

AGENDA
Cedar-Sammamish (WRIA 8)
Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Committee
March 2019 Meeting

Meeting Information:

Thursday, March 28, 2019

9:30 am-12:30 pm

Mercer Island Community Center, Luther Meeting Room | 8236 SE 24th St, Mercer Island, WA

Coffee and snacks available throughout meeting.

Committee Chair:

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Meeting Objective: *Committee representatives build an understanding of county planning approaches in order to inform upcoming decisions on growth projections and estimates for new permit exempt wells.*

	Topic	Time*	Action	Handouts	Lead
1.	Welcome and introductions	9:30 am			Chair
2.	Public Comment- limit to 3 minutes per person	9:35			Facilitator
3.	Approval of agenda and February meeting summary	9:45	Vote	- Agenda - February mtg summary	Facilitator
4.	Updates and Announcements <i>-Updates from Ecology, including meeting schedule</i> <i>-Roundtable announcements</i>	9:50		- Committee calendar	Chair and All
5.	Technical Workgroup Report	10:05			Chair and workgroup members
6.	County Planning Overview from King County and Snohomish County	10:15	Presentation & discussion	- land use planning presentation topics	Karen Wolf, King County; Terri Strandberg, Snohomish County
7.	Break	11:45			
8.	King County Water Availability Study	11:50	Presentation & discussion	- Water Availability and permitting study	Steve Hirschey, King County
9.	Action Items and Next Steps	12:20 pm			Facilitator and Chair
10.	Adjourn	12:30			

**Times will shift earlier if we do not use all of the public comment time*

Handouts:

1. Agenda and land use planning presentation topics
2. February Meeting Summary (available electronically)
3. Updated committee calendar and proposed meeting schedule
4. [King County Water Availability and Permitting Study](#) (available electronically)

All handouts and meeting materials are available on the [Committee website](#):

https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias__1962/37321/watershed_restoration_and_enhancement_-_wria_8.aspx

SCHEDULED 2019 MEETINGS

Thursday, March 28 at 9:30 am, Mercer Island Community Center

Thursday, April 25 at 9:30 am, TBD

Thursday, May 23 at 9:30 am, TBD

Land Use Planning Presentation Topics

GOALS:

- 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.

Topics to Cover:

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)

- 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?
- 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?

Questions for Cities and Water Purveyors

- Under what circumstances do you allow permit-exempt wells within your city limits/water service area?
- Where do you expect these wells to occur? Are there areas within your city limits/water service area where new wells have been drilled in the last few years?