

WRIA 8 Management Committee Recommendations: Salmon Recovery Council Leadership and Membership

November 19, 2015

1. Salmon Recovery Council leadership recommendation:

- SRC Chair – Andy Rheaume, City of Bothell Councilmember
- SRC Vice Chair – John Stokes, City of Bellevue Councilmember

Background

At the end of 2015 current SRC Chair, Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember, will retire. Current SRC Vice Chair, Andy Rheaume, City of Bothell Councilmember and John Stokes, City of Bellevue Councilmember, expressed interest in serving as SRC Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. No other SRC members came forward seeking either position.

2. Salmon Recovery Council membership recommendation:

- Add Forterra as a nonprofit stakeholder member to the SRC

Background

In 2015, the Friends of the Cedar River Watershed closed its doors as an organization, which left a vacant nonprofit stakeholder member seat at the Salmon Recovery Council table. Forterra, formerly Cascade Land Conservancy, expressed interest in filling this vacancy and joining the SRC as a stakeholder member. Forterra is a regional leader in land protection, habitat restoration, and promoting sustainable communities. In WRIA 8, they have played a critical role in the Cedar River Stewardship in Action program partnership to control knotweed and restore riparian areas in the Cedar River basin.