

Puyallup White River Local Integrating Organization (PWR-LIO)

LIO meeting

Thursday, June 11, 2020

3:00-5:00pm

On ZOOM



Draft Meeting Summary

Attendance:

1. Jordan Jobe, WSU Puyallup
2. Elizabeth McManus, Ross Strategic
3. Erik McDonald, UW Tacoma
4. Cindy Flanagan, Rainier Audubon
5. Erick Thompson - Pierce County Surface Water
6. Allan Warren - PCD and PRWC
7. Tom Kantz, Pierce County
8. Cindy Callahan, Tacoma Pierce County Health
9. Lexi Brewer, Puyallup Watershed Initiative Forests Community of Interest
10. Desiree Radice, City of Tacoma
11. Dan Cardwell, Pierce County PPW - Long Range Planning
12. Donovan Gray, TMDL Lead, WA Dept. of Ecology
13. Joan Wu, WSU Puyallup
14. Mario Colon, Ross Strategic
15. Jenn Stebbings, Port of Tacoma and Puyallup River Watershed Council
16. Rikki McGee, Tahoma Audubon Society
17. Ashley D. Mocerro Powell, Puyallup Watershed Initiative-EECOI Steering Committee, Green Futures Lab @ UW Seattle - Staff, and Public Lab – Staff
18. Carrie Hernandez, Puyallup Watershed Initiative – Stormwater COI
19. Krystal Kyer, Pierce County (LIO Coordinator)

NTA Funding Announcement – Allan Warren, Chair

The Puyallup River Watershed Council's 2018 Near Term Action (NTA) was recommended to receive full funding by the Stormwater Strategic Initiative Leads, at about \$103,000 to support completion of the Ecosystem Recovery Plan – phases 2/3 including GIS work, mapping and an interactive web portal envisioned as being similar to the South Sound LIO's online tool: www.healthysouthsound.org

More information on the NTA is available here:

<https://actionagenda.pugetsoundinfo.wa.gov/Project/FactSheet/12882>

LIO Capacity Funding and draft Scope of Work – Krystal Kyer, LIO Coordinator

Krystal shared slides prepared by Dan Calvert of Puget Sound Partnership providing an overview of the draft Scope of Work for the next round of LIO capacity funding from the National Estuaries Program. New this year, up to \$125,000 is available to each LIO, including the Puyallup-White River LIO for the first time. This is a one time increase from what has been \$75,000 annual contracts for LIO coordination.

Krystal walked through the tasks in the Scope of Work with a focus on the subtasks in Task 5. Task 5 is optional and flexible for each LIO to choose among 7 subtasks based on their interests and needs. Reactivating or supporting an outreach network such as the EConet was discussed as a potential option to consider. A group will convene around that topic and reach EE COI to see if there is interest in this from environmental educators in the region; Ashley offered to facilitate this connection.

A subgroup of this LIO will meet this summer to recommend which subtasks are appropriate and what the possible deliverables might be. This will be reviewed by the PRWC board of directors and then negotiated with the Puget Sound Partnership staff to finalize the scope of work by August 12 and contracting that takes affect October 1, 2020. Anyone interested in participating in the brainstorm discussion in June/July on Task 5 should contact Krystal soon.

- ❖ Slides, overview, and draft Scope of Work will be shared out with the meeting notes via email. Note: scope of work was updated on 6/15, after this meeting occurred.

Focus Areas & Stakeholder Meetings update– Elizabeth McManus and Mario Colon, Ross Strategic,

Mario and Elizabeth shared the timeline and progress on the Ecosystem Recovery Plan with focus areas stakeholder meetings, literature review, and identification of any goals, strategies and metrics for Salmon, Estuaries, Floodplains, and Forests focus areas.

- ❖ Presentation slides were shared in the meeting, and they will be included with distribution of this meeting summary.

The additional focus areas that are yet to be developed include Water Quality/Stormwater, Farms and Agricultural Lands, Climate Change, and Equity & Human Well-Being.

- ❖ The water quality/stormwater focus area meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 29th from 10:30am-12:30pm on Zoom. To join: <https://rossstrategic.zoom.us/j/99814913111>

Chapters Review process, Feedback, Questions – all

Draft chapters review will occur over the summer and at the next quarterly LIO meeting on Thursday, September 10th. A draft of the plan is due September 30th. We'll still need to do more outreach with climate change, equity and human well-being focus areas, and review and revisions of all chapters before submitting the final version sometime in mid-2021.

Adjourn

Links shared in the chat:

<https://www.piercecountywa.org/1837/Rivers-Flood-Hazard-Management-Plan>