

Snoqualmie Watershed Forum
MEETING SUMMARY
November 15, 2006
Meeting 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Snoqualmie Fire Station

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Paulsen	City of Carnation Councilmember
Kathy Lambert	King County Councilmember
Ross Laudenback	City of North Bend Councilmember
Charles Peterson	City of Snoqualmie Councilmember
Matt Stone	City of Snoqualmie (alternate)
Gary Roberts	Citizen Representative
William Harper	Citizen Representative
Bill Knutsen	Citizen Representative

MEETING PROCEEDINGS:

Welcome and Announcements

- **New Staff:** Yvette Lizée-Smith introduced the newest member of the Snoqualmie Forum staff team, Janne Kaje. Janne will serve as the Technical Specialist and Program Development Lead for both the Snoqualmie Forum ILA (50%) and King County (50%). Janne previously served as senior Fisheries Biologist and Project Manager with Steward and Associates. He brings diverse experience in habitat restoration planning, instream flow modeling and assessment, environmental impact analysis, and environmental compliance reporting.
- **Flood Event:** Yvette provided a brief update on the November 2006 flood event, based on her discussions with Tom Bean of King County's River and Floodplain Management Unit. Based on preliminary data, areas above the Falls experienced about a 25-year event. Areas below the falls experienced between 20-year (Raging River) and 50-year (Carnation) flood levels. The area at the Falls showed a 10-year event. These estimates were deemed preliminary and might be adjusted as new data became available.
- **Planting Events:** Yvette announced planting events at Full Circle Farm and the casino site.
Action: Staff were asked to request updated flood data from the Rivers and Floodplain Management Unit as it becomes available.

Matt Stone's Departure and Recognition

- Bill Paulsen announced that Matt Stone will be moving out of County and will therefore be stepping down from the Forum, effective 2007. Matt was presented with a certificate and framed poster in appreciation for his years of contribution to the Forum.
- Bill Paulsen recognized Matt's long service with the Snoqualmie Forum and his instrumental role in building the Forum during its early years of formation.

- Charles Peterson expressed appreciation for Matt's active involvement and immense contribution to the City of Snoqualmie – as both a citizen and former councilmember. He also noted that Matt (a skilled craftsman) created the wood frames for the artwork in the Snoqualmie Fire Hall's conference room.

Review September 20 Meeting Summary

- The Forum approved the meeting summary for the September 20, 2006 meeting in Preston.
Action: Staff were asked to forward the following materials to Councilmember Lambert: (1) past Forum comments on the Flood Hazard Management Plan and (2) materials from staff research on alternative work crews.

2006 Snoqualmie Accomplishments

- Perry Falcone presented key accomplishments under the Forum's 2006 Work Program. Among these accomplishments the Forum:
 - Approved 13 projects for King Conservation District grants totaling \$813,514.
 - Provided comments on the King County Flood Hazard Management Plan and coordinated analysis on fish/flood overlaps.
 - Provided grant writing services for watershed partners on 4 proposals.
 - Implemented various activities aimed at improving project maintenance on riparian projects including: research on alternative work crews, a maintenance workshop, and the financing of on-the-ground maintenance work on high-need projects.
 - Implemented various outreach and education activities including: the production of *Snoqualmie 2015*, the production and installation of interpretive signs in Fall City's Quigley Park, the distribution of Snoqualmie Watershed posters, the production of fish/farm posters for the Harvest Celebration, and school outreach at the Seattle Salmon Homecoming event.

2006 Budget Update

- Yvette provided a year-end budget projection factoring fixed costs, planned spending on existing projects, and assumptions related to hours loaned in from partial staff housed in other units. Based on current projections, the Snoqualmie Forum is estimated to have about \$60,000 in funds to allocate to special year-end projects previously identified for potential funding.
- The Forum reviewed and discussed the list of potential year-end projects. The top 10 projects on the list were identified as potentially being done using the balance of dollars.
- Decision: The Forum authorized staff to proceed in developing and funding (as feasible) the top 10 projects on the proposed project list using remaining 2006 dollars. The projects included: collection of baseline data for the 2006 Carlin Levee Removal project; contracting for a 2007 classroom education program; 10-year floodplain mapping; production and installation of Salmon Bearing Stream signs; a Snoqualmie Summit; a King County Cross-WRIA meeting; production of laminated maps; production of interpretive signs for Three Forks Natural Area; funding to the Tulalip Tribe for operation of Snoqualmie screw trap.

Puget Sound Partnership Update

- Yvette gave an update on the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) initiative. PSP asked the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council (PSSRC) to work with watershed forums in the Sound to develop a list of high priority salmon recovery projects to be included in a wider PSP budget submission for the coming legislative session. As a guide, PSSRC was given a sound-wide salmon recovery funding target of \$100 million over 3 years.
- In response, individual watershed groups were asked to submit basin-specific project lists to PSSRC by October 23, 2006. Each watershed was given a sub-funding target to work towards. Snohomish Basin's was \$7.2 million over 3 years.
- Yvette reviewed the list of 13 projects compiled by Snohomish Basin, which included 8 projects based wholly or partly in the Snoqualmie Watershed. The list is not final. There will be opportunities to make adjustments should funding becomes available.

2007 Forum Meeting Schedule

- Yvette presented the 2007 meeting schedule. As in the past, six meetings are scheduled next year. They will be held on the 3rd Thursday of odd-numbered months. Venues may change.

Decision: The Forum approved the 2007 Meeting Schedule.

King Counservation District (KCD) Assessment

- Yvette Lizée-Smith and Bill Knutsen provided an update on the KCD 2007 special assessment. King County Council and the KCD Board of Supervisors have initiated negotiations on the assessment in order to seek a common resolution. The discussions recently hit a wall, but further progress is expected.
- The Forum discussed the possibility of sending a letter to King County Council to help move discussions forward. A decision was taken to wait, pending further developments.

Public Comment

- Bill Paulsen invited comments from the public.
- The Forum was asked whether they could help advise local Valley residents (particularly new residents) on how to deal with floods and other hazards – including basic issues such as where to bring their cars and ways to store chemicals and fuel tanks to prevent environmental contamination during floods.
- Prior to closing, Councilmember Kathy Lambert offered two updates: (1) King County Council approved \$75,000 in barn restoration financing county-wide. (2) King County Council will be reviewing ordinances related to critter pads. If you have comments please contact Kathy.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held on January 17, 2007 at the Duvall Fire Hall.