

## **E-Alert from the Puyallup River Executive Task Force**

The Puyallup River Executive Task Force (ETF) met at the Port of Tacoma on May 7, 2010. Topics discussed included an update from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a discussion of local cost sharing for long-term flood protection, an update on the Pierce County Rivers Flood Hazard Management Plan (FHMP) process, and an update on the flood control zone district planning process.

CJ Klocow, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), provided an overview of the project management plan for the General Investigation (GI) study of the Puyallup River. The PMP includes updated figures on project scope, cost and timeline for the feasibility phase of the GI study.

The Corps and Pierce County plan to enter into a formal cost sharing agreement for the feasibility phase of the GI study by September 2010. County and local municipalities are finalizing cost sharing inter-local agreements in order to meet this deadline.

Lorin Reinelt, Pierce County Surface Water Management, briefed ETF participants on FHMP progress to date, including advisory committee meetings and public input. He highlighted technical work including a USGS joint agreement and economic analysis. Copies of Lorin's presentations are available on the ETF website, and additional information can be found on the [FHMP website](#). Lorin will continue to provide regular updates at future ETF meetings.

Debby Hyde, Pierce County Special Project Coordinator, updated participants on the Pierce County Council's May 4 adoption of an ordinance to form a county-wide flood control zone district (FCZD). The FCZD will be codified in the county code, and will be governed by the Pierce County Council. Timeframe and funding mechanisms for the FCZD remain to be determined.

Participants provided updates on current flood management activities, which are being tracked continuously through a list of near-term local actions.

The next ETF meeting will focus on non-structural flood control solutions. The meeting date and location, and a detailed summary of this meeting will be posted on the ETF Web site at <http://www.piercecountywa.org/etf> as it becomes available.