

# South Central Action Area Caucus Group Workshop

June 10, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Renton Fire Station 13

## Attendees:

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Andy Rheame	Councilmember, City of Bothell	Kathy Minsch	City of Seattle, SPU
Bruce Wulkan	PSP	Lorna Mauren	City of Tacoma
Dave White	King County DURP	Nancy Tosta	SCA
Elissa Ostergaard	WRIA 9	Ryan Mellow	Pierce CD
Erika Harris	PSRC	Sara Hemphill	King CD
Heather Trim	Futurewise	Scott Redman	PSP
Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz	WRIA 8	Sue Taoka	PSP
Jean White	King County		

## Other Attendees

Name	Affiliation
Gretchen Muller	Cascadia Consulting Group
Karen Stewart	Sno. Co. Surface Water Management
Laura Blackmore	Cascadia Consulting Group

## Welcome and Introductions

Laura Blackmore welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that she had recently accepted a position with Puget Sound Partnership and, as part of her new contract, was no longer able to serve as the LIO Coordinator for South Central LIO. She introduced Gretchen Muller as the new facilitator for the group starting in July. All attendees introduced themselves and explained their connection to the LIO.

Laura went over the meeting purposes: (1) Develop draft prioritization of pressures, (2) identify 4-6 Vital Signs to propose as ecosystem outcomes for Strategic Planning process this year, (3) take both items to full Caucus Group for July 2 approval.

## Draft Pressures Prioritization

Laura reminded the group that the South Central Action Area Caucus needs to develop a prioritized list of pressures that incorporates the results of the Puget Sound Pressures Assessment. This list will help guide the creation of the Strategic Recovery Plan (5-year Ecosystem Recovery Plan due by August 14 (now September 30, 2015) and the update of our NTAs by October 31 (now December 31, 2015). Scott

Redman gave a PPT presentation on the basics of the PSPA. The group had a robust discussion of the PSPA results with Scott Redman.

Laura referenced two tables from the meeting packet (Table 1 and Table 2) that showed how the PSPA results match up with the pressures the LIO chose for the 2014 Action Agenda. She highlighted the five main differences: (1) human pathogens, (2) large spills, (3) spread of disease to native species, (4) altered flows from withdrawals, (5) dams as fish passage barriers. Laura asked the group if there was any objection to including these in the LIO's list of high priority pressures. The group decided that culverts and altered low flows from land cover change should be added to the list of high priority pressures. There was also a lot of discussion about contaminated sediments. The group recommended adding this as well.

### Draft List of Ecosystem Outcomes

Laura stated that one of the goals of this meeting was to create a proposed list of 4-7 ecosystem outcomes (choosing from the Vital Signs) to focus our strategic planning. She reminded the group that, in order to be eligible for direct funding of our NTAs, we need to develop a Strategic Recovery Plan by August 14 (now September 30, 2015). As part of the list of 4-7 ecosystem outcomes, PSP would like information on our strategic approach for contributing to the achievement of 4-6 Vital Signs. **The group selected the following 11 Vital Signs: Estuaries; Floodplains; Land Development/Cover; Shoreline Armoring; Marine Water Quality; Freshwater Quality; Marine Sediment Quality; Toxics in Fish; Chinook Salmon; Summer Low Flows; On-Site Sewage.** The group plans to take these to the Caucus for approval on July 2.

Several concerns were raised. (1) Vital Signs chosen for communication purposes, not necessarily highest importance, (2) How to characterize contaminated sediments (Add as a source of toxic chemicals for South Central LIO), (3) culverts are a source, (4) ocean temperatures as a sources, and (5) try sorting "very high" + "high".

Laura made the following recommendations:

- (1) Use list on the back of the agenda (Proposed Final List of South Central LIO High Priority Pressures – Draft June 1, 2015).
- (2) Add culverts and altered low flows from land cover change to the list of pressures.
- (3) Figure out how to add contaminated sediments to the list of pressures, given that they don't appear in the official PSPA list of pressures.
- (4) Review sources, crosswalk with pressures.

### Draft Accomplishments

Laura Blackmore presented the draft accomplishments and the group had comments to incorporate before sending final version to PSP. These included adding web links where possible, bolding the most important words in the list of bullets under the Information for Improved Decision-Making category, and further tightening some of the bullets.

### **Wrap-Up and Adjourn**

Laura recapped the decisions made and announced that the next meeting date for the full Caucus Group is July 2 (July 8 strategic planning workshop). Bruce mentioned the timeline changes highlighted in yellow above.