

# South Central Action Area Caucus Group Caucus Meeting

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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## AGENDA

Time	Topic	Lead/Action
12:30 – 12:40	Welcome & Introductions	Chair
12:40 – 1:00	Good of the Order Member Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approve October meeting summary</li><li>• Approve updated operating principles</li><li>• Approve updated 2020-2022 workplan</li><li>• Member updates</li><li>• PSP Updates</li></ul>	Chair, facilitator, and Caucus Members <i>Information and decision</i>
1:00 – 2:50	Deep Dive: Land Use & Stormwater <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation from John Brosnan, King County: Overview of King County stormwater planning efforts</li><li>• Presentation from Brandy Reed, King Conservation District: Urban Tree Canopy &amp; Stormwater</li><li>• LIO Discussion:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ What are the efforts around water quality that King County can build capacity around?</li><li>○ If we were to set aside any jurisdictional or funding limitations, what would it look like to make an impact around stormwater?</li><li>○ How to leverage partnerships and build connections?</li></ul></li></ul>	John Brosnan, King County Brandy Reed, King Conservation District
2:50 – 3:00	Wrap-Up & Adjourn	Chair

# South Central Action Area Caucus Group Meeting Summary

October 7, 2020 | 1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

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## Attendees:

### Members and Alternates

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Josh Baldi	King County	Jeannette Dorner	Mid Sound Fisheries & Enhancement Group
Heather Trim	Zero Waste WA	Doug Osterman	WRIA 9
Erika Harris	PSRC	Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz	King County
Margaret Glowacki	City of Seattle	Brandy Reed	King Conservation District
Suzanna Smith	WRIA 9		

### Other Attendees

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Caroline Burney	Cascadia Consulting Group	Alexandra Doty	Puget Sound Partnership
Ruth Bell	Cascadia Consulting Group	Don Gourlie	Puget Sound Partnership
Janne Kaje	King County		

## Welcome and Introductions

Josh Baldi welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

## Action Agenda Updates

Don Gourlie, Puget Sound Partnership, provided an update on the Action Agenda (AA) process. The overall concept of the AA is to align the recovery community around a set of strategic outcomes, strategies, and actions that will drive recovery across the entire landscape.

The goal is to adopt the updated AA in June 2022. The following steps will be completed:

1. Identify priority outcomes for reducing pressures and barriers.
2. Identify multi-benefit strategies to achieve outcomes.
3. Identify actions and commitments that implement strategies.

As of October 2020, PSP was in a process to inventory priority outcomes from all LIO plans and Implementation Strategies (IS). They are looking to identify groupings of outcomes to have a narrower list of priority outcomes.

PSP will provide additional updates at the December caucus meeting.

Discussion:

- An LIO member added that there were a lot of comments at the AA workshop about the groupings. When will PSP provide an update?
  - PSP has already made some edits to the groupings to add additional detail or clarify terms. Additionally, they added that there were many comments about climate change. PSP intends to incorporate climate change across the outcome groupings.

- LIO members suggested sharing a document to summarize the comments received and proposed next steps.
- LIO members asked for clarity around how the AA update will impact the NTA process.
  - Funding will still be available but there will be substantive and procedural updates to the NTA process. Substantive updates will address the issue that there are many priority outcomes for Puget Sound recovery that do not get captured when we PSP does a general ask for NTAs. Procedural updates are intended to respond to feedback that the NTA process feels like busy work. These updates seek to elevate innovative ideas and improve coordination amongst entities.
  - LIO members added that there is value in the NTAs as a regional planning document that can be used to elevate priority outcomes.
    - PSP added that some state funding programs are statutorily required to give preference to things in the AA, or not fund things that are in conflict with things in the AA.
- An LIO member asked how the PSP AA update meshes with individual salmon habitat recovery plans.

### Good of the Order

Seattle provided a clarification on the August meeting summary to clarify Seattle's involvement in stormwater initiatives. Seattle added that the meeting summary was more detailed than previously – in the future will be more general. Brandy Reed moved to approve the August meeting summary, Erika Harris seconded, and all approved.

Caroline Burney shared updates to the [LIO Miradi Plan](#) to map 2018 NTAs onto Results Chains.

PSP updates:

- 15% budget reduction.
  - Training and travel budgets reduced (e.g. not travelling to meetings).
  - Reduction in facilities – moving out of Tacoma office.
- Next ECB meeting is October 28.
- If you know of any social scientists, PSP is seeking new members for the social science advisory committee. The committee meets monthly for 2 hours October - May.

### Operating Principles & Work Plan:

Ruth Bell summarized changes made to the Operating Principles and Work Plan since the August meeting:

- Operating Principles
  - Revised goal of South Central LIO.
  - Clarified membership plan to encourage broad engagement but indicate that decision making falls to active members.
  - Deleted list of active participants because that is a snapshot in time.
  - Clarified that entities have one vote for funding recommendations. The full committee will vote on approval of a subcommittee's funding recommendations.
- Work Plan:

- Revised work plan purpose.
- Added more about the purpose of deep dives to clarify that they are about ‘solving knotty problems’ and enhancing impacts.
- Clarified differences between summits and trainings.
- Removed language around providing seed grants for ECONets. The work plan was edited to clarify that \$10,000 is allocated to ECONet for trainings and symposiums that align with LIO priorities.
- Added timeline at bottom of work plan.

Discussion:

- LIO members noted that given the updates to the NTA process per the AA updates, should we keep the language around the LIO’s role in funding recommendations more general?
  - The funding will still be allocated on an annual basis until 2022 when the AA is adopted. The NTA recommendation process will stay the same.
  - Added note in the work plan to update funding recommendation language when the new AA is adopted.

**Member Updates:**

In preparation for the 2021 work plan, members shared key updates.

- ECONet
  - A lot of ECONet members are participating in trainings offered through King County around social marketing.
  - Ideally, ECONet members would receive PowerPoints from PSP to talk about the work.
- Toxics Summit
  - Stormwater SIAT is planning a summit in early 2021.
  - The summit will include the following topics:
    - What is the state of the science on toxic chemicals?
    - What are solutions, including policy recommendations?
- Shore Friendly
  - King Conservation District contracted with RCO.
  - An MOU for the 5 partners is in progress and the work is moving ahead.
  - Funding will pay for technical assistance (TA) with homeowners to engage around armor removal opportunities.
  - Mid Sound is working to fill positions to start providing TA.
  - KCD is working to build out shared tools for the partners, including a site assessment form and reports.
- Stormwater Strategic Planning & Summit
  - King County has been re-orienting its stormwater programs to be more integrated, effective, and efficient.
  - Planning for an April Stormwater summit which seeks to identify desired outcomes.
  - Dow Constantine will provide more information on this work at the December 17<sup>th</sup> Leadership Council meeting.

- King County intends to take a collaborative, co-designed approach with regional partners, including Washington State, PSP, and implementers to move the needle on stormwater.

**Next Steps:** Coordinate a stormwater deep dive at the December 2 meeting.

### **Wrap-up & Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 2:31 pm.

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# South Central Local Integrating Organization Operating Guidelines

*Revised October 2020*

## Purpose of LIO:

The South Central LIO is one of ten LIOs within the Puget Sound, and is supported by the Puget Sound Partnership (Partnership) through annual contracts for LIO support.

The purpose of the South Central Local Integrating Organization (LIO) is to recover the ecosystem in the South Central Puget Sound area. The LIO will do this, in part, by helping to refine and confirm Action Area priorities and implementation strategies using input from constituents, and to help identify opportunities to become more efficient and effective through coordination and integration of Puget Sound recovery efforts.

## Membership:

When established, the vision of the SC LIO membership was inclusive of broad representation of constituencies including agricultural, environmental, tribal, business, public health, cities, counties, and the Port. Today's goal is still broad representation. To pursue this goal, the LIO will engage, i.e. notify, invite, and follow-up as appropriate, with a broad list of interested parties when hosting deep dive discussions, summits, and EcoNet events. Only actively participating members (attending at least two meetings per year) will be included in decision-making, such as providing input on meeting agendas, approving meeting summaries, and determining funding recommendations.

## Meetings and Meeting Ground Rules:

LIO meetings will:

- Focus on reviewing and acting on timely information and ideas brought forward by work groups/subcommittees, giving further direction to work groups/subcommittees, and crafting outcomes in the form of advice and recommendations to the Partnership.
- Occur at least quarterly, prior to Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB) meetings. As necessary, more frequent meetings may be scheduled.
- Be based on meeting agendas and materials that are distributed in a timely fashion, and at least a week prior to meetings.
- Be planned and managed by the Chair in consultation with supporting staff and work groups/subcommittees.
- Function with LIO members agreeing to interact with each other with respect, and with a focus on trying to find creative, collaborative ways to maximize the interests of each participant.
- Update and inform the action area representative to the Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB).
- Be chaired by the South Central Action Area ECB representative, or other LIO member as designated by the group.

- Operate transparently, including regular communication with constituencies, use of email distribution lists for materials and meeting announcements, etc.
- Communicate constituent concerns and input with LIO and communicate LIO discussions with constituents.

## Creation of work groups/subcommittees:

The LIO may decide to form work groups/subcommittees, comprised of interested LIO participants, on specific topics or issues to enable more detailed discussion or development of a draft work product in preparation for presenting it to the full LIO.

## Decisions:

Decisions will be made with efficiency and fairness. LIO participants recognize there is a direct relationship between the strength of local implementation of the Action Agenda and the number of participants who can agree on recommendations and advice to the Partnership for local implementation of the Action Agenda. Therefore, the LIO will strive for consensus on advice and recommendations to the Partnership. Consensus will be defined as the lack of dissent.

In the absence of consensus, a majority of members present at any meeting of the LIO will prevail. Minority opinions, along with the reason for the dissent, will be noted in any advice or recommendations submitted to the Partnership. The Chair will be responsible for gauging the degree of consensus, and for calling the question to vote. The LIO may authorize the Chair to communicate advice and recommendations to the Partnership on its behalf, expressing the concerns, desires, and opinions of the LIO regarding local implementation of the Action Agenda.

## Funding Recommendations\*:

Once per year, according to EPA's current funding model, the LIO provides Near Term Action (NTA) funding recommendations to the Strategic Initiative Advisory Teams (SIATs). In order to make these recommendations, members of the LIO volunteer to serve on a subcommittee. The subcommittee establishes criteria, reviews, scores, and ranks the NTA proposals to identify the top 10-15. Scoring and ranking is done by applying a numerical score using a scale agreed upon by subcommittee members; criteria are also agreed upon by subcommittee members. NTA "owners", or LIO members who represent the organization that proposed the NTA, recuse themselves from the scoring exercise for their organization's NTA. In addition, only one vote is allowed per represented entity (rather than one vote per member). The scored and ranked NTAs could serve as the list for making funding recommendations for the subsequent three years of funding. The full LIO, including all active participants, will vote on final approval of the subcommittee's recommendations.

Each year, before submitting NTA funding recommendations, the LIO coordinates with the SIATs to solicit updates on the top ranked NTAs. The updated project information is shared with the LIO. If the NTA owner is no longer actively seeking funding, the NTA is removed from the list. The LIO can recommend the remaining active NTAs in the order in which they appear on the scored and ranked list.

# South Central LIO Work Plan: 2020 - 2022

*Updated October 2020*

## Work Plan Purpose

The purpose of the South Central Local Integrating Organization (LIO) Work Plan is to identify the activities that will align member priorities and create a collective impact to support watershed based recovery of Puget Sound. The South Central LIO Recovery Plan outlines recovery goals within the watershed. This work plan outlines the tasks that will lead the LIO to achieving those recovery goals.

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Several sources inform the South Central Action Area LIO's list of potential actions for the 2020-2022 work plan: the June 3 South Central LIO Caucus Meeting, the suite of Near Term Actions (NTAs) developed for the 2018-2022 Action Agenda, and the requirements of the LIO Coordination contract with the Partnership that funds LIO coordination and activities.

This document presents draft proposals for a work plan that 1) advanced the LIO membership's goals to achieve watershed recovery, and 2) fulfills the contract requirements.

## Goals

The draft goals for the 2020 work plan are as follows:

- Continue to use the South Central Action Area LIO meetings as a forum to share information, i.e. deep dives to gain insight into innovative local approaches to advance Puget Sound recovery.
- Continue to work at the regional level to ensure the LIO's voice is heard on important topics, i.e. providing input on the EPA funding model and the Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB) Funding Strategy recommendations.
  - The LIO envisions advancing regional recovery through several potential channels including coordinating summits and reengaging with Education, Communication, and Outreach Network (ECO Net).
  - More details on these activities are included under Task 5.
- Continue to make progress on the South Central LIO Ecosystem Recovery Plan and create measurable strategies to advance recovery plan goals.
- Fulfill our contractual requirements, especially those related to updating the local Action Agenda pressures, NTAs, and performance measures.

More details on the above goals are provided in the Task descriptions below.

## Tasks

- LIO tasks are to be organized by topic such as shoreline armoring, stormwater, or land use and cover.



- The LIO may choose to focus on one topic per year and decide as a Committee which tasks are best suited to move the needle on the chosen topic.
- For example, the LIO may continue coordination and partnerships on shoreline armoring. The LIO will determine goals, strategies, and tactics to continue to advance restoration of South Central shorelines. Supported by LIO Contract Task 1.1 and 5.1.

More information on the proposed tasks are below:

### Deep Dives

- Continue to use the South Central Action Area LIO meetings as a forum to consider challenges and identify potential solutions that would make progress toward Puget Sound recovery.
  - Work with LIO committee members to determine which local organizations to engage and present on their work about the chosen topic.
  - Coordinate presentations and distribution of follow-up resources and outcomes from deep dive speakers.
- See *Appendix A: South Central LIO Shoreline Armoring Implementation Matrix* for an example of follow-up resources generated by deep dives.

### Summits and Trainings:

- Inform and Educate local decision makers on work of the LIO<sup>1</sup>
  - Work with LIO committee members to determine opportunities to inform and educate local decision makers on the work of the LIO, including the LIO Plan and associated gaps and barriers.
  - Topics to be determined by LIO members. Examples may include: 1) enforcement and compliance; 2) regulatory inconsistencies and lag between old and new regulation adoption; 3) policy effectiveness ; 4) ecosystem services valuation; 5) policy maker and elected official engagement; 6) sufficiency of current laws (to match local needs, equitably;; 7) policy incentives

### EcoNet:

Allocate up to \$10,000 to support Local Outreach Network (ex. ECO Net) within the LIO area to advance and catalyze implementation of LIO Plan priority public engagement and awareness raising. Funds could be used to organize an ECO Net symposium, with the purpose of gathering all partners in the LIO area (including local outreach network partners, LEs, LIO partners) who are implementing behavior change projects or programs to share successes, discuss challenges or barriers, and to provide networking and collaboration opportunities.

## Timeline: Oct 1, 2020 to Sept 30, 2021

### Q4 2020

Quarterly 1-hour LIO business meeting  
Land use and stormwater 2-hour deep dive session

<sup>1</sup> Any work under this subtask must strictly adhere to policy outlined in [Lobbying CFR 200.450](#).

## Q1 2021

Quarterly 1-hour LIO business meeting  
Land use and stormwater 2-hour deep dive session

## Q2 2021

Support King County Stormwater Summit, April  
Host EcoNet Summit in coordination with Stormwater Summit?  
Quarterly 1-hour LIO business meeting

## Q3 2021

Quarterly 1-hour LIO business meeting  
2-hour deep dive session: TBD

## Appendix A: South Central LIO Shoreline Armoring Implementation Matrix

The table below outlines key programs being implemented by partners in the watershed, and actions that can be taken by the LIO or individual members to leverage the work and create a collective impact.

Program	Next Steps	LIO action?	Individual member action?	Coordinator Follow Up Items	Follow Up Date
<b>City of Seattle SMP Updates</b>	Maggie to share City of Seattle SMP update language	See follow up	Share Seattle's updated SMP language with permitting departments	Check in on implementation of updated SMPs	End of 2020
<b>WA Department of Ecology</b>	Ongoing implementation and compliance; Equipping local governments with the tools	Ongoing engagement with Ecology	Connect Sydney and ECY staff with permitting departments or intended audience	Engage Sydney at LIO meetings	Ongoing
<b>WA Sea Grant Needs Assessment-Coastal Processes Design</b>	Nicole to share results from needs assessment as available	Ongoing engagement with WA Sea Grant	Forward Shoreline and Coastal Planners Group webinars to planning departments	Check in on needs assessment	Fall 2020
<b>Vashon Island Basin Steward</b>	Identify public lands for shoreline restoration programs	Engage Habitat SI around private vs public shoreline armoring removed/permitted	Coordinate with Parks departments and other agencies to identify feasible lands for SA removal/softening		
<b>King County Shoreline Monitoring</b>	Ongoing engagement with planning groups		WRIA 8 & 9- consider facilitating quarterly meetings with local planners (example from WRIA 7)  Habitat SI- regular engagement with Kollin to discuss updates to shoreline armoring removed/permitted		

Program	Next Steps	LIO action?	Individual member action?	Coordinator Follow Up Items	Follow Up Date
<b>Shore Friendly</b>	Coordination with GMA groups to elevate Shore Friendly with planning directors and ensure permitting staff	Consider how to build capacity for Shore Friendly program	Coordination amongst permitting staff and Shore Friendly to facilitate early referrals during permitting process (example from Kitsap County)	Check in on status and implementation (after contract initiated) to determine additional opportunities for the LIO to leverage shore friendly efforts	Summer/Fall 2020
<b>Shoreline Armoring IS</b>	Advancing implementation of the IS; Connecting with organizations to meet shared watershed and regional priorities	Ongoing engagement with IS	Continue advancing actions aligned with IS	Follow up with South Central LIO on items above, identify opportunities for sharing successes with other LIO areas?	