

# GREEN/DUWAMISH AND CENTRAL PUGET SOUND (WRIA 9) IMPLEMENTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE



## WRIA 9 Implementation Technical Committee Meeting

March 16, 2022 | 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89069145463?pwd=SUhLOHhTVEs2VlhleTFML0x4V3J2UT09>

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9:30 **Welcome & Introductions**

9:35 **WRIA 9 Carryforward Budget**

*Group discussion*

- WRIA 9 has a forecasted \$241,000 carryforward balance as of January 1, 2022. The ITC will generate ideas to spend down carryforward for Management Committee and Watershed Ecosystem Forum discussion.
- **Pre-meeting prep** – please brainstorm ideas to bring to the meeting.

Matt  
Goehring,  
WRIA 9

9:50 **WRIA 9 2022 Funding Package (proposed)**

*Presentation followed by Q&A and group discussion*

- The proposed WRIA 9 2022 Funding Package includes funding for High Priority Capital Projects, Regreen the Green grants, Stewardship, Engagement, and Learning (SEaL) grants, Monitoring and Research grants, and Project Implementation. WRIA 9 staff will summarize the proposed package with project sponsors available for questions. The ITC will consider whether to recommend the package as presented for approval by the Watershed Ecosystem Forum.
- **Pre-meeting prep** – please review the proposed WRIA 9 2022 Funding Package (attached document and slides) prior to the meeting.
  - **To view detailed submitted application materials, please visit:**  
<https://app.box.com/s/3oa0rkuuy36bjcb5vje0nlis1r7x351w>
  - **To provide comments on any project application, please visit:**  
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/b70c4c928a13459ca447f329ca79dafa>

Suzanna  
Smith,  
WRIA 9

11:25 **Round Robin Updates – ASYNCHRONOUS**

*Slide deck activity*

- **Pre-meeting prep (5 minutes)** – Please find a slide deck with instructions on slide 1 at this link:  
[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1MGwPCe3yPUwOmXvmZD\\_3j0lQUbDpVLU8MsPdL3ff24E/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1MGwPCe3yPUwOmXvmZD_3j0lQUbDpVLU8MsPdL3ff24E/edit?usp=sharing). Use your slide to include relevant updates from your jurisdiction, project, or team. Feel free to make the slide your own with photos or maps of project sites.

All

11:30 **Adjourn**

WRIA 9 ITC web page: <http://www.govlink.org/watersheds/9/committees/ImpleTechCmte.aspx>

**Participant list:**

Adam Lindquist, Alexandra Doty, Andrea Carey, Betsy Lyons, Brittany Robinson, Charlotte Spang, Chris Gregersen, Chris Korwel, Christine Stephens, Cleo Neculae, Collin Ray, Erik Rigaux, Ginny Sanchez Ballard, Greg Rabourn, Iris Kemp, Jason Toft, Jessie Medrow, Jo Wilhelm, Joanna Stodden, Joe Anderson, Josh Kahan, Josh Hopkins, Katherine Lynch, Katie Beaver, Kelly Steffen, Kerry Accola, Marc Marcantonio, Margaret Wagner, Martha Neuman, Matt Goehring, Matt Knox, Meara Heubach, Monica Walker, Natalie Jones, Nikolas Novotny, Rowena Valencia-Gica, Sandie O'Neill, Sarah Heerhartz, Suzanna Smith, Weston Brinkley

**Round-table Updates and Reminders**

- Read through our **WRIA 9 ITC April round robin** slides at this link: [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1MGwPCe3yPUwOmXvmZD\\_3j0lQUbDpVLU8MsPdL3ff24E/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1MGwPCe3yPUwOmXvmZD_3j0lQUbDpVLU8MsPdL3ff24E/edit?usp=sharing). Includes relevant updates from WRIA 9 staff, Puget Sound Partnership, Covington Water District, City of Seattle, City of Kent, WDFW, USACE, and Mid Sound Fisheries.

**WRIA 9 Carryforward Budget**

WRIA 9 forecasts a carryforward of ILA funding. This funding is separate from CWM and SRFB and its use is flexible, contingent on Watershed Ecosystem Forum approval. The Management Committee and Watershed Ecosystem Forum are expected to approve guidelines for establishing and maintaining a contingency fund, which leaves potentially \$225-255k of carryforward to spend down.

Ideas for spending down carryforward:

- Website refresh, aligning with WRIs 7, 8, and King County's website refresh
- Support 25% of the new Duwamish Steward position (roughly ~\$55k per year). This is consistent with WRIA 9 support of the Lower Green Steward position.
- Support a small grant program for interpretive signage. WRIA 9 is embarking on a Green River signage plan to establish best practices and encourage continuity along the river.

Please contact Matt ([mgoehring@kingcounty.gov](mailto:mgoehring@kingcounty.gov)) with additional suggestions. Comments due by 9am Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

*Discussion*

- Martha – Seattle strongly supports WRIA 9 support of the Duwamish Steward.
- Josh K. – recommend funding projects/programs with direct benefit to Chinook and steelhead; prioritize project implementation over education/outreach in response to the urgent need for riparian vegetation.
- Betsy and Meara – recommend considering project status and need: invest seed money to jumpstart design work and/or shovel-ready projects.

- Suzanna noted that while projects can always absorb funding, there is no obvious home this year. Capacity constraints limit project implementation.

### **WRIA 9 2022 Funding Package ([funding package here](#), [slide deck here](#))**

Suzanna, Katie, and Iris summarized the proposed WRIA 9 2022 Funding Package on behalf of project sponsors and review teams. Following discussion, ITC members at the meeting unanimously recommended for approval the funding package as presented for Flood Control District Cooperative Watershed Management (CWM) and Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB and PSAR) grant funding. The recommended funding package will now move to the Management Committee and Watershed Ecosystem Forum for review.

Questions or follow-ups? Contact Suzanna at [susmith@kingcounty.gov](mailto:susmith@kingcounty.gov).

#### *Discussion*

- Josh K. – will King County continue to be the project sponsor for McSorley?
  - Jo – most of the funding to date has been acquired by King County, which should get the project to 60% design. Beyond that point, State Parks will lead on funding acquisition and will likely be in sponsor role. The design consultant will be in contract with King County. King County has a memorandum of agreement with State Parks that currently does not allow for funding exchange but will be updated/appended for future.
- Josh K. – is Habitat Area A at Lower Russell Road eligible for FCD/Capital Projects funding?
  - Rowena and Matt – Habitat Area A is part of the larger levee setback project, but was not included in the original FCD agreement and has to be funded with habitat dollars (i.e., Habitat Area A is eligible for CWM funding but not Capital Projects).
- Martha – what does the process for alternate projects look like with regards to Fauntleroy?
  - Suzanna – as an alternate, this project does not move forward in the process and remains a back-up in case other funding obligations fall through. We are looking forward to getting more involved in that project and getting staff and partners in city and local stakeholders to the table.
- Matt – can Sandie speak to other CEC efforts underway in the region?
  - Sandie – our team at WDFW are the only group doing a lot of CEC assessments in salmonids. Jim Meador (also on this proposal team) has done initial work in Puyallup and we've also worked in Nisqually, Duwamish, Snohomish, Puyallup. We plan a focus study a few years down the road in Lake Washington. UW Tacoma and Ecology are conducting studies on CECs in water, sediment, and mussels.

- Rowena – what specific CECs will be measured in the CEC study?
  - Sandie – there are nearly 200 on our full list. All analysis is done at the AXYS lab on Vancouver Island. The CEC list includes a suite of personal care products and pharmaceuticals, alkylphenols, current use pesticides, and more. A couple of the samples have replacement flame retardants, but we may take those out of the proposal after discussion with the review team. These are in addition to all the legacy contaminants.
- Katherine – how promising is the DIDSON technology for surveying fish? What about species identification?
  - Jason and Kerry – we used this technology for the first time in Kerry’s MS project at the Seattle seawall, so we’ve had two years to work out the kinks. That study paired DIDSON with gopro and snorkel surveys. Duwamish is a turbid delta so we can’t rely on gopro or snorkel. DIDSON works well in turbid water because it’s acoustic not visual. It can work well with small fish and can access places that nets can’t. We would be relying on net ground-truthing for species identification.