

March 27, 2013

Meeting Attendees

Committee Members

Jim Berger, City of Carnation
Dick Bonewits, King County Unincorporated Area Councils
Suzette Cook, City of Kent
Jim Haggerton, City of Tukwila
Fred Jarrett, King County
Matt Larson, City of Snoqualmie
Marilla Mhoon, City of Covington
Bill Peloza, City of Auburn
Victoria Laise Jonas, City of Maple Valley
Bill Thomas, City of Algona
Regan Dunn, Chair, District Board of Supervisors

King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Water and Land Resources Division Staff

Brian Murray, Policy and Programs Supervisor

Committee Staff

Margaret Norton-Arnold, Facilitator
Fala Frazier, Administrative Assistant

Key Meeting Accomplishment

This meeting served as an orientation for new members of the committee, and also provided an introduction to the work of the group over the next several months.

Welcome and Meeting Overview

Regan Dunn, Chair of the Flood Control District Board of Supervisors welcomed members and reiterated the importance of the committee's work and recommendations to the District. The Board of Supervisors gives strong consideration to the advisory committee; Regan could remember only one time when the Board did not adopt all of the recommendations of the group. He thanked members for their time and service.

Staffing for the District will be change over the next several months. The Board is considering a number of options to staff the District as a separate special purpose government.

Advisory Committee members suggested that they could be useful in the transition process to a new organizational structure. *We're adept at working on these types of delicate issues. If you involve us early, then we can go to bat for you at the Washington State Legislature when and if you want to make any changes.*

Advisory Committee Background

Brian and Margaret walked the committee through its history: founding legislation; by-laws, and past accomplishments.

A couple of members asked that the “temperature reads” often used to measure the committee’s opinions and perspectives be executed more carefully. They want to make sure the temperature reads are carefully announced in advance, giving members all of the time they need to form their opinions. It was also noted that, in some instances, many of the committee members have left the meeting before the temperature read has been completed. More care should be taken in this regard.

FCD Work Program and Accomplishments

In setting the stage for the upcoming work of the committee, Brian described the Flood District’s work program and accomplishments, as well as a sense of the projects likely to be under consideration in 2013.

Members noted that they appreciated the project ranking/evaluation system that had been used to date, and hope that it will continue to be used in the future.

One of the criteria is related to economics, especially in taking advantage of leveraging federal or other dollars in order to build projects. While this has been an important consideration, some members also noted the importance of weighing the potential economic impacts of projects, for example, if properties in flood plains are purchased and job losses may incur as a result. Property values, taxing, and other implications may also be involved.

All members are encouraged to review the various evaluation criteria used for the project rankings, so they are familiar with the system and key evaluation points before the committee engages in project review.

Subregional Opportunity Fund Success Story

Brian Ward from the City of Bellevue presented the success story of a project that Bellevue has completed through the use of the Subregional Opportunity Fund.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the advisory committee will be on Wednesday, May 1, at the SnoValley Senior Center in Carnation. The meeting time is 2:00-3:30 pm.