

WRIA 10/12 CAC/TAG

Meeting Summary

May 7, 2009, 4:00 to 6:00pm
Tacoma Mall Office Building

Attendees: Bill Anderson, Bob Burkle, Karen Chang, Ron Larson, Ken Wolfe, Tom Kantz, Tom Nelson, Lorin Reinelt, Mike Rhubright, Sarah McCarthy, Dave Seabrook, Hans Berge, Al Schmauder, Kristin Williamson, Barbara Ann Smolko

1) Updates and Information Sharing

- a) April 9th Watershed Leads Conference Call – No WRIA 10/12 projects were included in the governor's Puget Sound economic stimulus funding list; a 6% reduction in funding for the lead entity is expected for 2009-10 fiscal year [*this was since restored by the SRFB*]; project sponsors who are receiving HETA assistance from WDFW need to schedule their project requests with WDFW staff; and the EPA grants to watersheds (\$50,000) will be available again through Ecology.
- b) Budget - \$33 million approved for PSAR – this amount includes capacity grants; we expect approximately \$2.1 million in project funding for the 2009-2010 rounds.
- c) The Lead Entity Program is being transferred from WDFW to Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).
- d) Site visits are scheduled for July 8 & 9 with the SRFB Science Review Panel. The number of projects submitted will determine the number of days needed (one or two).

2) CAC/TAG Officers

Action: Kristin Williamson was elected vice-chair for the upcoming round by consensus.

3) 2009 3-Year Project List

- a) Narrative was revised to clarify:
 - i) Sequencing versus timing
 - ii) How strategy intersects with List – (Long term versus near term priorities)
 - iii) Comments taken until May 13. Bob agreed to send comments to Lorin by early next week.
 - iv) Background data, such as number of fish returning, should be updated.
 - v) The narrative (including Bob's proposed additions) was approved by consensus.
- b) 3-Year List and narrative will be reviewed by the PS Partnership and the RITT – the RITT's priority is Puget Sound Recovery with a Chinook focus
- c) 3-year Project List Matrix
 - i) Stimulus projects submitted by Pierce County that asked to be on the list, but weren't funded, have been dropped from the 3-year project list.

- ii) There was discussion about the need to removed stalled projects that have been on the list for some time without progress; the CAC will take a closer look at this issue next year.
- iii) List should be modified to more realistically reflect the number of projects that can be completed in 3-years based on our typical funding.
- iv) Calistoga culvert replacement – will follow up with Pierce County about possible removal. Ken indicated this is being addressed by Orting. addressed
- v) TAG needs to review new projects; there are about 10 new write-ups for projects that have not been reviewed and ranked/tiered by the TAG.
- d) 3-year project list matrix approved by consensus.
- e) Future 3-Year List considerations and suggestions:
 - i) Development of projects to address steelhead listing
 - ii) Pre-spawn mortality findings in urban streams and proposals for Clover Creek – may need to develop a broad-based stormwater treatment program for WRIA 12
 - iii) Electron Dam fish screen – Habitat Conservation Plan process needed as well as a study of fish mortality; project is expected to last at least 3 years.
 - (1) Tribe has prepared a document addressing downstream fish passage improvement concepts and WDFW has been funded to study fish passage at the dam and make recommendations on improvements.
 - iv) Coho emphasis for WRIA 12 – Chum aren't even mentioned in the strategy
 - v) Updates to WRIA 10/12 Recovery Strategy – should probably be updated on about a 3-year cycle, with 2011 being the next update.

4) Allocation of PSAR Funds in 2009 and 2010 Rounds

- a) Options
 - i) Allocate all \$ in 2009 round
 - ii) Split funding evenly between 2009 & 2010 rounds
 - iii) Allocate at least half in 2009 with the option of adding more if we receive a lot of great projects exceeding a certain threshold in CAC and TAG scoring
- b) Possibilities – rank projects for this year and next year at same time
- c) The CAC decided to let sponsors know the range of funding that might be available and make decision on final allocation based on the quality of project submittals; the CAC decided against establishing a scoring threshold
- d) We expect to see a range of 7-10 project submitted this round

5) Upcoming Activities

- a) Notice of Intent statements for proposed projects due on May 22nd.
- b) Both rooms will be reserved for June meeting
- c) TAG meetings and field trips cancelled for May.
- d) May schedule a field trip to view completed projects.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be Thursday, June 4, 2009 4-6pm at the Tacoma Mall Office Building.