

**Kitsap Peninsula (WRIA 15)
Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Committee
DRAFT February Meeting Summary**

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Committee webpage:

https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias__1962/37327/watershed_restoration_and_enhancement_-_wria_15.aspx

Next Meeting:

March 7, 2019

9:30am to 12:30 pm

Eagles Nest Community Center, 1195 NW Fairgrounds Road, Bremerton

Meeting Information

Thursday, February 7, 2019

9:30am to 12:30pm

Eagles Nest Community Center

Agenda

	Topic	Time	Action	Handouts	Lead
1.	Welcome and introductions	9:30am			Chair
2.	Approval of agenda and January meeting summary	9:35am	Decision	- Agenda - January summary (limited copies)	Facilitator
3.	Updates and Announcements <i>-Updates from Ecology on ex officio interest, workgroup formation, facilitation and technical support, grant program, funding rule update -Roundtable announcements from committee members</i>	9:40am			Chair and All
4.	Operating Principles- finalize for approval	10:00am	Discussion and Decision	- Draft Operating Principles v 1/31/2019	Facilitator
5.	Break	10:50am			
6.	Hydrogeology Overview	10:55am	Presentation and Discussion		John Covert, Ecology
7.	Initial Subbasin Discussion	11:50am	Presentation and Discussion		Chair, John Covert
8.	Action Items and Next Steps	12:15 pm			Facilitator and Chair
9.	Public Comment- limit to 3 minutes per person	12:20 pm			Facilitator
10.	End	12:30pm			

Handouts:

1. Agenda
2. Revised Operating Principles v Jan 31, 2019 clean with comments

SCHEDULED 2019 MEETINGS

Thursday March 7th, 9:30am Eagles Nest Community Center, Bremerton

Thursday April 4th, 9:30am Kitsap Conference Center, Bremerton

Thursday May 2nd, 9:30am Eagles Nest Community Center, Bremerton

Committee Representatives in Attendance*

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Eric Ferguson	King County (alternate)	Dave Ward	Kitsap County
Mike Michael	Bainbridge Island	Dave Nash	Kitsap County (alternate)
Leonard Forsman	Suquamish Tribe	Joy Garitone	Kitsap Conservation District (representing agricultural interests)
Alex Gouley	Skokomish Tribe	Seth Book	Skokomish Tribe (alternate)
David Winfrey	Puyallup Tribe	Randy Neatherlin	Mason County
Allison O’Sullivan	Suquamish Tribe (alternate)	Allison Satter	Bremerton (alternate)
Mayor Becky Erickson	Poulsbo	Austin Jennings	Pierce County (alternate)
Joel Purdy	Kitsap Public Utility District	Sam Phillips	Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe
Brittany Gordon	WDFW	John O’Leary	Suquamish (alternate)
Nam Siu	WDFW (Alternate)	Sandra Staples-Bortner	Great Peninsula Conservancy (representing environmental interests)
Teresa Smith	Bremerton	Dan Cardwell	Pierce County
Stacy Vynne McKinstry	Department of Ecology	Jeff Dickison	Squaxin Island Tribe
Thomas Hunter	Port Orchard		

Committee Representatives Not in Attendance*

Representing	Representing
Gig Harbor	Kitsap Building Association, representing residential construction interests

Other Attendees*

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Stephanie Potts (facilitator)	Ecology	John Covert (guest presenter)	Ecology
Larry Boltz	Mason-Kitsap Farm Bureau	Shawn O’Dell	Washington Water Service
Caitlyn Roehmholdt (notetaker)	Ecology		

*based on sign in sheet

Approval of Agenda and Meeting Summary

Stephanie requested changes to the agenda. No changes were proposed by committee members. Stephanie requested changes to the January 14th meeting summary. No changes received and the summary was approved.

Updates and Announcements

Committee resources: Ecology is working to keep the WRIA 15 Committee website updated and fix the mistaken links. Committee roster added. Ecology is continuing to work on putting together binders for Committee members and hopes to have those by the March meeting.

Ex Officio Committee interest and nominations: Washington Water Services has expressed interest in joining as an ex officio member. There may be interest from county health departments. Stacy has not received a formal request from the Mason – Kitsap Farm Bureau. Stacy will share the nomination form with the Mason-Kitsap Farm Bureau and Mason County. Please send other interested entities to Stacy and she will work with them to put together a proposal. Stacy will invite interested entities to present to the Committee for a decision in April. The Committee can review new ex officio proposals in future meetings, if necessary.

Workgroup formation: Stacy has received interest from some Committee members in joining a technical workgroup. Anticipate the tasks coming to the workgroup will shift over time as new decisions come before the Committee; therefore workgroup membership may shift as well. Stacy is working to schedule a call in late February/early March to focus on subbasins and data as well as inform the technical consultant scope of work. Committee members should continue to send workgroup interest to Stacy.

Committee support: Ecology should announce the facilitation award soon. Ecology has released a bid for technical consultant support. Stacy will distribute the list of technical consultant bidders for WRIA 15 for a “red flag” review at the end of February (Committee should expect a very short turn around for input).

Streamflow Restoration grant program: 15 projects selected for funding this year. No projects selected in WRIA 15. List of funded projects available here: [2019 funded projects](#). Ecology released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the Streamflow Restoration Funding rule. Ecology is holding a hearing on March 5th and comments are due March 15th. More information on the funding rule available here: [Funding rule](#).

Net Ecological Benefit: Public comment period on the draft NEB guidance is scheduled for early May through early June 2019. We will plan on having a presentation at our May meeting. Interim guidance is still the best indicator of the direction the final guidance is going.

Nisqually (WRIA 11) and Nooksack (WRIA 1) Plan Updates: Per the legislation, WRIAs 1 and 11 had a watershed plan update deadline of February 1, 2019. WRIA 11 did complete their plan and it was adopted by Ecology (associated documents available [here](#)). WRIA 1 was not able to approve a plan and has entered rule making (information about the rulemaking available [here](#)).

Committee member updates: There were no updates from Committee members.

Operating Principles

Stacy summarized the changes made since the January meeting, including significant revisions to Section 6, which addresses decision making. Other changes included adding more active language to ensure the person responsible for the action was identified and revising the remote participation section to allow for remote participants to vote. Stephanie walked through each of the sections of the Operating Principles to capture additional feedback. Stacy captured live edits to the document, as agreed on by the Committee members.

Section 3: Clarification that the conflict resolution section is dealing with “interpersonal conflict” (disagreement between individuals) and not about reaching consensus on decisions.

Section 6: When consensus cannot be reached and parties in disagreement enter into a process to reach resolution, the party responsible for preparing a summary paper or recommendation needs to remain fluid. It may be the chair, the facilitator, or a member of the committee. It is also important to recognize that it may be possible to set some areas of disagreement aside and move forward in the process and visit those areas later. The summary paper can also be used as a means of documenting dissenting opinions in the final plan.

Regarding conflict of interest, the Committee engaged in an active discussion about what is a conflict of interest and recognized that each entity at the table has a financial or other stake in this process. The Operating Principles attempt to separate out independent decisions in which a Committee member has a financial gain (e.g. their salary would come from a decision to include a project in the plan) from needing the full Committee approval of the final plan. The Committee discussed how each entity at the table has the right to veto the plan and it is important to understand everyone’s interests and needs in this process. Concern was expressed about entities derailing the process. If we don’t come to full approval, we need to recognize that Ecology will then develop the final draft plan and enter into rulemaking. The legislature provided us with the Committee roster and it’s recognized that all entities at the table have a stake and interests around the table vary significantly. We need to find a way to balance those interest. Additional language was added to the conflict of interest section of the Operating Principles to reflect the Committee’s discussion.

Overall comment: The term “vote” needs to be removed throughout the document. The committee worked through the document to rewrite language where “vote” was referenced.

Final approval and decision making: Clarification that there is nothing in the legislation that requires local city/county council approval and adoption of the plans – that is up to each entity and the representative they have selected. However, we are building time into our workplan to allow for local city/county council review and approval of the final plan, if necessary. A footnote was added in the Operating Principles.

Decision: The Operating Principles were approved by all Committee representatives at the meeting.

Next steps: Stacy distributes a version of the Operating Principles that incorporated changes made during the meeting to Gig Harbor and KBA. Both approved the Operating Principles electronically before the meeting, but need to see changes made during the meeting. Stacy will distribute signature pages to each entity to gather the appropriate signature.

Hydrogeology Overview

John Covert (Ecology Hydrogeologist and member of the Streamflow Restoration technical team) provided an overview on hydrogeology in WRIA 15. Please see Committee webpage for the presentation.

Becky Erickson from Poulsbo raised the concern over Ecology program silos and the need to coordinate with water quality, especially on stormwater manuals/instructions. Ecology will continue to hold internal conversations on how to coordinate with the water quality program. A request was made for more information on aquifer recharge methods – coming soon!

Joel Purdy from KPUD provided supplemental information to John's presentation:

- One of the surface water bodies for the Kitsap Peninsula is Puget Sound. This means some wells may not impact streamflows.
- Some wells are very deep and connections with streams are remote or separated.
- It may be difficult to measure impacts and benefits of projects because of the hydrogeology of the Kitsap Peninsula.
- Precipitation is the overwhelming factor that determines flows into creeks and streams on the Kitsap Peninsula.

Thomas Hunter requested an update on his data request from last meeting (how much water allocated, how much water available). Stacy will discuss further with technical consultants and subcommittee.

The committee was encouraged to look at the USGS groundwater model (now posted on the Committee webpage). Note that USGS is schedule to present to the committee in April.

Intro to Subbasins

Stacy and John provided an introduction to subbasins (see presentation on Committee webpage). The technical workgroup and Committee will continue discussions over the coming months to hopefully arrive at a decision on initial subbasin delineation later in the spring.

Next Steps and Action Items

- Stacy will send out meeting summary in approximately one week.
- Stacy will check in with absent parties to confirm they approve of the changes to Operating Principles
- Stacy will send ex officio nomination form to Mason- Kitsap Farm Bureau and Washington Water Service.
- Stacy will send signature pages for Operating Principle. Each entity should determine the appropriate signatory.
- Committee representatives should review the decisions and timeline to identify internal review timelines.
- Stacy will share the names of technical consultants who have bid on WRIA 15 in late February for a "red flag" review.
- Stacy will reach out to those interested in joining the technical work group to schedule an initial meeting.

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- Committee members should contact Stacy if interested in workgroup or have an ex officio nominations.
- Stacy will reach out to counties and cities for panel presentation on growth projections and land use planning for March meeting.
- The April meeting will include USGS presentation on the Kitsap Peninsula ground water model & ex officio nominations.

[Public comment](#)

There was no public comment.