



PCZD Advisory Committee Meeting Summary: May 30, 2025 - APPROVED

Attendance

Committee Members:

Chris Moore, City of Orting, Chair
Roger Henderson, WRIA 15, Vice Chair
Greg Anglemyer, Unincorporated Pierce County
Deputy Mayor Dennis King, City of Puyallup
Michael Kosa, Public Works Director, City of Sumner
Todd McKellips, Unincorporated Pierce County
Don Meyer, Commissioner, Port of Tacoma
Char Naylor, Puyallup Tribe of Indians
Sandesh Sadalge, Councilmember, City of Tacoma
Dwane Watsek, WRIA 11
Lew Wolfrom, Councilmember, City of Fife

Alternates:

Hans Hunger, City of Puyallup

Staff:

Kjristine Lund, Executive Director
Angela Angove, Floodplain and Watershed Services Section Manager, Pierce County
Jenny Bailey, Parametrix
Clara Olson, Parametrix
Robby Wright, Project Manager, City of Sumner Public Works

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chair Chris Moore called the meeting to order, and Executive Director Kjristine Lund took attendance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Meeting Summary

Vice-chair Roger Henderson moved to approve the meeting summary for April 25, 2025. Greg Anglemyer seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Project Updates

Executive Director Lund introduced Robby Wright, Project Manager from the City of Sumner Department of Public Works. He shared a presentation on the update of City of Sumner Projects, specifically, Sumner's White River Restoration project. He began by noting that the Project was developed collaboratively with a dialogue group formed by the City. The dialogue group primarily consisted of the City of Sumner, The Muckleshoot Tribe, The Puyallup Tribe, and Pierce County. The group has tried to address this project with the mission of "Providing enduring flood protection for Sumner, while creating a sustainable instream, floodplain, and wetland habitats in the Lower White River". He explained that there are four projects of focus: The Bridge, Setback Levee/Point Bar, and Habitat. The Bridge is currently under construction. The Setback Levee/Point Bar projects have been district funded, and a large portion of the acquisition of the 40+ acres has been completed. The Habitat project is under construction. The next steps for this project will be to construct 24th Habitat Project (2025-2027), acquire remaining property (2025-2026) and retrofit the 24th Street bridge (2027). He invited everyone to a groundbreaking ceremony on June 5th at 1:00 pm at the 24th Street pedestrian bridge. Robby Wright will share these slides with the Committee. Executive Director Lund mentioned that this presentation is also on the website.

Call for Projects Update

Executive Director Lund began by saying that the call for jurisdictions to submit consideration for projects for the next 6-year CIP by the Flood District concluded Friday, May 23. Clara Olson from Parametrix gave a presentation on the 18 projects that were submitted. The submissions came from six local jurisdictions. An amount of \$97.7M was requested from the District, with a \$303.7M total project cost. She then explained the next steps and said that there will be a presentation of a draft capital budget showing a way to fund the requests at the June Committee meeting.

Opportunity Fund Improvements

Executive Director Lund began by saying that at the last meeting the Committee asked to have a policy where the funds could be reprogrammed if the jurisdiction did not spend the money within a certain number of years. The idea was presented to the Executive Committee, which was not too supportive of that idea. She continued by reviewing the Opportunity Fund and discussing some alternative ideas about ways to help the jurisdictions to be able to spend the funds. She mentioned that this information was also in the packet sent to the members before the meeting. She wanted to point out that this information may be changing. One idea for assisting these smaller jurisdictions was having them contract with Pierce County Planning and Public Works to use the dollars to perform the work on behalf of those communities.

She also wanted to remind the Committee of the guidelines which are already in place for the Opportunity Fund. There is a plan to update these guidelines to clarify the ways in which the jurisdictions can spend the dollars. She continued by showing some examples of projects for which jurisdictions have used the Opportunity Fund. The floor was then opened for questions and discussion, and some ideas were presented to assist the smaller jurisdictions. One option was increasing the value of the floor limit. A second option was in the case of a jurisdiction saving the funds, to submit a memo on how the money will eventually be used. A third option would be for a jurisdiction to take a loan on the fund money that is being saved.

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District Updates

Executive Director Lund reported that the Executive Committee will meet again on June 25. The next meeting of the Advisory Committee will be on July 25, at which time ideas for the budget for next year will be presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Chair Moore adjourned the meeting at 11:30.