

AGENDA
Snohomish (WRIA 7)
Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Committee
March 2019 Meeting

Meeting Information:

Thursday, March 14, 12:30-4:00 pm
 Carnation Fire Department; 3600 Tolt Avenue NE, Carnation

Coffee and snacks available throughout meeting.

Committee Chair:

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	Topic	Time	Action	Handouts	Lead
1.	Welcome and Introductions	12:30	None	- Agenda	Chair
2.	Approval of agenda and February meeting summary	12:35	Decision	- Agenda - February summary (limited copies)	Facilitator
3.	Updates and Announcements	12:40	-	-	Chair and All
4.	Operating Principles- signatures	12:45	Discussion	- Final Operating Principles	Facilitator
6.	Hydrogeology Overview	12:55	Presentation and Discussion	-	John Covert, Ecology
5.	Break	1:55	-	-	-
8.	County Planning Overview	2:05	Presentations and Discussion	-	Snohomish County, King County, and Facilitator
9.	Technical Workgroup Formation	3:25	Discussion	-	Facilitator and Chair
10.	Summer Schedule	3:40	Discussion		Chair and All
11.	Action Items and Next Steps	3:45	-	-	Facilitator and Chair
12.	Public comment- limit to 3 minutes per person	3:50	-	-	Facilitator
13.	End	4:00	-	-	Chair

Handouts:

1. Agenda
2. Planning discussion questions
3. Updated committee calendar and proposed meeting schedule

All handouts and meeting materials are available on the [Committee website](https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias__1962/37310/watershed_restoration_and_enhancement_-_wria_7.aspx):

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SCHEDULED 2019 MEETINGS

Thursday, April 11, 12:30pm Willis Tucker Community Park
 Thursday, May 9, 12:30pm Brightwater Facility
 Thursday, June 13, 12:30pm Brightwater Facility

July and August, may hold meeting or scheduled field trips

Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Committees Land Use Planning Presentation Topics

Proposed outcome: Committee members have a better understanding of county and city growth in order to inform decisions around growth projections and consumptive use.

Objectives:

- 1) Committees understand the role that county and city planners have in directing growth.
- 2) Committees understand how zoning and subdivision regulations work to protect resource lands and rural areas.
- 3) Committees understand the limits of planning and land use regulations.
- 4) Committees understand how county and city planning interacts with Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Plans.
- 5) Recognize diverse levels of understanding across Committee member; introduce terms that may be new to some people.

WRIA 7 Agenda:

- Brief introduction
- GMA Overview and Snohomish County Planning (approximately 50 minutes)
- King County Planning (approximately 20 minutes)
- Discussion (approximately 15 minutes)

Topics Covered:

Urban Growth Areas

- What are UGAs? Where are they?
- How much of the land area in the Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) is inside vs. outside the UGA?
- What are buildable lands and how do you calculate the buildable lands capacity? What is the buildable lands capacity within the UGA? (at the time of your latest Comp Plan/up-to-date numbers)
- What is the County's timeline for Comp Plan updates?

Rural Areas (outside the UGA): --Main Focus

- What is a parcel? What is a plat? What is a subdivision?
- What are the main tools for planning growth in rural areas? Rural zoning and subdivision regulations? Zoning densities? Use restrictions?
- How does the Comp Plan inform zoning and subdivision regulations? (e.g. how can things be re-zoned?)
- Permitting process—What permits are needed for rural residential development and who issues those permits? What are the roles of the permitting agencies?
- Are there other restrictions on rural growth? (e.g. critical areas ordinances, resource lands protections)

Water Resources and Planning

- What are the reasons why new homes might dig a well instead of connecting to water in the UGA? Within water system boundaries?
- What are exceptions to requirements for homes to hookup to sewer systems?
- How does the County coordinate with water districts? County Health Department? DOH?
- Which entities deal with well permitting?

Special Interest to WREC Committees:

- Has the County done any reporting or analysis since the *Hirst* decision regarding exempt wells? [note that we'll have King Co present their permit exempt wells buildout analysis at the April meeting]
- Are there any ongoing planning efforts, policy changes, or other milestones that might affect the Committee's work? Timeline for these? (e.g. coordinated water system plans, comp plan updates)
- What actions could the committee recommend that would trigger the county to amend its comprehensive plan or update current regulations? [we may want to hold off extensive discussions until fall when we start considering other components to include in the plan]

Questions for Cities

- Under what circumstances do you allow permit-exempt wells within your city limits?
- Where do you expect these exceptions to occur? (Are there areas within your city limits where you expect permit-exempt wells may be drilled or that have already been drilled between Jan 2018 and Jan 2038?)