

SKAGIT WATERSHED COUNCIL

Board of Directors Meeting

Skagit Farmers Supply Conference Room

December 1, 2011

MEETING NOTES

The meeting began at 8:40 a.m. with Steve Hinton, Bob Carey, Bob Everitt, Dave Pflug, Ken Dahlstedt and Shirley Solomon in attendance.

The October 6 meeting summary was acknowledged.

Financial. The reports for September and October were handed out and briefly reviewed. The sum of \$7K was transferred from the Contingency line of the 2011-2012 Annual Budget to the Salary/IPA line to reflect the fact that Solomon would not be taking the month of April 2012 as unpaid leave as originally intended. The Inter-organizational Personnel Agreement with LLTK will be revised accordingly.

It seems most likely that the Lead Entity Program will not have to bear any reductions in spite of the dismal fiscal outlook and the request that each lead entity provide information on how support reductions of several different amounts would impart service delivery. Word is that the SRFB will make up any reduction should it occur and if not the SRFB then PSP would step into the void and make each Puget Sound Lead Entity whole.

Transitional Planning

The Board agreed that the questions posed in the November 3 Memo formed a basis for the discussion, with not enough time at this meeting to do the topic justice. It was agreed that the Board would meet in January with the sole agenda of how to position the Council for the future. In preparation for that meeting members offered the following:

- The Council will seek assistance and consider a consultant team approach with both organizational development skills and expertise in the overall context of Puget Sound salmon recovery
- We should use this opportunity to explore the potential for a Lead Integrating Organization (LIO) and consolidation, and have this team help us get it together. This team could serve as an honest broker and help us to navigate the political minefield.
- We must develop criteria for consultant selection and the interview process which we hope will take place in February.
- Additional questions to add to the discussion in January:
 - How do we galvanize good will? Bridge problems? Overcome political challenges? Capitalize on the good work at the staff level? Help people see good in the LIO?

Unallocated 2011-2013 PSR funds. The sum of \$397,520 remains and can be allocated to a project or projects following local and state review and approval by the SRFB at any one of its scheduled meetings in 2012 (April 18, June 7, August 23, September 19 and December 12 which is the meeting that will approve the 2012 funding round). The Board agreed that “sooner is better” with respect to making good use of this money.

Adaptive Management & Monitoring – provided in memo form but not discussed.

By way of background, the Recovery Implementation Technical Team (RITT) has been working in coordination with the Puget Sound Partnership, the Puget Sound Institute and individual watershed chapter areas to develop a watershed-scale template/framework for a Puget Sound-wide adaptive management and monitoring program. The Skagit template is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

The Watershed Council is under an EPA/NEP contract which expires in June 2012 to receive this effort and work with the Partnership, the RITT, the Puget Sound Institute.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.