

**Snoqualmie Watershed Forum**  
**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**March 16, 2005**  
**7:00-9:00 p.m.**  
**Carnation City Hall, Carnation**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

William Harper	Citizen Representative
Bill Knutsen	Citizen Representative
Heather Page	City of Duvall Councilmember
Bill Paulsen	City of Carnation Councilmember
Charles Peterson	City of Snoqualmie Councilmember
Gary Roberts	Citizen Representative

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

David Irons	King County Councilmember Alternate
Kathy Lambert	King County Councilmember
Stuart Lisk	City of Carnation Councilmember
Mark Sollitto	City of North Bend Councilmember
Matt Stone	City of Snoqualmie Alternate

**MEETING PROCEEDINGS:**

**Introductions and Announcements**

Heather Page chaired the meeting. Sandy Kilroy, Snoqualmie Watershed Coordinator, announced the final phase of the Snoqualmie Valley Trail project. On February 17<sup>th</sup>, the third trail art installation and interpretive signs were unveiled at Meadowbrook Park in Snoqualmie. 50 people attended the opening and the Seattle Times did a great story and photo the following day.

**Snohomish River Basin Salmon Conservation Plan Update**

Sandy Kilroy, Snoqualmie Watershed Coordinator, gave a brief overview of the Salmon Plan timeline and status of commitments. The final draft of the Salmon Plan will be available at the end of March. The Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Forum will review the final draft on April 7. This draft incorporates comments from the fall 2004 including mainstem goals split by for Snoqualmie and Skykomish Rivers, goals for the tributaries, revised policy section, water quantity recommendations, and monitoring and adaptive management sections. Final changes will be made if needed and the plan will be approved in June. On March 14<sup>th</sup>, the City of Snoqualmie passed its resolution stating commitments and conditions for Plan implementation. City of North Bend and King County have each passed committee resolutions and motions, respectively.

### **King Conservation District Grant Program**

Perry Falcone, Forum Project Coordinator, presented the status of open King Conservation District (KCD) grants in the Snoqualmie Watershed. Twenty-two of thirty-eight projects have been completed since 1998. The Forum recognized the significant success of the KCD grant process but is also interested in reviewing projects yearly in order to foster project completion. The Forum discussed and reviewed four open projects.

- The Forum agreed to provide an extension until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005 for North Bend's Flood Consistency Project. If the project is not completed, the funds will be returned to KCD for reallocation in 2006.
- The Forum agreed to provide an extension until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005 for Carnation's Tolt River Acquisitions project. If the project is not completed, the funds will be returned to KCD for reallocation in 2006.
- The Forum agreed to allow until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005 to sign a grant agreement for King County's Habitat Project Restoration Design project. If the project is not completed, the funds will be returned to KCD for reallocation in 2006.
- The Forum requested that King County send a written cancellation of the NE 52<sup>nd</sup> Place Culvert Replacement Project approved by the Forum in 2004. The \$30,000 will be reallocated in the 2005 grant cycle. At this time, the County and the Forum recognize this is a good project but it is not likely to move forward this year.

The Forum's KCD ranking committee will review the 2005 KCD grant proposals on April 7<sup>th</sup> and make a recommendation to the Forum. In May, the Forum will review the 2005 KCD grant proposals and make the final KCD grant allocation for approximately \$360,000 of funding.

### **New Inter-local Agreement Discussion**

Sandy Kilroy led a discussion of the Forum's potential new inter-local agreement (ILA). The current ILA is set to expire at the end of 2005.

### **Forum Mission and Roles**

The Forum reviewed the Draft Mission and Roles developed at the February Retreat. The Forum discussed the difficulty in managing water quantity in the watershed and maintaining restoration projects. The Forum also identified habitat and water quality as important areas that the Forum has influence.

- The Forum made a motion and second to approve the new Mission and Roles for a future ILA, with the addition of a role in promoting maintenance of habitat restoration projects. The Forum voted unanimously to approve the document.

### **Forum Membership**

The Forum reviewed the Forum's membership and discussed the possibility of expanding membership to additional entities such as the Town of Skykomish, City of Sammamish, the Snoqualmie Tribe, and the City of Seattle. The City of Sammamish was only formed in 2000 and was not interested in 2000 when the first ILA was signed. The Town of

Skykomish being so small and far from the Snoqualmie did not join in 2000. The Snoqualmie Tribe gained federal recognition in 1999 and recently joined the Snoqualmie Valley Governments Association. The City of Seattle was being considered since they draw 40% of their water supply from the Tolt River and is a major landowner in the watershed.

- The Forum made a motion and second to send a written invitation to the City of Sammamish and Town of Skykomish inviting them to join the Forum during the next ILA. The Forum voted unanimously to approve the motion.
- The Forum made a motion and second to invite the Snoqualmie Tribe to be a member of the Forum and directed staff to begin necessary discussions. The Forum voted unanimously to approve the motion.
- The Forum discussed but there was no consensus to invite City of Seattle to join the Forum at this time. It was recognized that they most likely would be eligible to join the Forum at future date if appropriate.

#### Forum Service Provision

The Forum reviewed several options for staff service provision for the future potential ILA. The options for organizations to provide Forum staffing included King County (status quo), a different jurisdiction in the watershed, a non-profit organization, or a private consultant. The Forum discussed various advantages and disadvantages of each option. The Forum generally supported the status quo but was interested in how overhead costs would be covered in a new ILA.

- The Forum made a motion and second to continue with King County as a service provider under a new ILA. The Forum voted unanimously to approve the motion. The Forum agreed to send a letter to King County expressing this intent and requesting the initiation of discussions on necessary terms.

Since King County and North Bend were not represented at the meeting, Forum members decided to consult the members of these jurisdictions. As long as these members had no objection, the membership and service provider decisions would stand.

#### Public Comment

Bill Knutsen presented the Forum with copies of the Washington Farm Bureau's Spring 2005 magazine. The magazine highlighted activities the Farm Bureau is engaged in including native plantings and environmental stewardship.

Perry Falcone announced a Naturescaping workshop in Carnation on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. This free workshop encourages landowners to use native plants on their property and provides opportunities to salvage free plants from sites that are slated for development. The program is sponsored by King County DNRP, Seattle Public Utilities and Quadrant Homes.

The next meeting will be on May 18th.

**Meeting Handouts:**

- Agenda
- Discussion of Open Snoqualmie Watershed King Conservation District Grants
- 2005 Status of King Conservation District (KCD) Projects in the Snoqualmie Watershed
- Draft Mission and Roles 3-9-05
- ILA Renegotiation Items for March 16, 2005 Meeting
- ILA Service Provider Options