

## South Central Caucus Group Meeting Summary Notes

June 11, 2014

Renton City Hall

Attendees:

Andy Rheaume (city of Redmond) Heather Ballash(Department of Commerce), Doreen Booth (Sound Cities Association (SCA) staff), Erika Harris(Puget Sound Regional Council), Dan Gariepy(Department of Ecology), Abbey Stockwell (Department of Ecology), Jim Bolger(Puget Sound Partnership), Jim Haggerton (City of Tukwila & SCA), Brandy Reed (King Conservation District), , Tom Kantz (Pierce County), Teresa Lewis (Pierce County), Paul Meyer (Port of Seattle), Kathy Minsch (City of Seattle), Alisa O'Hanlon (City of Tacoma), Doug Osterman (WRIA 9), Dennis Robertson (WRIA 9) , Merita Trohomovich (City of Tacoma), Heather Trim (King County ECO Net), Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz (WRIA 8), Don Fiene (WRIA 8); Christie True(King County); Phyllis Varner(City of Bellevue)

### Welcome and introductions

Fred Jarrett convened the meeting she is filling in for Fred who was unable to attend. .

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### Puget Sound Partnership update

Jim Bolger began his presentation with an Announcement that a new action agenda was an adopted May 30<sup>th</sup> by the Leadership agenda

- The final approval occurred during the Joint meeting on May 29 and 30 of the Ecosystem Coordination (ECB) Board and the Leadership Council. The ECB reviewed and unanimously adopted the Action Agenda.
- A major part of the discussion prior to adoption was a significant value placed on the Work that will be done by the local Integrated Action Areas over the next biennium
- NTA tied to the regional recovery strategy and is linked to the overall recovery
- A discussion occurred at the leadership meeting surrounding the topic of how will the new Action Agenda items get us closer to recovery? The response was the coordination of local efforts to the Regional and State partners that will assist in the recovery of the sound.

Jim congratulated the South Central Caucus Group for work accomplishment on establishment of Near Term Action.

Jim mentioned that this year all 9 LIO's have established Near Term Action that represents the work throughout the Puget Sound Region in 2012 there were only 4 LIO's and just 35 in total NTA. He added for t the first time this year there are local NTA's established for all of the Local Integrating Organization

Jim shared that here is a total of 157 local NTA.

Jim announced that Leadership council adopted Near Term Actions without change.

#### **Next steps:**

- Look at new updated NTA from the state and regional partners
- Review the strategic initiatives
- 2016 – Is designated as an easier process – incorporating new sound wide pressure assessment and identify priority alignment and to support the work planned to occur for the next biennium.
- Puget Sound Partnership is working closely with EPA to review the National Estuary Program, the funding model with expire in 2016 and discussions are occurring that involve potential modifications to model.

#### **Update on “Building Cities in the Rain” Commerce/South Central Caucus T**

Heather Ballash and Andy Rheaume provided an update to the South Central Caucus Group – (PowerPoint attached).

The caucus group agreed with the proposed work plan outlined in the presentation.

Questions raised by the Caucus members during Building Cities in the Rain presentation

A Caucus member wanted to confirm that with this proposal and work going forward will not diminish the interest in continuing support for key environmental protects like critical areas ordinance.

Caucus members highlighted the opportunity for coordination of existing studies like the WRIA 9 study and flood plains by design.

#### **Kokanee Work Group Presentation**

PowerPoint presentation attached

#### **Next Steps**

- **ECB Meeting review agenda topics**

The agenda for the ECB meeting was not available for review however De'Sean mentioned that once he received it he will pass the information to the caucus group members.

- **Next meeting**

The group recognized there may be a need to meeting August or September and asked De'Sean to determine what date would be most appropriate based on activity that occurs in the next month.