

**Summary of Services Provided in WRIA 9  
September 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011**

**Overview:**

**Cost-shared services during the third trimester of 2011 focused on:**

- Securing approval of the budget for 2012 King Conservation District collections.
- Receiving \$884,672 in funding from the Salmon Funding Recovery Board (SRFB) and Puget Sound Restoration (PSR) for four projects.
- Convening the Ecosystem Restoration Project Executive Committee which approved \$2.71 million in federal funding for six ERP projects.
- Recruiting and hiring temporary WRIA 9 Project Assistant.
- Advancing the discussion of draft Watershed Investment District legislation.
- Coordinating with the Puget Sound Partnership, Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council, and Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project on salmon recovery implementation and policy development.

*The following summary of services is organized according to work items outlined in the approved WRIA 9 MOU.*

**Watershed Ecosystem Forum Coordination**

*Schedule and staff four WRIA 9 Watershed Ecosystem Forum meetings at key decision points in implementing and monitoring of the Salmon Habitat Plan, and prepare the scope of work and budget for work to be cost-shared after 2011:*

- Organized one meeting of the Watershed Ecosystem Forum (Forum) (December 15).
- Undertook meetings and briefings to explain and build support for Watershed Investment District legislation:
  - Coordinated with Puget Sound Partnership, King County Water and Land Resources Division, and WRIAs 7, 8 10, and the Snoqualmie Watershed.
  - Briefed the Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council on October 21, where the Leadership Council adopted a resolution to pursue local and watershed-based funding options and asked WRIA 9 to serve on a subcommittee of the Ecosystem Coordination Board on funding.
- Secured approval of the budget for 2012 King Conservation District (KCD) collections.
- Conducted e-mail correspondence and multiple phone and personal conversations with Forum and Forum staff members.
- Coordinated local government and Forum communications with the State legislature.

*Selective participation and coordination with State and Puget Sound regional efforts, such as the Lead Entity Advisory Group, the Puget Sound Nearshore Partnership, and regional or sub-regional efforts:*

- Advised the Salmon Recovery Board, Puget Sound Partnership (PSP), Puget Sound Nearshore Partnership, and Governor's Salmon Recovery Office on salmon recovery funding and technical issues.
- Attended one meeting of the Puget Sound Partnership South Central Action Area Caucus Group to identify, prioritize, and sequence protection, restoration, and reducing sources of pollution and coordinate actions with the Action Area update (November 21).
- Attended one meeting of the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council (December 1).
- Attended three PSP Watershed Leads meeting (September 8, October 13, and November 10).
- Participated in two Lead Entity Advisory Group (LEAG) meetings (September 30 and November 9).

*Schedule and staff four WRIA 9 Management Committee meetings to oversee the 2010 ILA-funded work program:*

- Organized one meetings of the Management Committee (October 26).
- Conducted e-mail correspondence and multiple phone and personal conversations with Management Committee members.

*Coordinate with city and county staff and elected officials as practicable:*

- Conducted e-mail correspondence and multiple phone and personal conversations with Forum staff.

### **WRIA Plan Implementation**

*Work with the Watershed Ecosystem Forum to facilitate the implementation and monitoring of the WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan:*

- Recruited and hired temporary WRIA 9 Project Assistant.
- Provided briefings to the Watershed Ecosystem Forum on Habitat Plan implementation issues, and provided assistance to several cost-sharing city partners.

*Implement adaptive management, and participate in regional or sub-regional planning, implementation, monitoring, and financing efforts as practicable:*

- The Implementation Technical Committee met two times to work on an Adaptive Management Plan, monitoring, and review project designs for proposed restoration projects (September 22 and October 27).

### **Capital Projects Implementation**

*Coordinate cross-jurisdictional implementation of projects identified as WRIA priorities (e.g., projects funded by the watershed allocation of King Conservation District funds, Puget Sound Partnership, State Salmon Recovery Funding Board, and other funds):*

- Assisted with application preparation of King Conservation District grants for three grant applications
  - Downey Farmstead Final Design – City of Kent (\$46,419);
  - Big Spring Creek 2011 Construction – King County (\$275,000); and
  - WRIA 9 Project Implementation 2012 – King County/WRIA 9 (\$114,350).
- Coordinated final applications and Lead Entity materials for 2011 Salmon Funding Recovery Board grant round.

*Help establish partnerships and seek funding for high priority capital projects:*

- Distributed information to local governments about grant opportunities and assisted project sponsors with grant applications, including letters of support. These grant opportunities included: National Fish and Wildlife “Bring Back the Natives” and Washington State Coastal Protection Fund.
- Updated the Habitat Work Schedule for 76 high priority projects, including the information necessary for submitting projects for the 2011 Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program grant round.
- Updated project information in Habitat Work Schedule for 76 projects, including project costs, benefits, and timeline for completion.

*Develop and manage the long-term WRIA-wide capital facility plan and 3-year capital improvement program:*

- Submitted two projects to the Puget Sound Partnership for the capital construction project list for economic stimulus.

*Support the Watershed Ecosystem Forum in developing, prioritizing, and presenting project recommendations to the State Salmon Recovery Funding Board for funding:*

- Attended December 8 Salmon Recovery Funding Board Meeting in order to answer questions about four grant applications.

*Coordinate regional aspects of the Green River Ecosystem Restoration Project:*

- Convened the Ecosystem Restoration Project (ERP) Executive Committee (December 15), which approved \$2.71 million in 2012 federal funding for six ERP projects:
  - Lake Meridian Outlet Monitoring, Kent (\$20,000);
  - Site 1 – North Wind’s Weir Monitoring, Year 2, Tukwila, (\$20,000);
  - Upper Springbrook Creek Monitoring, Renton (\$20,000)
  - Boeing Levee Setback Design, Kent (\$600,000); and
  - Big Spring Creek Construction, Enumclaw Plateau/King County (\$2 million); and
  - Porter Levee Setback Design Agreement, King County (\$50,000)
- Assisted with planning and participated in one ERP Project Management Committee meeting (October 5).
- Supported local sponsors working on Ecosystem Restoration Project (ERP) projects, including development of funding strategies.

**Public Outreach (half time)**

*Coordinate a public outreach and involvement strategy for the WRIA 9 planning and implementation process:*

- Participated in two King County ECO Net meeting (September 22 and November 9).
- Responded to two information requests from the public.
- Regularly maintained the WRIA 9 website at [www.govlink.org/watersheds/9/](http://www.govlink.org/watersheds/9/).
- Participated in one Duwamish Outreach Committee meeting (September 20).

[During the third trimester, Elissa Ostergaard, Project Implementation, Planning and Stewardship Coordinator, spent approximately three quarters of her time on Miller/Walker Creek basin stewardship. While it contributes to WRIA 9 watershed health, that work was funded by the Miller/Walker basin partners and thus is not summarized in this trimester report.]

**Program Management and Administration**

*Conduct general administration work in support of ILA implementation:*

- Held verbal and email progress discussions at and between WRIA 9 Watershed Ecosystem Forum and Management Committee meetings.
- Coordinated across Forum on several issues, including the PSP, Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council, and Salmon Recovery Funding Board.
- Supervised work of ILA-supported staff.
- Regularly maintained the WRIA 9 website at [www.govlink.org/watersheds/9/](http://www.govlink.org/watersheds/9/).