

## SNOQUALMIE BASIN TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

### MEETING SUMMARY THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2007 CARNATION CITY HALL

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#### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting to order shortly after 1:30 and introductions were made.

#### 2. King County Flood Control Zone District Formation Update

An update was provided on the King County Flood Control Zone District and highlighted Ordinance 15728 which was adopted by the King County Council on April 16, 2007. The ordinance had had full bipartisan support of the Council. Key points included:

- Creation of the King County Food Control Zone District (KCFCZD).
- Establishment of a fifteen-member Advisory Committee made up of:
  - Elected official from the cities of Carnation, Snoqualmie, North Bend, Bellevue, Seattle, Renton, Tukwila, Kent and Auburn (permanent seats);
  - The King County Executive (permanent seat);
  - Four rotating seats to be recommended by the Suburban Cities Association (2-year rotating seats);
  - One seat to be recommended by the county's six Unincorporated Areas Councils. Since some of the UACs are rural and others are urban, this position will rotate between rural and urban areas (2-year rotating seats).

The ordinance did not establish a levy rate to fund the new countywide flood control zone district. This should happen in conjunction with the budget process during the fall of 2007.

A first step being taken by King County toward the implementation of the KCFCZD is the creation of Basin Technical Committees (BTCs) for each of the major river basins in King

County. These Basin Technical Committees have been formed for the South Fork Skykomish, Snoqualmie, Cedar/Sammamish, Green/Duwamish, and White River basins.

Links to ordinances 15673 and 15728 can be found at:

<http://www.metrokc.gov/mkcc/floodplan/index.htm>

### **3. Basin Technical Committee Work Program, Timeline and General Ground Rules for April – June 2007**

The BTC's work plan and timeline (yellow colored paper) was distributed that describes the role of the BTC for the current and upcoming meetings.

An earlier ordinance (15673, passed January 16, 2007) which adopted the 2006 King County Flood Hazard Management Plan, identified the need to have the countywide flood control zone district address subregional flood risk and infrastructure needs on tributaries and in local jurisdictions.

The role of the BTCs over the next few months will be to concur on a CIP list for the basin so that the Advisory Committee can make a complete funding recommendation to the King County Council, which by state law is the Board of Supervisors for the District. By ordinance, the Advisory Committee must transmit its funding recommendation to Board of Supervisors by August 31<sup>st</sup> of each year so that it can be folded into King County's annual budget process.

The Advisory Committee will hold its first meeting on May 17, 2007 but will not need the CIP information from the BTCs until mid June of 2007. The progress of the five BTCs will be compiled into a single district CIP work program by district (county) staff prior to the June Advisory Committee meeting.

The Committee discussed the likelihood that the BTC would eventually need formal operating rules, but agreed (by consensus with no minority opinions expressed) that with the tight time line over the next few months, the group would operate primarily on a consensus basis for the time being.

The Committee further discussed the role of the BTC with respect to the project list and prioritization criteria. Issue discussed included:

- King County has provided an initial project list and sequencing (buff colored handout) based on the policies in the 2006 King County Flood Hazard Management Plan and the criteria presented in the associated criteria sheet.
- While the pressing, short term task that the BTC needs to address is agreement on the CIP list for the basin, the BTC's job does not necessarily end after the district CIP list is forwarded to the Advisory Committee. The BTC is expected to continue to review and help develop annual CIP funding recommendations as well as share and discuss operating and programmatic issues.

- Additional aspects of the long-term role and operational protocols of the BTCs still need to be developed and agreed upon.
- While the BTC will provide input regarding project prioritization and sequencing, it will ultimately be incumbent upon the Advisory Committee to make the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.
- District staff will be tasked with combining recommendations from the five BTCs for transmittal to the Advisory Committee.

#### **4. Criteria for KCFCZD Project Selection and Criteria**

A document was distributed (blue colored paper) describing the criteria and policies used to screen and initially prioritize projects described in the 2006 King County Flood Hazard Management Plan. The two primary policies from the Flood Plan are *Policy G-2: Flood Risks* and *Policy PROJ-1: Prioritizing Flood Hazard Risks*.

The Committee discussed project prioritization and sequencing, including:

- The distinction between project prioritization as a function of need or importance, and project sequencing, which must take into account project opportunity and readiness.
- While the criteria presented have thus far been used only for regional projects, they could provide a starting point for establishing criteria for subregional project selection and prioritization.
- How the policies and criteria were applied and overlaid with each other. A numeric ranking is being developed and will be available for review and discussion at the next BTC.

#### **5. Draft KCFCZD Capital Project List**

An overview and PowerPoint presentation of the flooding problems and proposed project throughout the Snoqualmie Rive Basin was provided (see project summary sheets).

The overview highlighted the vast array of projects to improve levee protection through major residential areas, reduce hazards by removing flood, erosion, and landslide prone residential structures, provide safe access to homes and businesses by protecting key transportation routes, protect the Tolt River water supply pipeline from river bank erosion, and protect agricultural soils and production.

Issues discussed during this presentation included:

- Specific questions on various elements of proposed KCFCZD projects.
- Opportunities to add projects to the list (see agenda item no. 6 below).

- Ability to get Flood Control Zone District funds to help support the costs of the Tolt Levee Setback project.
- Overlap analysis of proposed KCFCZD projects with project recommendation in the WRIA Habitat Recovery Plans.

## **6. Project Summary Sheets for New Projects**

The process to include new projects on the project list was discussed. Committee members were invited to begin completing project summary sheets for projects that their respective jurisdictions would like to see added to the regional capital improvement project list. Committee members were asked to use the criteria and policies used in the 2006 King County Flood Hazard Management Plan as the initial basis for identify projects; reference blue colored paper for policies and criteria.

County staff urged committee members to use their best judgment and focus on projects that would be considered regional. If some projects do not end up on the regional list, the descriptions will still be helpful as we move forward with the subregional criteria and project list.

New projects are due to King County staff by COB on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. ]

The meeting was adjourned at around 3:30.