

**Snoqualmie Watershed Forum  
MEETING SUMMARY**

**July 20, 2005**

**Watershed Project Tour 5:00-7:00pm & Meeting 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Meadowbrook Farm Interpretive Center, North Bend**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bill Paulsen	City of Carnation Councilmember
Charles Peterson	City of Snoqualmie Councilmember
Matt Stone	City of Snoqualmie Alternate
William Harper	Citizen Representative
Bill Knutsen	Citizen Representative
Gary Roberts	Citizen Representative

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Kathy Lambert	King County Councilmember
Stuart Lisk	City of Carnation Councilmember
Heather Page	City of Duvall
City of North Bend	

**WATERSHED PROJECT TOUR:**

Forum members visited three projects sites in the Upper Watershed-area including:

Gardiner Creek Restoration Project was located in North Bend. Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust (MTSGT) and the City of North Bend are controlling invasive plants and restoring the riparian area along 1600 feet of the creek. Tor MacIlroy (MTSGT) and Sean MacDougall (King County Noxious Weeds) presented strategies for riparian restoration and noxious weed control. The Forum members expressed interest in facilitating low cost restoration projects and efficient long-term maintenance to ensure success.

Kimball Creek Restoration Phase II Project was located in Snoqualmie. MTS GT and the City of Snoqualmie are planting 600 linear feet of the creek at the confluence with the Snoqualmie River. There was also a demonstration of a knotweed pesticide applicator. The Forum members expressed interest in the watershed-wide concept of controlling knotweed.

Raging River Preston Reach Floodplain Reconnection Project was located along Preston-Fall City Road. King County will remove 1300 feet of levee, giving the river access to 7 acres of floodplain habitat. Kirk Anderson and Kollin Higgins presented the complex process that a large capital improvement project goes through from planning to construction to monitoring. The Forum members expressed interest in discussing how King Conservation District grants can be better used to facilitate important capital improvement projects.

## **MEETING PROCEEDINGS:**

### **Introductions and Announcements**

Matt Stone, Acting Forum Chair, opened the meeting with introductions. Sandy Kilroy, Snoqualmie Watershed Coordinator, announced that all of the 2005 King Conservation District (KCD) grants recommended by the Forum in May were approved by the KCD Board. In addition, the Snohomish River Basin Salmon Conservation Plan was adopted by the Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Forum and all of the member jurisdictions. The Plan was included in the Draft Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan submitted to NOAA in June. NOAA will put a notice in the Federal Register in September and hold a 60-day comment period.

Saffa Bardaro, Forum staff, announced that new watershed interpretive signage will be placed at Fall City Riverfront Park. Future outreach projects include a watershed brochure and a watershed photo poster contest. New staff members were introduced including Maureen Dahlstrom, Forum staff and Lauren Bradstreet, City of Snoqualmie planner.

Matt Stone and other Forum members praised Mark Sollitto's efforts and commitment to protecting and restoring the Snoqualmie Watershed. Mark has served as the Forum chair for 3.5 years and been a member since 2000. Mark was presented with gifts and a cake in celebration of his service.

### **New Interlocal Agreement (ILA)**

Sandy Kilroy presented a list of decision items that required Forum resolution before the new ILA could be approved at the Forum's September meeting. The Forum approved all remaining changes to the new Interlocal Agreement. The Forum's main decisions included:

- Renewing for another 5-year term,
- Continuing with the existing 3 citizen ex-officio members
- Considering inviting the KCD as an ex-officio member and discussing modifying the ILA to be open to considering other special districts
- Changing the voting section to allow citizen member participation in consensus decisions
- Adjusting language to allow future involvement of the Snoqualmie Tribe.
- Establishing a Memorandum of Understanding between the Forum and the KC Department of Natural Resources and Parks as the service provider.

The Forum directed staff to work on ILA language to allow the Forum to invite additional ex-officio members at a later date. At the September meeting the Forum is expected to approve the Final ILA and transmit it to the cities and King County with a recommendation for adoption. Staff will work with each jurisdiction to get this scheduled on Council meetings in October.

**King Conservation District Special Assessment**

The KCD is meeting on July 27 to have their final discussion on the recommended reauthorization of the assessment before submitting the request and their recommendation to the King County Council by August 1. The Council has until December 31 to take action. The details of the recommendation are not known and it is not yet known when KC Council will take action. Thanks to all jurisdictions for sending comment letters on this issue. We will continue to update you and alert you of the need for additional involvement.

The next meeting will be on September 21, 2005.