# Kennedy-Goldsborough (WRIA 14)Watershed Restoration and Enhancement CommitteeJanuary 10, 2019 Meeting Summary

*Please send corrections to Angela Johnson (angela.johnson@ecy.wa.gov) by February 13, 2019.*

Committee website: <https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias__1962/37326/watershed_restoration_and_enhancement_-_wria_14.aspx>

**Next Meeting:** March 14, 2019, 9 am – 12:30 pm, Mason County Public Works, 100 W Public Works Drive, Shelton, WA 98584

## Meeting Information

Thursday January 10, 2019
9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Shelton Civic Center, 525 W. Cota St., Shelton, WA 98584

## Agenda

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| Topic | Time | Action | Handouts | Lead |
| **Welcome and Introductions** | 9:00 | None |  | Chair |
| **Approval of December meeting summary and review of agenda** | 9:10 | Vote | * Agenda
 | Facilitator |
| **Training: Hydrogeology**  | 9:15 | Presentation |  | Tom Culhane (ECY) |
| **Plan requirements overview** | 10:15 |  | * Plan requirements document
 | Chair |
| **Break** | 10:45 |  |  |  |
| **Public comment** | 11:00 | None |  | Facilitator |
| **Operating Principles and Committee Structure discussion** | 11:15 | Discussion | * Operating Principles
 | Facilitator |
| **Next steps** | 12:15 |  | Documents distributed following meeting. | Chair |

*\*all handouts are available on the Committee website*

## Committee Representatives and Alternates in Attendance

| Name | Representing | Name | Representing |
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| Angela Johnson | Department of Ecology | Seth Book | Skokomish Indian Tribe |
| Erica Marbet | Squaxin Island Tribe (alternate) | Craig Gregory | City of Shelton |
| Kevin Shutty | Mason County | Dave Windom | Mason County (alternate) |
| Theresa Nation | WDFW | Allison Osterberg | Thurston County |
| Shelley Spalding | Washington State Chapter Sierra Club | Marilyn Vogler | Sierra Club (alternate) |
| Erin Hall | Olympia Master Builders | Larry Boltz | Mason Kitsap Farm Bureau |
| Ron Gold | Mason PUD 1 | Darin Hall | Mason PUD 1 (alternate) |

## Other Attendees

| Name | Representing | Name | Representing |
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| John Bolender | Mason Conservation District | Susan Gulick  | Facilitator |
| Rebecca Brown | Department of Ecology | Fern Schultz | Dept. of Health |
| Josie Cummings | Building Industry Association of Washington | Barbara Adkins | Mason Conservation District |
| Tristan Weiss | WDFW | Sheryl Howe | Dept. of Health |
| Kristin Masteller | Mason PUD 1 | Kaitlynn Nelson | Thurston County |

## Decision Items

The December meeting summary was approved the by the committee.

## Meeting Summary

Committee Chair Angela Johnson and Susan Gulick (temporary facilitator) kicked off the meeting. Ecology is in the process of hiring a long-term facilitator for the Committee.

Angela Johnson announced that Larry Boltz from the Mason Kitsap Farm Bureau will be the representative for agricultural interests on the Committee. Paul Miller from Skokomish Valley Farms will be the alternate representative

Tom Culhane, Department of Ecology hydrogeologist, provided a presentation on hydrogeology. The presentation was a general overview of the subject, with some information specific to WRIA 14. The presentation will be made available on the Committee website. Committee members participated in a thorough Q&A after the presentation, and raised issues such as::

* Septic system recharge of 90% is a commonly accepted assumption, based off of an EPA wastewater manual.
* A question arose regarding RCW 90.94 language that if an offset cannot occur within a subbasin, it can be done within the watershed to be considered “in place”. The Committee discussed the difference between “in time and in place” and “in-kind”. This is a topic that the Committee will cover more as we further discuss NEB.
* There is an interest to learn how plants and soils affect the quality and quantity of water, and how that information can be gained for the watershed.
* Because of the interaction of wells and the groundwater table on the Olympic Peninsula, the committee should pay attention to where homes are expected to be built in the future. The USGS groundwater model for WRIA 14 looked at this topic and the impacts to the Puget Sound.
* The Golder report may be a good resource to look at the difference between shallow and deep aquifers and how that may affect offset projects.

Angela Johnson provided a presentation of a draft committee timeline and plan components. The timeline is subject to change based on Committee needs and progress. The group will continue to evaluate the timeline as we move forward. The plan components were broken out into “required” and “optional” elements. The committee discussed this topic and provided many comments, including:

* Clarification on RCW 90.94 language on priority projects being those that replace the consumptive quantity of water during the same time and in the same basin. Other projects include out of time and out of place, or those that enhance instream resources.
* Questions on the process for NEB determination by Ecology, turnaround time for review, and SEPA review.
* The county approval process is an important step and the Chair will need to coordinate with the county representatives to meet the plan approval timeline.
* Consider NEB interim review by Ecology before the Committee makes a final decision, so that comments can be adequately addressed.
* Subbasin delineations should occur before the Committee looks into growth projections, as that may impact the process in which it is done.
* The Committee should consider focusing on project list selection for highest priority recommendations replacing consumptive water use (looking at existing water rights, etc.) before focusing on NEB.

The Committee went through the Operating Principles and Charter revisions brought forward by the Chair. Additional changes were discussed and agreed upon by the Committee. The mechanism for decision making was discussed in detail, and the Committee has agreed to use full consensus. Clarifying language on how the Committee will make decisions will be provided in the next draft. Revisions to the draft will be made by Ecology and the facilitator reflecting the discussion and suggested changes. A revised draft will be distributed to the Committee prior to the February meeting.

Groups identified as potential ex-officio members include the Department of Health, and the Mason Conservation District (Salmon Recovery Lead Entity). The Committee will be asked to decide on membership of proposed groups at the February meeting.

## Public Comment

No public comment was given.

## Parking Lot

Parking lot items will carry over to future meetings until the Committee agrees that they have been addressed.

* 10/31/18: How do permit-exempt wells impact/interact with instream flow rules, and how are they governed by them?
* 1/10/19: What is the expected review time for Ecology after the Committee approves and submits the final plan?

## Action Items

* Ecology and facilitator will work to make edits to the Operating Principles and Charter based on the group discussion and feedback provided. A final draft will be distributed to the Committee prior to the next meeting. It is expected that the Committee will approved the document at the February meeting.
* Ecology will continue reach out to organizations identified to be ex-officio members for a decision on their participation at the next meeting.
* Ecology will continue to set up trainings and presentations over the next several meetings based on the draft timeline identified at the January meeting.