

MEMORANDUM

August 3, 2017

TO: WRIA 9 Watershed Ecosystem Forum

FR: Doug Osterman, WRIA 9 Salmon Recovery Manager

RE: **WRIA 9 Watershed Ecosystem Forum Meeting— Thursday, August 10, 2017, 4 to 6:30 p.m., Renton City Hall**

The next meeting of the WRIA 9 Watershed Ecosystem Forum (WEF) is Thursday, August 10, from 4 to 6:30 p.m., at **Renton City Hall, Council Chambers**. A map and driving instructions are located at: [Directions to Renton City Hall](#).

Please RSVP to Linda Grob at either 206-477-4704 or linda.grob@kingcounty.gov by Tuesday, August 8, to enable us to have a head count for refreshments and quorum purposes.

A Quorum is required for deciding on the WRIA 9 2018 Budget and Work Plan

The key agenda items are:

WRIA 9 2018 Budget and Work Plan

The WEF adopted a “provisional 2018 budget and work plan” as part of the biennial budgeting process of 2016 for 2017 and 2018. For the final 2018 budget, the Management Committee (MC) recommends using 2.53 percent Consumer Price Index for Wages (CPI-W) which keeps wage increases the same as the provisionally approved budget. The largest difference, however, in the provisionally approved budget and the MC recommended budget is due to greater revenues from grants than anticipated and carryover from 2017 to 2018. The MC recommends WEF approve the 2018 WRIA 9 budget and cost shares. The MC recommends approving the 2018 work plan (which only has housekeeping changes from the provisionally approved work plan).

Green/Duwamish Urban Waters Federal Partnership (UWFP)

Tracy Stanton, Ambassador for the UWFP, is providing an update on activities of the UWFP, the interest of the UWFP to join the WEF as a member, and an interest in helping plan and execute a Yellow Bus Tour for 2017/2018.

WRIA 9 2017/18 State Legislative Priorities and 2017 Congressional Priorities

Included in the packet is an updated table comparing the Governor, Agency, Senate, and House capital budget proposals with WRIA 9’s requested amounts of funding. Unfortunately, the State Legislature did not approve a capital budget for the next biennium, therefore, the final capital dollars included in House Bill 1075 are included in the updated table. The biggest disappointment, which will surely negatively impact implementation of the WRIA 9 Plan, is that not a single capital project for which WRIA 9 requested funding was included in either the House or Senate capital budgets. This, together with the lower amounts for capital funding programs than requested and the reduction of Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) grant funding to Puget Sound, presents a significant hurdle to implementing the Plan over the next two years. On a bright note, U.S. Senator Patty Murray, a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, secured \$65 million for the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF), which is less than the \$80 million that WRIA 9 supported, but more than the \$50 million included in the State’s HB 1075. Unfortunately, if a capital budget is not adopted by the State, the State cannot leverage the Federal PCSRF appropriation. The WRIA 9 Legislative and Congressional Priorities are here: [Legislative Priorities](#).

WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Goals and Adaptive Management Framework

Abby Hook, Interim Habitat Plan Manager, and Kollin Higgins, King County Environmental Scientist, are providing an overview of the technical progress to identify habitat goals for the Salmon Habitat Plan update and adaptive management framework for the update, including the roles of the WEF. An example scenario of the decision-making process is included in the presentation.

Salmon Recovery Manager Report

A brief written report (that delves into agenda items to a larger degree and provides information on other activities of the watershed) is included with the meeting packet materials.

The attached Meeting Packet materials include:

1. Agenda
2. May 11, 2017 Meeting Summary
3. MC recommended 2018 Budget
4. MC recommended 2018 Work Plan
5. MC recommended 2018 Cost Share Table
6. State Capital Budget Table (updated)
7. Salmon Recovery Manager Report
8. WRIA 9 letter thanking Senate and House of Representative members for supporting funding for Puget Sound

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Please contact me with questions.

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