

**Meeting Summary
Puyallup-White (WRIA 10)
Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Committee
December 19, 2018 Meeting**

Meeting Information:

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

12:30 pm – 4 pm

Puyallup Public Library, 324 South Meridian, Puyallup

Committee Chair:

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| Topic | Time | Action | Handouts | Lead |
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| Welcome and introductions | 12:30 pm | None | | Chair |
| Approval of agenda and October meeting summary | 12:40 pm | Vote | - Agenda - October meeting summary draft | Facilitator |
| Operating Principles | 12:50 pm | Activity, presentation, and discussion | - Draft Operating Principles | Facilitator |
| Break - 10 minutes | 2:30 pm | | | |
| Operating Principles | 2:40 pm | Continue Discussion (as necessary) | | Facilitator |
| Sub-basin discussion | 3:00 pm | Discussion | | |
| Next steps | 3:20 pm | None | | Chair |
| Public comment – limited to 3 minutes per person | 3:45 pm | None | | Facilitator |
| Adjourn | 4:00 pm | None | | Chair |

WRIA 12 Presentation January 9, 2019

Next Meeting: February 6, 2019

Handouts and meeting materials are available on the [Committee website](#).

Committee Representatives and Alternates in Attendance

| Name | Representing | Name | Representing |
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| Lisa Tobin | Auburn | Michael Kosa | Sumner |
| Dan Cardwell | Pierce County | Carla Carlson (alternate) | Muckleshoot Tribe |
| Liz Bockstiegel | WA Department of Fish and Wildlife | Char Naylor | Puyallup Tribe |
| Ken Gill | Fife | Rebecca Brown | WA Department of Ecology |

| Name | Representing | Name | Representing |
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| Allan Warren | Pierce Conservation District | Jeremy Metzler | Edgewood |
| Jessie Gamble | MBA Pierce County | Paul Marrinan | Puyallup |
| Merita Trohimovich | Tacoma | | |

Committee Members not in attendance: Puyallup River Watershed Council, City of Orting, City of Pacific, City of Bonney Lake, City of Enumclaw. Water Purveyor seat is vacant.

Other Attendees

| Name | Representing | Name | Representing |
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| Angela Johnson | WA Department of Ecology | Lisa Spurrier | WRIA 10/12 Salmon Recovery |
| Elizabeth McManus | Facilitator | | |

Approval of agenda and October meeting summary:

- Committee approved the agenda with no changes.
- Committee approved December meeting summary with no changes. One abstention.

Operating principles:

Group exercise: What makes you feel like a respected member of the group? What do you want the committee to know about why you are here.

| What makes you feel respected? | Why you're here? |
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| Being listened to. | To understand the process, and help guide planning process so the city can determine where to have input. |
| Asking questions to clarify someone's perspective. | LIO participation and figure out overlap between processes. Seeking clarity on what "Hirst decision" means for implementation and growth impacts. |
| Responding in a respectful way even if you disagree. | Technical expertise for fish and habitat related projects. |
| Make sure everyone has the opportunity to participate. | Make sure City of Edgewood is engaged in process to ensure compliance. |
| Opportunity for people to think about response rather than having to respond right away. | City of Sumner wants to be involved in building this and clarifying the process, and be an active participant to end up with positive results. |
| Keeping an open mind, willing to learn and change your position. Not only listen, but internalize and engage. | Opportunity to change what happens in the watershed, not having a plan that gets vetoed in the end. |
| | Master Builders, promote and attain sustainable housing. |
| | Plan is acceptable to all jurisdictions and that plan is implementable. Clear roles and responsibilities. Respect treaty rights and restore salmon to harvestable levels. Technical expertise available to group to ensure plan is implementable. Clear objectives and direction. |

| What makes you feel respected? | Why you're here? |
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| | ECY wants to usher the process through to meet NEB. |

Operating Procedures Discussion:

- Remote participation:
 - Consider the effects of driving cars on salmon. Lead by example and ensure trip reduction.
 - Remote participation does not allow for effective communication due to the types of material, technical discussions, decisions, and level of commitment for this process.
 - Allow for screen-sharing as well as conference line capabilities when necessary for remote participants.
 - Could allow for more participation from members who are further away from meeting location, or have smaller staff.
- Committee membership
 - Ag rep: Dan Muir, Farm Bureau, voice of farmers – Pierce Conservation District rep thinks they may be a better person to sit at the table. City of Tacoma thinks that the nomination process was too open-ended to identify the right person before the committee started.
 - Would CD be able to fit under “irrigation district” rep?
 - Might be lacking stakeholders at the table. Need to consider how to get buy-in from larger number of stakeholders at the end of this process that will be impacted by plan.
 - Drainage districts
 - Wash DOT
 - Tacoma/Pierce Co Health Dept.
 - Lead Entity – Salmon Recovery
 - Other agricultural reps?
- Hope that committee members don't come to the table with the idea that we're going to disagree, try to come to the table with a positive outlook with the intention to reach agreement.
- Group is seeking clarification on what happens if the final plan is not agreed upon – what does ECY do with those decision-points that were not agreed upon? Clarify that ECY will take plan recommendations as-is from committee and give those (agreements, dissent) to SRF Board.
- Need clarity on what the plan will look like – what will the elements be, what decisions will be made for it?
 - Sticking points will surface as the group moves forward, it will have to be worked out as they move forward.
- Committee members should take items to review through their leadership so that they can come to meetings prepared to negotiate between their top and bottom points of flexibility on decision items.

Sub-basins:

- How do we want to divide sub-basins for discussions relating to this committee?
- Consider looking at watersheds by HUC – level depends on what scale of basins you want to look at, and what factors you want to consider.
- May find that there's a particular catchment to focus on once the group decides level to look at.
- Look at current permit-exempt well map overlaid on different scales of sub-basins. Show where different in-stream flow rules separate.

- Look at what other agencies have done and try to find different scales that have been used and why.
- Consider projects need to offset consumptive use of PE wells in place/time, sub-basin scale is the “in place”
- Focus on where impact of future use will potentially be.
- Just because growth has gone there, doesn’t mean that that’s where it will be in the future. Projecting growth can be difficult, so focus should be on analysis level rather than where it is.
- Zoning maps don’t factor into growth projections.
- Consider assumptions other planning efforts (water systems, etc.) have made and which ones this group might benefit from.

Committee Needs:

| Data Available | Data Needs | Training | Collaborations |
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| Pierce County has permit-exempt well locations from Department of Health, group A water systems (and how well they cover the basin). Coordinated water system plan. Follow-up with Dan Cardwell. | Interaction between surface water catchments and groundwater (USGS) | Hydrogeology | USGS |
| USGS Groundwater model | | Instream flows | LIO |
| Salmon recovery plans | | Puget Sound Steelhead Recovery Plan | Salmon Recovery Lead Entity |
| Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department data | | WRIA 11 debrief | |
| Existing permit exempt wells | | USGS model | |
| Metering data from Kittitas Co. that gives an example of water use on permit exempt wells | | | |
| Muckleshoot Tribe: metered data on outdoor water use | | | |
| Plans from WRIAs 1 and 11 as examples | | | |
| Puyallup River watershed assessment | | | |
| Puyallup Tribe fisheries dept. utilization report | | | |

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| Forest Service Assessment on Greenwater- Upper White River | | | |
| South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group – new assessment | | | |
| City water system plans | | | |

Next Steps:

- Membership:
 - Chair will look into Cascade Water Alliance and Regional Water Cooperative alliance of Pierce Co. for the vacant water purveyor seat.
 - Chair will look into caucus options for cities.
 - Chair will work with Pierce Conservation District to include more agriculture-centric voices on the committee.
- Next meeting will be February 6th.
 - Committee will continue discussion on the Operating Principles.
 - Chair will send out new draft of Operating Principles by 2nd week of January.
- Committee members are encouraged to join the WRIA 12 meeting on January 9th to see the Hydrogeology presentation – majority of the group appears to be able to attend.

Housekeeping:

- Provide metadata for maps and other data so group can understand and agree to use it.
- Include a Future Agenda Item to outline what the committee has done that represents the entire committee so members have talking points to share with their leadership.
- Consider public comment at the beginning of the meeting, or before major voting items.

Public comment:

- None