

South Central Action Area Caucus Group Meeting
November 6, 2015
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Renton City Hall (Chambers)
1055 South Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057

AGENDA

Meeting Purposes:

- Provide overview of 2016 NTA pre-proposals received and Friday workshop discussion
- Review full proposal next steps and format
- Identify gaps in 2016 NTAs (what is a priority but is missing)
- Identify path forward for gap recruitment
- Member updates

Time	Topic	Lead/Action
12:30 – 12:40	Welcome & Introductions	Chair
12:40 – 12:45	Review Meeting Summaries	Chair <i>Decision</i>
12:45 – 12:50	SITT Presentation Recap	Jean White <i>Discussion</i>
12:50 – 1:30	Review Pre-proposal Submittals Table/Recap of Friday Workshop	Chair <i>Discussion</i>
1:30 – 2:00	Identify gaps in 2016 NTA pre-proposals	Chair <i>Discussion</i>
2:10 – 2:25	Good of the Order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSP updates • ECB meeting agenda topics • Member legislative priorities and other updates 	Chair, Bruce Wulkan, and Caucus Members <i>Discussion and direction</i>
2:25 – 2:30	Wrap-Up & Adjourn	Chair

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

1. Week of November 30, working session to review draft full proposals
2. December 9, 12:30-2:30, full Caucus Group meeting

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Sept 9, 2015

12:30 -2:30 p.m.

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Attendees:

Members and Alternates

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Brandy Reed	King Conservation District	Jean White	King County
Lorna Mauren	City of Tacoma	Doug Osterman	WRIA 9
Erika Harris	PSRC	Doreen Booth	Sound Cities Association
Dennis Robertson	WRIA 9	Lynn Schneider	PHSKC
Tom Kantz	Pierce County	Sue Taoka	PSP Leadership Council
Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz	WRIA 8	Allan Warren	Pierce Conservation District
Fred Jarrett	King County		

Other Attendees

Name	Affiliation
Gretchen Muller	Cascadia Consulting Group
Kevin Zerbe	Cascadia Consulting Group

Welcome and Introductions

Fred Jarrett welcomed everyone and reviewed the purpose of the workshop.

Review Meeting Summary

There are three remaining deliverables for the existing contract which need to be approved by the Caucus with one correction, deliverables deadline is 10/8.

Review Timeline and Sept. 30 Deliverables Checklist

- Proposed data for RFP release: 10/ 2, deadline 10/ 28.
- Review evaluation matrix at next Caucus meeting 10/14.
- Work session to rank RFP NTAs based on evaluation matrix 10/30.
- Next full Caucus meetings 11/6 and 12/9. Review submitted NTAs at 11/6 Caucus meeting.
- Draft elements of 5-year Ecosystem Recovery Plan due 10/8.
- Work session between 11/6 and 12/9.
- Caucus must decide on NTAs to move forward by 12/9.
- 2-Year Implementation Plan with NTAs that we are putting forward to include in the Action Agenda 12/31.

Results Chains

Gretchen reviewed our results chains, which provide a map of 2014 work and were not customizable. Fred Jarrett commented that the chains seem backwards and should start with vital signs and work backwards in terms of stressors and include metrics for each strategy in order to be adaptive. Starting

with the end goal in mind will also help communicate these issues to the public in a more digestible format. All were in favor of adapting the results chains in this manner.

Approach for Completing Draft Schematics

Gretchen walked through the 14 draft schematics in the packet for today, which were sent to the group. The schematics are a roadmap for the future and intended as a communications tool for public and officials. Please send edits and feedback to Gretchen; a small workgroup session will continue to work on them 9/17. General group feedback was that the schematics logic should be apparent and the diagram should be simplified if it is to be a useful communication tool. The group would also like to see a funding schematic as well as a description of funding issues and strategy in the narrative.

Narrative

Gretchen reviewed the third element of the deliverables due 10/8. Here, the LIO will describe its approach to recover each of our prioritized vital signs by vital sign and by strategic initiative. Strategic Initiative Transition Teams (SITTs) will review results chains, schematics, and narratives from LIOs. Major issues to discuss in our narrative include our heavy urbanization and large population (39 cities), importance of outreach and education to change behavior and build political will, the importance of multibenefit strategies, importance of funding as a cross-cutting issue, importance of elected official understanding and involvement.

- Stormwater:
 - Urbanized/ highly developed LIO that won't see much reduction in impervious surface.
 - Existing development piece is a gap currently.
 - Need to take a watershed approach to address basic outcomes at a larger scale.
 - Outreach and education could better empower individuals, an example might be an app that lets citizens report stormwater issues.
- Habitat:
 - Habitat loss, vegetation loss in urban areas which negatively affects water quality.
 - We need to engage in restoration and rehabilitation.
 - Shoreline armoring is a barrier to restoring some habitat in our LIO.
 - Focus on landowner engagement in restoring habitat.
 - Funding and support for local and individual action should be a key priority in the RFP selection process.
 - Importance of helping local gov'ts enforce regulations, which usually lack capacity.
- Shellfish:
 - Onsite sewage systems cause problems for our LIO.
 - Shellfish harvesting is important to tribes, they want greater beach protection, which would be a HWB indicator as well. Currently the focus is mostly only on commercial harvesting.

RFP Process

LIO will solicit proposals via email and customize the solicitation from the one that PSP sends out. It should be concise and include performance metrics.

Good of the Order

- The ECB Board Meeting was cancelled.
- 11 out of 17 governments have approved the interlocal agreement.
- Pierce County will be hiring a Stormwater Permit Manager.
- Strategic Implementation teams have been meeting, information about the teams is available on the PSP website. The first draft of implementation strategies for Estuaries and Shellfish is available. See Gretchen for meeting information and materials.
- Area Tribes feel that Puget Sound requires its own office at EPA and representation at the national level (similar to Chesapeake Bay).

Wrap-up & Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.