

Meeting Summary
Puyallup-White Watershed (WRIA 10)
Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Committee

Meeting Information:

Wednesday, February 6, 2019
 9 am – 12:30 pm

Administrative Center & Library
 ACL Meeting Room B/C
 3005 112th St. E.
 Tacoma, WA 98446

Committee Chair:

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Topic	Time	Action	Handouts	Lead
Welcome and Introductions	9:00	None		Facilitator
Approval of December summary and review of agenda	9:20	Vote	- Agenda - (December summary in email and on webpage)	Chair
Committee Updates and Announcements	9:25			Chair and All
Public Comment	9:45			Facilitator
Operating Principles	10:00		- Operating Principles	Facilitator
Break	10:40			
Operating Principles (cont.)	10:50	DECISION		Facilitator
Setup Workgroups	11:30	Form Workgroups		Chair
Ex-Officio Decisions	11:50	DECISION		Chair
Action Items and Next steps	12:10		- Committee Schedule	Chair/Facilitator

Next Meeting: March 6, 2019, 9 am -12:30 pm
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Handouts and meeting materials are available on the [Committee website](#).

Committee Representatives and Alternates in Attendance

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Lisa Tobin	Auburn	Robert Wright (alternate)	Sumner
Dan Cardwell	Pierce County	Ryan Rutkosky (alternate)	Puyallup
Tristan Weiss (alternate)	WA Department of Fish and Wildlife	Stan French	Lakehaven Water and Sewer District

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Ken Gill	Fife	Jeremy Metzler	Edgewood
Jessie Gamble	MBA Pierce County	Carrie Hernandez	Puyallup River Watershed Council
Scott Woodbury	Enumclaw	Rebecca Brown	WA Department of Ecology

Committee members not in attendance: Puyallup Tribe, Muckleshoot Tribe, City of Tacoma, City of Bonney Lake, City of Pacific, City of Orting, and Pierce Conservation District.

Other Attendees

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Angela Johnson (Interim Facilitator)	WA Department of Ecology	Lisa Spurrier	WRIA 10/12 Salmon Recovery
Jeremy Bush	Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department	Tom Kantz	WRIA 10/12 Salmon Recovery

Approval of December Summary: December meeting summary was approved. Vote was delayed until the committee had a quorum.

Updates and Announcements:

- Lakehaven Water District will be participating as the largest non-municipal water purveyor.
- Interest for committee member contact list—Rebecca will develop and send to committee.
- ECY adopted WRIA 11 updated plan
 - ECY will be putting on a webinar for lessons learned.
 - Dan C. (Pierce County noted that working through consumptive use is important as well as projections. Nice to see ECY accept restoration projects as means for instream flow – something positive coming from ECY.
 - Q: How many PE wells were mitigated for?
 - A: in Pierce Co, 25-30 per year, higher in Thurston County. Thurston Co. is working with City of Yelm on decommissioning wells and hooking up to water supply.
- WRIA 1 did not submit an approved plan – ECY will go into rulemaking.
- ECY funding 15 projects statewide for Streamflow Rest. Grant – about \$20 million. Two of those projects were water rights acquisition projects in WRIA 10 for the City of Sumner.
 - Q: The project not in a priority basin, how did they compete with those in a priority basin and receive funding?
 - A. The project was highly competitive because it was a water rights acquisition project, so it was able to out-compete other project types that were a lower priority.
- Puyallup River Watershed Council looking for someone to give presentation on WRIA 10 activities and projects at their June board meeting. The opportunity is open to anyone on the committee, and Rebecca is happy to present, but wanted to offer it to the rest of the committee.
- Ecology is looking for public comment on the new Funding Rule that applies to streamflow restoration projects. Ecology is hosting a public hearing on March 5 at 2pm at Ecology’s headquarters, which will also be available as a webinar. More information about the rule and the public input process can be found on Ecology’s [Rulemaking Webpage](#).

Public Comment: No public comment.

Operating Principles:

Chair went through the Operating Principles with the Committee, and made the following final changes to the document:

- Routine decisions can be approved by a simple majority.
- Chair/facilitator will record information on approvals with reservation in addition to information on dissenting votes.
- Added a clause for temporary decision in case a quorum is not met. Allows for absent committee members to submit their vote after the meeting during a follow-up phase. Follow-up voting is an approved use of electronic voting.
- Reminder that remote participation is an option if needed. Prior notice to Chair is required.

Absentee Members: The temporary voting clause was added to the Operating Principles because there was not a quorum of committee members in attendance. The Committee cannot make final decisions without a quorum, and the Committee is very concerned that lack of a quorum will impact the committee's ability to make decisions throughout the process. The Committee provided the chair with a number of strategies to encourage absent committee members to attend and participate in the meetings.

Results from voting and follow-up voting: **12** present members voted in favor of the Operating Principles with the changes to the quorum language. **6** more approvals during follow-up. One "abstention". Final approval will occur when Chair receives executed signature pages.

Ex Officio Membership:

- Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
 - Delegated authority for the state for well construction and decommissioning. Ensure wells are meeting all requirements - works with Ecology.
 - Approved: 12 members, all thumbs up. (7 more approvals during follow-up).
- Salmon Recovery Lead Entity
 - Participation will inform NEB discussion.
 - Approved: 12 members, all thumbs up. (7 more approvals during follow-up).
- Cascade Water Alliance
 - Puget Sound Energy left them their water source (Lake Tapps), may be a future water source.
 - Approved: 12 members, all thumbs up. (7 more approvals during follow-up).

Work Groups:

- Sub-basins
 - Identify how to best delineate sub-basins
 - Timeline – come back to full committee in April with options, decision in May
 - Participants – Liz Bockstiegel, Carla Carlson, Tom Kantz, Merita Trohimovich.
- Technical
 - Discuss options for growth, projected PE wells, and consumptive use (watering, home use, how much and where, etc.), identify data gaps.
 - Identify data needs and do outreach to have consistent methodology across basin.
 - Why is well metering not standard procedure?
 - Participants – Jessie Gamble, Lisa Tobin, Carla Carlson, Ken Gill.

Action Items:

- Rebecca will put out committee contact list.
- ECY Webinar in March for WRIA 11 and 1 lessons learned, Salmon 101, and Tribal Water Law.
- Rebecca will call members not in attendance to reiterate that their participation is important and not coming to meetings affects the groups.
 - Resources: Association of Washington Cities and pierce co. growth management coordinating committee – ask Dan for contact information?
- Rebecca will look into meeting attendance being made available on the committee website.
- Rebecca will follow up with Farm Bureau on potential participation.
- Rebecca will reach out to workgroup participants to set up next steps.
- Rebecca will follow up with members not present to finalize temporary votes.
- Rebecca will send out signature page for Operating Principles.
- Next meeting:
 - Joint meeting with WRIA 12.
 - USGS groundwater presentation.
 - Pierce County presentation.