

South Central Action Area Caucus Group Caucus Meeting

August 11, 2020

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

Meeting Purposes:

- Confirm LIO Operating Principles
- Finalize LIO workplan that amplifies member priorities
- Select focus area for 2020-2021 work plan

Time	Topic	Lead/Action
2:00 – 2:10	Welcome & Introductions	Chair
2:10 – 2:30	Good of the Order Member Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve June meeting summary• PSP Updates• Member Updates	Chair, Alexandra Doty <i>Information and decision</i>
2:30 – 2:50	Review and Finalize South Central LIO Operating Principles <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review and discuss updated operating principles• Approve updated operating principles	Chair <i>Information and decision</i>
2:50 – 3:30	Review and Finalize South Central LIO Work Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review and discuss updated work plan• Discuss timeline to implement tasks	Chair <i>Information and discussion</i>
3:30 – 3:50	Select Focus Area for LIO Work Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss priority topics for LIO to focus its efforts on	Chair <i>Discussion</i>
3:50 – 4:00	Wrap-Up & Adjourn	Chair <i>Information and discussion</i>

Meeting Packet:

- June 3 Meeting Summary (Pg. 2 - 6)
- Draft South Central LIO Operating Principles (Pg. 7 - 9)
- Draft South Central LIO Work Plan: 2020 - 2022 (Pg. 10 - 12)
- Shoreline Armoring Implementation Matrix (Pg. 13 - 14)

South Central Action Area Caucus Group Meeting Summary

June 3, 2020 | 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
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Attendees:

Members and Alternates

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Josh Baldi	King County	Jeannette Dorner	Mid Sound Fisheries & Enhancement Group
Brandy Reed	King Conservation District	Doug Osterman	WRIA 9
Erika Harris	PSRC	Heather Trim	Zero Waste WA
Kathy Minsch	City of Seattle	Josh Latterell	King County
Abby Hook	King County		

Other Attendees

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Caroline Burney	Cascadia Consulting Group	Alexandra Doty	Puget Sound Partnership
Ruth Bell	Cascadia Consulting Group	Elene Trujillo	Puget Sound Partnership
Beihua Page	Puget Sound Partnership		

Welcome and Introductions

Josh Baldi welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

Recap NTA Recommendations

Ruth Bell provided an update of the NTA recommendations as discussed at the April 1 Caucus meeting.

- The Strategic Initiative Leads for Habitat, Stormwater, and Shellfish released their funding recommendations on May 27, including the following relevant South Central LIO NTAs:
 - Habitat
 - [2018-0432](#) – LIO elected NTA for the Shore Friendly collaborative with Midsound [2018-0876](#)
 - Stormwater
 - [2018-0192](#)– PWR LIO Plan development; SC LIO reviewed and tiered a 4, Final Tier 3
 - [2018-0742](#), local NTA submitted by King Co.; SC LIO reviewed and tiered a 3, Final Tier 3
 - [2018-0877](#), local NTA submitted by Midsound FEG; SC LIO reviewed and tiered a 4, Final Tier 4
 - Shellfish
 - [2018-0267](#), local NTA submitted by King Co.; SC LIO reviewed and tiered a 3, Final Tier 3

Brandy Reed provided an update on the collaborative Shore Friendly King County program, which the LIO selected as its top NTA recommendation.

- The Shore Friendly program has received \$450,000 plus a match of \$100,000 to implement this program until the end of 2022.
 - Goal: Deliver standardized, collaborative, and strategic program.
 - Looking at engaging 60 armored shoreline property owners, initiating design on up to 12 projects, and fully completing design at 4 projects.
- The funding will be distributed across partners King Conservation District, Mid Sound, WRIA 9, WRIA 8, and King County.

Discussion:

- Doug Osterman clarified that the WRIA 9 Ecosystem Forum is participating in the Shore Friendly Program, not King County WRIA 9.
- Doug asked how the Shore Friendly program is engaging homeowners that do not have shoreline armor, but are at a high risk for erosion?
 - These homeowners will be served through current programs at KCD and King County.
 - The collaborative funding will be used to serve homeowners with bulkheads.
 - Doug recommended teeing up an NTA that addresses the need to preserve non-bulkhead properties.
 - Josh added that South Central LIO will follow up on conversations with Department of Ecology to build out a program around shoreline management more broadly.

South Central LIO Work Plan

Ruth introduced the discussion to develop a two-year LIO work plan.

- Enhanced Scope: Alexandra Doty shared that starting October 1, all 10 LIOs will receive \$125,000 instead of \$75,000 for their contract.
 - South Central received \$60,000 for the current contract because \$15,000 was donated to PWR LIO.
 - Before October 2018: South Central LIO received \$75,000 each year.
 - October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019: South Central LIO received \$50,000 and shared \$25,000 with PWR LIO.
 - October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020: South Central LIO received \$60,000 and shared \$15,000 with PWR LIO.
 - With the additional funding, the LIO will add new tasks to support enhanced activities. The Partnership has put together a suite of options for the LIOs to choose from.
 - Alexandra will ensure that the contract supports the activities selected by the LIO.
 - **Next Steps:** Alexandra will share the 2020-2021 Scope of Work Template.
- Work Plan: The intention of the LIO work plan is to keep it high level but map out the specific activities.
 - Doug shared that the LIO should re-engage local decision makers.
 - **Recommendations:**
 - Coordinate a summit to engage local decision makers around shoreline management, critical area ordinances, and other topics.
 - Josh recommended discussing what made previous summits a success at future meetings.

- Continuing Deep Dive conversations.
- Funding EcoNet.

Clean Water Healthy Habitat Presentation

Abby Hook and Josh Latterell provided an update on the [Clean Water, Healthy Habitat Initiative](#).

Background:

- The Clean Water Healthy Habitat initiative seeks to make outcome driven investments for the \$6.3 billion projected to be spent between 2019 – 2029.
- The initiative seeks to address the following problems:
 - Lack of description of county wide environmental outcomes.
 - Work is siloed within programs.
 - Long term plans are not coordinated.
 - Not consistently focused on multi-benefits.
 - Investment return is not always clear.
- To address the problems above, the initiative includes several principles to increase the efficacy of investments to protect clean water and habitat throughout King County:
 - Outcome driven decision making
 - Integrated data, planning, and delivery
 - Innovative thinking
 - Systems and community approach
 - Equitable investments
- Strategies to address the problems are largely internal and upstream to deal with barriers plans are currently having. Many of the strategies target organizational integration.

Updates:

- King County developed 12 indicators that align with the Puget Sound Vital Signs, coordinated with Partnership staff.
- Outlined 9 high priority pressures in South Central LIO (airborne pollutants, dams, freshwater and shoreline armoring, freshwater levees, industrial pollutants, residential and commercial development, roads and railroads, sewer, stormwater) to inform the goals.
- King County meets weekly to revise the problems that need to be addressed by the initiative and set goals within each of these problem areas:
 - Rising seas
 - Damaged floodplains
 - Fish declines
 - Stormwater runoff
 - Toxics and pathogens
 - Forest declines
- The 30-year goals articulate the ecological and societal benefits from clean water and healthy habitat:
 - Functioning floodplains
 - Resilient coastlines
 - Cleaner, controlled stormwater runoff

- Healthy forests and more green spaces
- Reduced toxics and pathogens
- Better fish habitat

Discussion:

- Heather shared she does not think we should align the LIO with the KC effort because as an LIO, need to be able to hold King County accountable.
 - Heather shared that for example, using the term ‘safer’ as opposed to ‘safe’ when referring to fish is concerning and that this problem statement should be reframed.
 - Josh clarified that the intention of the presentation is to see where there are opportunities for alignment with other entities’ work.
 - **Next Steps:** Heather and Josh will connect to discuss areas of concern.
- Doug expressed support for the initiative as an opportunity for systems planning and making multi-benefit decisions.
- Doug recommended adding the WRIAs as a column that maps their indicator in between the Partnership and King County.
- Doug suggested adding more detail around which species of wild fish populations in the ‘Better fish habitat’ goal.
- Elene Trujillo asked how the Partnership can support this effort.
 - King County has communicated with the Partnership leadership around four areas: clean water, land conservation, multi-benefit flood projects, and a prioritized fish passage program.
- Brandy suggested an update on vital sign indicators to inform the discussion around how we make a collective impact.
 - **Next Steps:** Facilitation team to crosswalk LIO work plan to demonstrate alignment with the vital signs updates.

Next Steps: Bylaws and Membership

Ruth summarized next steps for updating the work plan, bylaws and membership:

- Will interview each entity to understand priorities.
 - Bring recommendations to the August meeting.
- Following the interviews, will update the bylaws and review at August meeting.
 - Jeanette Dorner and Doug Osterman volunteered to update the bylaws.

Good of the Order Member Updates

PSP Updates

- Vital Signs Update: Revised suite of vital signs and indicators will be presented to the leadership council for approval on June 10. Update as of 6/15: The Leadership Council adopted the 36 indicators and 17 potential future indicators proposed, and 13 Vital Signs (option 3 from the [briefing memo](#) and [appendix](#)).
- On June 10, the Leadership Council unanimously adopted the Partnership's proposed vision and concept for the 2022-2026 Action Agenda.
 - See [the briefing memo](#) and [Attachment 1](#) here.

Member Updates

- Mid Sound's [NTA 2018-0877](#) was selected for funding to create a new stormwater retrofit program for salmon streams in the Green-Duwamish watershed.
 - Jeanette will follow up with Josh Baldi and Kathy Minsch.
 - Will discuss next steps at the August meeting.
- WRIA 9 submitted its funding recommendations representing a diverse geographic and organizational range.

Wrap-up & Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:33 pm. The facilitation team will distribute a Doodle poll to schedule the August meeting and will be scheduling 1-on-1 meetings with all members.

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South Central Local Integrating Organization Operating Guidelines

The following Operating Guidelines are adapted from the original, dated December 2009. Revised Draft August 2020.

Purpose of LIO:

The South Central LIO is one of ten LIOs within the Puget Sound, and is supported by the Puget Sound Partnership (Partnership) through annual contacts for LIO support.

The purpose of the South Central Local Integrating Organization (LIO) is to help refine and confirm Action Area priorities and implementation strategies using input from constituents, and to help identify opportunities to become more efficient and effective through coordination and integration of Puget Sound recovery efforts.

Membership:

When established, the vision of the SC LIO membership was inclusive of broad representation of constituencies including agricultural, environmental, tribal, business, public health, cities, counties, and the Port. Elected official involvement was also part of the original intent. Today's goal is still broad representation, and the LIO is interested in either expanding active members or continuing to convene broad representation to achieve that goal.

Currently, active participants include:

- King County
- City of Seattle
- Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Salmon Recovery Council
- Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed (WRIA 9) Ecosystem Forum
- Midsound Fisheries Enhancement Group
- King Conservation District
- Puget Sound Regional Council
- Puget Sound Partnership

Meetings and Meeting Ground Rules:

LIO meetings will:

- Focus on reviewing and acting on timely information and ideas brought forward by work groups/subcommittees, giving further direction to work groups/subcommittees, and crafting outcomes in the form of advice and recommendations to the Partnership.
- Occur at least quarterly, prior to Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB) meetings. As necessary, more frequent meetings may be scheduled.

- Be based on meeting agendas and materials that are distributed in a timely fashion, and at least a week prior to meetings.
- Be planned and managed by the Chair in consultation with supporting staff and work groups/subcommittees.
- Function with LIO members agreeing to interact with each other with respect, and with a focus on trying to find creative, collaborative ways to maximize the interests of each participant.
- Update and inform the action area representative to the Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB).
- Be chaired by the South Central Action Area ECB representative, or other LIO member as designated by the group.
- Operate transparently, including regular communication with constituencies, use of email distribution lists for materials and meeting announcements, etc.
- Communicate constituent concerns and input with LIO and communicate LIO discussions with constituents.

Creation of work groups/subcommittees:

The LIO may decide to form work groups/subcommittees, comprised of interested LIO participants, on specific topics or issues to enable more detailed discussion or development of a draft work product in preparation for presenting it to the full LIO.

Decisions:

Decisions will be made with efficiency and fairness. LIO participants recognize there is a direct relationship between the strength of local implementation of the Action Agenda and the number of participants who can agree on recommendations and advice to the Partnership for local implementation of the Action Agenda. Therefore, the LIO will strive for consensus on advice and recommendations to the Partnership. Consensus will be defined as the lack of dissent.

In the absence of consensus, a majority of members present at any meeting of the LIO will prevail. Minority opinions, along with the reason for the dissent, will be noted in any advice or recommendations submitted to the Partnership. The Chair will be responsible for gauging the degree of consensus, and for calling the question to vote. The LIO may authorize the Chair to communicate advice and recommendations to the Partnership on its behalf, expressing the concerns, desires, and opinions of the LIO regarding local implementation of the Action Agenda.

Funding Recommendations:

Once per year, according to EPA's funding model, the LIO provides Near Term Action (NTA) funding recommendations to the Strategic Initiative Advisory Teams (SIATs). In order to make these recommendations, members of the LIO volunteer to serve on a subcommittee. The subcommittee establishes criteria, reviews, scores, and ranks the NTA proposals to identify the top 10-15. Scoring and ranking is done by applying a numerical score using a scale agreed upon by subcommittee members; criteria are also agreed upon by subcommittee members. NTA "owners", or LIO members who represent the organization that proposed the NTA, recuse themselves from the scoring exercise for their

organization's NTA. The scored and ranked NTAs could serve as the list for making funding recommendations for the subsequent three years of funding.

Each year, before submitting NTA funding recommendations, the LIO coordinates with the SIATs to solicit updates on the top ranked NTAs. The updated project information is shared with the LIO. If the NTA owner is no longer actively seeking funding, the NTA is removed from the list. The LIO can recommend the remaining active NTAs in the order in which they appear on the scored and ranked list.

South Central LIO Work Plan: 2020 - 2022

Work Plan Purpose

The purpose of the South Central Local Integrating Organization (LIO) Work Plan is to identify the activities that will align member priorities and create a collective impact to support watershed based recovery of Puget Sound. The South Central LIO Recovery Plan outlines recovery goals within the watershed. This work plan outlines the tasks that will lead the LIO to achieving those recovery goals.

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Several sources inform the South Central Action Area LIO's list of potential actions for the 2020-2022 work plan: the June 3 South Central LIO Caucus Meeting, the suite of Near Term Actions (NTAs) developed for the 2018-2022 Action Agenda, and the requirements of the LIO Coordination contract with the Partnership that funds LIO coordination and activities.

This document presents draft proposals for a work plan that 1) advanced the LIO membership's goals to achieve watershed recovery, and 2) fulfills the contract requirements.

Goals

The draft goals for the 2020 work plan are as follows:

- Continue to use the South Central Action Area LIO meetings as a forum to share information, i.e. deep dives to gain insight into innovative local approaches to advance Puget Sound recovery.
- Continue to work at the regional level to ensure the LIO's voice is heard on important topics, i.e. providing input on the EPA funding model and the Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB) Funding Strategy recommendations.
 - The LIO envisions advancing regional recovery through several potential channels including coordinating summits and reengaging with Education, Communication, and Outreach Network (ECO Net).
 - More details on these activities are included under Task 5.
- Continue to make progress on the South Central LIO Ecosystem Recovery Plan and create measurable strategies to advance recovery plan goals.
- Fulfill our contractual requirements, especially those related to updating the local Action Agenda pressures, NTAs, and performance measures.

More details on the above goals are provided in the Task descriptions below.

Tasks

- LIO tasks are to be organized by topic such as shoreline armoring, stormwater, or land use and cover.

- The LIO may choose to focus on one topic per year and decide as a Committee which tasks are best suited to move the needle on the chosen topic.
- For example, the LIO may continue coordination and partnerships on shoreline armoring. The LIO will determine goals, strategies, and tactics to continue to advance restoration of South Central shorelines.
- The task lead and timeline will be determined based on the selected focus area.
- Tasks will be supported by LIO Contract Task 1.1 and 5.1.
- More information on the proposed tasks are below:

Deep Dives

- Continue to use the South Central Action Area LIO meetings as a forum to convene people involved in the topic at the local and regional level and share information to gain insight into innovative local approaches to advance Puget Sound recovery.
 - Work with LIO committee members to determine which local organizations to engage and present on their work about the chosen topic.
 - Coordinate presentations and distribution of follow-up resources from deep dive speakers.

Summit/Training:

- The intention of the summit or training is to bring together the participants of the existing watershed groups, such as elected officials, citizen representatives, local, regional, state, federal, and tribal governments, and environmental and business groups, to:
 - Build relationships and network
 - Celebrate with each other
 - Identify collaborative actions
 - Inform and educate local decision makers on work of the LIO¹
- Summit topics are to be determined by LIO members. Examples may include:
 - Enforcement and compliance
 - Regulatory inconsistencies and lag between old and new regulation adoption
 - Policy effectiveness
 - Ecosystem services valuation
 - Policy maker and elected official engagement
 - Sufficiency of current laws (to match local needs, equitably)
 - Policy incentives

EcoNet:

- Support Local Outreach Network (ex. ECO Net)
 - Support the local ecosystem recovery outreach network through ECONet within the LIO area to advance and catalyze implementation of LIO Plan priority public engagement, awareness raising, incentive, and/or compliance projects and programs within the LIO (including NTAs).
 - Fund capacity for LIO coordinator (or subcontract funds to a separate ECONet coordinator or equivalent, approximately \$6,000, not to exceed \$10,000) to:

¹ Any work under this subtask must strictly adhere to policy outlined in [Lobbying CFR 200.450](#).

- Identify alignment between the LIO Plan and the local outreach network, through conversation with local outreach network/ECONet members.
- Within the LIO Plan, identify if there are key barriers or gaps to making progress in LIO ecosystem recovery relating to public engagement, awareness raising, incentive, and/or compliance projects and programs, and coordinate with key Partnership staff to identify opportunities within the LIO (and outside of the LIO) to address gaps or remove barriers
- Enable local outreach networks to operate as subcommittees of the respective LIO.
- Provide seed money (between \$5,000 - \$10,000 per project, not to exceed \$15,000) specifically for capacity components of specific NTAs within the behavior change activity type taxonomies: [Awareness Raising](#), [Incentives](#), [Compliance](#).
- Fund an annual local outreach network/ECO Net and LIO partner symposium (not to exceed \$10,000), with the purpose of gathering all partners in the LIO area (including local outreach network partners, LEs, LIO partners) who are implementing behavior change projects or programs to share successes, discuss challenges or barriers, and to provide networking and collaboration opportunities.

South Central LIO Shoreline Armoring Implementation Matrix

The table below outlines key programs being implemented by partners in the watershed, and actions that can be taken by the LIO or individual members to leverage the work and create a collective impact.

Program	Next Steps	LIO action?	Individual member action?	Coordinator Follow Up Items	Follow Up Date
City of Seattle SMP Updates	Maggie to share City of Seattle SMP update language	See follow up	Share Seattle’s updated SMP language with permitting departments	Check in on implementation of updated SMPs	End of 2020
WA Department of Ecology	Ongoing implementation and compliance; Equipping local governments with the tools	Ongoing engagement with Ecology	Connect Sydney and ECY staff with permitting departments or intended audience	Engage Sydney at LIO meetings	Ongoing
WA Sea Grant Needs Assessment-Coastal Processes Design	Nicole to share results from needs assessment as available	Ongoing engagement with WA Sea Grant	Forward Shoreline and Coastal Planners Group webinars to planning departments	Check in on needs assessment	Fall 2020
Vashon Island Basin Steward	Identify public lands for shoreline restoration programs	Engage Habitat SI around private vs public shoreline armoring removed/permitted	Coordinate with Parks departments and other agencies to identify feasible lands for SA removal/softening		
King County Shoreline Monitoring	Ongoing engagement with planning groups		WRIA 8 & 9- consider facilitating quarterly meetings with local planners (example from WRIA 7) Habitat SI- regular engagement with Kollin to discuss updates to		

Program	Next Steps	LIO action?	Individual member action?	Coordinator Follow Up Items	Follow Up Date
			shoreline armoring removed/permited		
Shore Friendly	Coordination with GMA groups to elevate Shore Friendly with planning directors and ensure permitting staff	Consider how to build capacity for Shore Friendly program	Coordination amongst permitting staff and Shore Friendly to facilitate early referrals during permitting process (example from Kitsap County)	Check in on status and implementation (after contract initiated) to determine additional opportunities for the LIO to leverage shore friendly efforts	Summer/Fall 2020
Shoreline Armoring IS	Advancing implementation of the IS; Connecting with organizations to meet shared watershed and regional priorities	Ongoing engagement with IS	Continue advancing actions aligned with IS	Follow up with South Central LIO on items above, identify opportunities for sharing successes with other LIO areas?	