conference call with state regarding distribution of money.
- c) RITT is working on adaptive management guidance and will be working with our lead entity, starting in early 2010.
- d) The obstacles report ("Obstacles to implementing important capital projects for salmon recovery") prepared by a consultant is available for review. [*The draft report was subsequently distributed by Lorin*].
- e) Operation funding for the Pierce County (WRIA 10/12) lead entity has been preserved at \$110,000 for the 2009-11 biennium.
- f) Puget Sound Partnership is creating Recovery Implementation Coordinator positions to coordinate within each of the action areas.
- g) KIRO has offered a \$5,000 prize to the environmental steward of the year. The winning steward will be whoever receives the most votes on KIRO's website; Scott Hansen of Puget Creek Restoration Society is one of the nominees. Congratulations Scott!
- h) Questions about NOAA funding allocations were addressed.
- i) WDFW is losing 131 positions. However, there will be 4 Watershed Stewards again. Decision on who will serve WRIA 10/12 should be made by July 1st.

2) 2009 SRFB Funding Round – Letters of Intent (presentations and questions)

- a) King County has decided to drop its application for the White River project.
- b) Middle Puyallup Acquisition – CLC presented its plan for a reach level acquisition targeting up to 250 acres along the Puyallup River. No questions
- c) South Prairie Creek Acquisition – There was question about willing landowners. Monty noted that CLC and PCD are working to identify specific parcels for the acquisition for the draft/final application.
- d) Calistoga Setback – acquisition and design. City of Orting is spending \$150,000 to keep project moving forward. Examining levee setback sites #15-18 as part of the reach level analysis and modeling. Focus is on bioengineered levee that is still eligible for PL84-99 program. There was a question about what is happening on the left bank – at this time, hydraulic modeling is the extent of analysis for the left bank. Orting will be incorporating improvements to Calistoga culvert.

- e) South Prairie Creek knotweed removal – PCD partnering with PC Noxious Weeds program. PCD has received previous grant from Ecology and has experience with knotweed control. There were questions about the logistics of controlling knotweed and total costs. Grant will include extensive surveys and multiple years of treatment. PCD will also follow up with re-vegetation efforts.
- f) Clearwater River LWD – Geomorphic technical memo from Entrix is forthcoming. There was a question about access due to road washout – SEG working with landowner (Hancock) on this issue. There will be 3-5 log jams.
- g) Chambers Beach Debris Reconstruction and Riparian planting – SEG working with Pierce County Chambers Properties – project involves removal of debris and riparian planting. Dock removal is not included. There will be planting of 9 acres along the upper beach. It was noted that info about fish utilization would be helpful.
- h) Pocket Beach Enhancement/Nourishment Pilot – material will be placed by side-casting from railroad or dumping from barges. Target is to supplement sediment in a natural drift cell. 30% project design is available from Anchor Env. SEG working with Glacier as a material source. Quantities will be included in application.
- i) 24th Street Setback Levee – Design – All property is owned by City of Sumner. Removal of approximately 1900 feet of levee.
- j) Devil's Head Acquisition (in WRIA 15) – CLC asking for multiple lead entity support to purchase property on Devil's Head. There were many CAC questions about the process for regional allocation. There is potential to use draft regional criteria developed by South Sound technical group to help in evaluation process. Request is for \$100-125,000 from this lead entity (\$500,000 overall).

3) Upcoming Activities

- a) Draft Applications need to be in PRISM by June 19th
- b) July 8 & 9th Field Trips – Steve Toth will be representing the Science Panel. Trying to get a nearshore representative to attend.
- c) Regular July 2nd meeting has been cancelled.
- d) Tom Nelson will contact TAG members to schedule a meeting for TAG scoring and evaluation.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be Thursday, August 19, 2009 4-6pm at the Tacoma Mall Office Building.