

Summary of Services Provided in WRIA 9

January 1 to April 30, 2015

Overview:

Cost-shared services during the first trimester of 2015 focused on:

- Finalizing and publishing the 2005-2014 WRIA 9 Implementation Progress Report.
- Developing the 2016 WRIA 9 Budget, Work and Staff Plans.
- Completing the first draft of 2015 Program Implementation Survey.
- Presenting to seven city councils on the renewal of the WRIA 9 Interlocal Agreement.
- Providing technical information on vegetation management on levees for the Lower Green River System-Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) and participating on the SWIF Technical Advisory Committee.
- Updating the WRIA 9 2015 Federal/State Legislative Priorities, meeting with State Representatives in Olympia, and preparing letters on legislation and budget proposals.
- Supporting project sponsors in developing funding strategies and requests for habitat projects.
- Finalizing the Puget Sound Partnership's Funding Strategy as a participant on the Ecosystem Coordination Board Funding Subcommittee.
- Representing WRIA 9's interests in Puget Sound Watershed Leads group, Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council, South Central Caucus Group, and Washington Salmon Coalition.

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

Watershed Ecosystem Forum & Regional/State Coordination

- Organized one meeting of the Watershed Ecosystem Forum (WEF) (February 12).
- Continued conversation and review of the draft ten-year WRIA 9 Interlocal Agreement (ILA) to continue implementing projects and programs and monitor and adaptively manage salmon recovery in WRIA 9.
- Provided seven city councils with a WRIA 9/ILA renewal presentation: the Cities of Seattle (February 27), Black Diamond (March 19), Enumclaw (March 23), Covington (March 24), Tukwila (April 20), Kent (April 21), and Renton (April 27).
- Updated the WRIA 9 Memorandum of Understanding to support renewal of the ILA.
- Organized two meetings of the Management Committee (MC) (January 28 and April 29).
- Updated the WRIA 9 2015 Federal/State Legislative Priorities.
- Attended two meetings of the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council (PSSRC) (January 22 and April 2).
- Participated in two meetings of the Puget Sound South Central Action Area Caucus Group (February 9 and March 9).
- Completed work on the Puget Sound Funding Strategy by the Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB) Funding Subcommittee.
- Participated in four meetings of the Puget Sound Watershed Leads (January 8, February 12, March 12, and April 9).
- Participated in four meetings of the Washington Salmon Coalition (WSC):
 - Attended two WSC meetings (January 28 and April 14) and one WebEx (March 3); and
 - Attended WSC Funding Subcommittee meeting (January 13).
- Advised the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB), Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) and Governor's Salmon Recovery Office on salmon recovery funding and technical issues.

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- Conducted e-mail correspondence and multiple phone and personal conversations with WEF/MC and WEF staff members.

WRIA Plan Implementation

- Participated in the Lower Green System-Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) process, attending the following meetings:
 - SWIF Technical Advisory Committee (March 25); and
 - SWIF policy and alignments meeting (participated in mediation to determine the alignment of Lower Russell Road alignment (January 12).
- Completed the first draft of 2015 Program Implementation Survey.
- Scheduled and facilitated four meetings of the Implementation Technical Committee (ITC) to work on a mitigation policy for Chinook Wind, monitoring priorities for 2015-16, project approvals for WRIA-directed funding, and a tour of the Seattle sea wall (January 27, February 19, March 19, and April 16).
- Continued to work on the regional Monitoring and Adaptive Management (M&AM) framework, participating in meetings to develop common indicators (January 20 and March 3), salmon recovery BMP prioritization (February 3) and biennial reporting work group (February 10) .
- Provided briefings to the WEF on Habitat Plan implementation issues, and provided assistance to several cost-sharing city partners.
- Continued work on the Duwamish Riparian Revegetation Cooperative Watershed Management (CWM) grant to restore native vegetation along the Duwamish in Tukwila.

Capital Projects Implementation

- Received approval from the WEF to use additional \$250,000 in Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) funds for Duwamish Gardens Project revision.
- Developed timeline for 2015 SRFB projects and coordinated field dates and application materials for four projects.
- Developed timeline for application materials and coordinated preparation of CWM applications.
- Continued to work with King County's Mitigation Reserve Program on alternative funding sources for the Chinook Wind project on the Duwamish.
- Attended Habitat Work Schedule training (March 26) and updated twelve projects in Habitat Work Schedule.
- Supported local sponsors working on ERP projects, including Porter Levee Setback and Lones/Turley Levee Setback.
- Distributed information to local governments about grant opportunities and assisted project sponsors with grant applications, including letters of support. These grant opportunities included the Conservation Futures and King County Wastewater Treatment Division's Green Grants programs.

Communications & Outreach

- Finalized and published the 2005-2014 WRIA 9 Implementation Progress Report.
- Met with State Representatives in Olympia on Legislative Outreach Day to review WRIA 9 2015 Legislative Priorities (January 27).
- Prepared letters to legislative committees on the Legislative Priorities and bills and budgets under consideration.

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- Continued to develop the Communications Plan to better tell the story of WRIA 9:
 - Sent out nine twice-monthly editions of The WRIA 9 WIRE.
 - Continued work on branding for all marketing and outreach materials.
 - Created four additional WRIA 9 project fact sheets.
- Participated in Kent's annual Watershed Festival, and educated over 100 fourth and fifth graders about stormwater runoff using the watershed model.
- Regularly maintained the WRIA 9 website at www.govlink.org/watersheds/9/.
- Responded to seven information requests from the public, including a presentation to the Burien Planning Commission.

Program Management and Administration

Conduct general administration work in support of ILA implementation:

- Developed the 2016 WRIA 9 Budget, Work and Staff Plans.
- Held verbal and email progress discussions at and between WRIA 9 WEF and MC meetings.
- Coordinated across WEF on several issues, including the PSP, PSSRC, and SRFB.
- Supervised work of ILA-supported staff.