

**Snoqualmie Watershed Forum**  
**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**May 17, 2006**  
**Meeting 7:00-9:00 p.m.**  
**Carnation City Hall**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ross Laudenback	City of North Bend Councilmember
Bill Paulsen	City of Carnation Councilmember
Dianne Brudnicki	City of Duvall Councilmember
Charles Peterson	City of Snoqualmie Councilmember
Gary Roberts	Citizen Representative
William Harper	Citizen Representative
Bill Knutsen	Citizen Representative

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Kathy Lambert	King County Councilmember
Stuart Lisk	City of Carnation Councilmember
Ray Mullen	Snoqualmie Tribe Councilmember
Matt Stone	City of Snoqualmie Alternate

**MEETING PROCEEDINGS:**

**Introductions and Announcements**

Forum staff provided the following updates:

- The final *Flood Hazard Management Plan* has been printed. Staff from King County's Rivers and Flood Management unit are preparing an information sheet with further details on levee setbacks for the July 19<sup>th</sup> Forum meeting.
- Approximately half of the 1,000 Snoqualmie Watershed Posters were distributed between January and April 2006. The breakdown of recipients includes: citizens requests (250), schools and libraries (100), Forum partners (100) and public meetings (50).
- Forum staff prepared a handout listing 1998-2005 projects that received King Conservation District (KCD) grants through the Snoqualmie Forum for distribution at the April KCD assessment meetings. Copies are available upon request.

**Developments Related to Watershed Funding**

- Yvette Lizée-Smith provided an update on regional watershed funding. Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) funds have dropped in 2006. Snohomish Basin is expected to receive \$400,000-600,000 this year, down from \$1,000,000 in 2005. The decline is due to two things: (1) Puget Sounds' portion of the SRFB dollars has decreased from 65% to 45% this year.

(2) SRFB allocated over half its biennial funds in 2005, thus leaving less for this year. SRFB funds are expected to increase slightly in 2007 with the start of their new biennial budget.

- Yvette noted that Shared Strategy and the Puget Sound Partnership may open doors for new regional funding. Staff will notify the Forum of opportunities to advocate for such funding.
- Bill Knutsen provided an update on the KCD 2007 special assessment. Bill advised that KCD is currently preparing its 2007 assessment proposal. Some program changes are expected. KCD will hold public comment sessions in mid-June to seek input on the proposal.

### 2006 King Conservation District (KCD) Grant Recommendations

- **2006 KCD grant funds:** Perry Falcone confirmed the status of funding for the 2006 grant round. The Forum has about \$813,514 in available KCD funds in 2006 – including \$667,514 in new assessment dollars and an expected \$146,000 in returned funds from North Bend (Flood Regulations Consistency Project) and Carnation (Tolt River Acquisition).

Of the \$813,514 available for allocation, \$80,000 has been earmarked for the Forum staff support grant pending finalization of the budget. This leaves \$733,514 for allocation to projects.

- **Review of 2006 KCD applications and recommendations:** Perry reviewed each of the projects submitted for 2006 funding. He then presented the project ratings and recommendations from the review committee.

Decision: The Forum approved 13 projects for KCD grant funding. These projects will be submitted to the KCD Board for final approval. See list in Attachment A.

- The top 11 projects listed were approved for full funding.
- Snoqualmie Hills Restoration project was granted a partial allocation of \$14,500 (for the restoration portion of their request) pending submission of a revised application.
- The Byers Property Restoration received a partial allocation of \$23,044 (the balance of available funds).

### Snoqualmie Project Maintenance

- **Research on Alternative Crews:** Forum staff presented findings from their research on community service and inmate crews as requested at the March 15<sup>th</sup> Forum meeting. Staff will investigate possibilities of integrating such crews into maintenance activities (and existing crews) in 2007.
- **2006 Project Maintenance:** Yvette explained that most professional crews have limited crew days left for 2006 and must be booked soon if the Forum wishes to use 2005 budget savings to finance backlog maintenance projects this year (as recommended at the March 15, 2006 Forum meeting). Forum staff would require the Forum's authorization to move forward on this issue.

Decision: The Forum authorized staff to use 2005 budget savings to coordinate and finance 2006 maintenance work.

- **Maintenance Workshop:** Building on the previous two items, Yvette announced that staff will be holding a maintenance workshop in June. The workshop will bring together key stewardship partners in the Snoqualmie Watershed to: 1) discuss how to best finance maintenance over the long term, 2) prioritize projects on the maintenance needs list, and 3) investigate possibilities of enhancing existing crews with community service or inmate crews.

#### **Public Comment**

- Bill Paulsen invited comment from participants.
- Mary Lou White from Washington Trout wished to clarify that KCD funding for the Shared Goats project would allow implementation on one site in the Snoqualmie Watershed and additional grants would allow implementation on multiple sites.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will include a tour of restoration projects on private/agricultural lands in the Carnation area. It will be held on July 19, 2006 from 5-9 pm. The location is being confirmed.



## ATTACHMENT A

### Snoqualmie Watershed Forum - 2006 King Conservation District Grant Recommendations

Rank	Project Proposal	Applicant	Amount Requested	<u>Grant Recommendation to KCD Board</u>
1	Lower Tolt Floodplain Reconnection Project – Construction Phase	King County	\$100,000	\$100,000
2	Cherry Creek/Mainstem Snoqualmie River Relict Channel Restoration	Washington Trout	\$50,000	\$50,000
3	Duvall Reach Floodplain Habitat Enhancement – Phase 2	Stilly-Snohomish Task Force	\$49,750	\$49,750
4	Riparian Plantings on Snoqualmie Agriculture Lands (Phase 3)	King County	\$40,000	\$40,000
5	Snoqualmie Watershed Priority Habitat Acquisitions	King County	\$100,000	\$100,000
6	Chinook Bend Levee Removal Design	King County	\$50,000	\$50,000
7	Upper Snoqualmie Restoration Site Maintenance/Plant Establishment	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	\$26,220	\$26,220
8	Ribary Creek Restoration - Phase 2	City of North Bend	\$42,000	\$42,000
9	Snoqualmie Restoration and Maintenance Crew	Stewardship Partners	\$41,900	\$41,900
10	Riverfront Property Acquisition	City of Snoqualmie	\$120,000	\$120,000
11	Frykholm Property Acquisition	City of Duvall	\$76,100	\$76,100
12	Byers Property Restoration	King County	\$40,000	\$23,044 <b>(Partial allocation)</b>
13	2006 Tree Salvage Project Phase 2	King County	\$24,442	
14	Meadowbrook Farm Restoration Action Plan	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	\$39,090	
15	Shared Goats for Snoqualmie Pilot Project	Washington Trout	\$50,000	
16	Snoqualmie Hills Restoration	Snoqualmie Tribe	\$29,502	\$14,500 <b>(Partial allocation)</b>
17	Preliminary Bank Stabilization and Restoration Design Study for Sandy Cove Park	City of Snoqualmie	\$74,525	