



PCZD Advisory Committee Meeting Summary: July 25, 2025 - Approved

Attendance

Committee Members:

Chris Moore, City of Orting, Chair
Roger Henderson, WRIA 15, Vice Chair
Greg Anglemeyer, Unincorporated Pierce County
Michael Kosa, Public Works Director, City of Sumner
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
Brandon Smith, District Administrator
Justin Officer, Pierce County
Angela Angove, Floodplain and Watershed Services Section Manager, Pierce County
Jenny Bailey, Parametrix
Clara Olson, Parametrix

Call to Order

Chair Chris Moore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m, 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 May 30, 2025. Dwayne Watsek seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Draft Six-Year CIP

Executive Director Lund presented slides (see meeting packet) that described the process for building the 2026-2031 Six-year CIP and 2026 Annual Budget. The presentation included a description of the process for analyzing the submitted projects for considerations, the direction from the Executive Committee, and assumptions related to revenue and use of the fund balance. She highlighted the large capital project fund balance and the project to create an action plan for flood risk management on the Lower Puyallup.

Port Commissioner Myer spoke in favor of such an initiative and emphasized the need for tribal participation. Char Naylor spoke in favor of tribal engagement for any work being considered on the Lower Puyallup. Hans Hunger asked about the relationship of the Clear Creek project to the Lower Puyallup. Brandon Smith noted its importance to integrated floodplain management along the Lower Puyallup and the robust partnership with the state that has advanced this project to a status that construction is feasible in the near future.

The Committee discussed the recommendation by staff not to fund a Pierce County request for a coastal flooding study at this time. The reason given by staff was the current lack of staff capacity to initiate such a study. Pierce County staff reminded the Committee that they are intending to create a working group in the future to help scope a study and funding could be reconsidered in the future. Roger Henderson and Greg Anglemeyer reminded the committee that there are other coastal flooding studies being performed such as the Salish Sea Study and work by Kitsap County that the District could review to help scoping for a Pierce County focused body of work.

Draft Annual Budget

Director Lund continued her presentation (see meeting packet) to explain the proposed annual budget and the status quo assumptions for operations and maintenance and the Opportunity Fund. She referred to the upcoming presentation by Public Works regarding the operations and maintenance dashboard and how data collected will be used to inform next year's budget to right-size and prioritize maintenance. She also noted that changes to the Opportunity Fund are not recommended this budget cycle. She also noted that additional outreach is needed with smaller jurisdictions to provide technical help to use available funds.

Fund Balance Policy Allocations and Assumptions

Director Lund presented information about the fund balance (see meeting packet) and how the proposed 2026-2031 budget would use the large capital reserve and some unallocated fund balance to fully fund all recommended project asks. She noted the dollars presented on the slides were still approximate as financial staff are still validating figures for the District's financial plan. She emphasized that the recommendation preserve funding for future needs while fully funding the recommended projects. (She clarified that fully funding means fully funding the request, not the total project cost.)

Operations & Maintenance Presentation

Justin Officer presented a digital dashboard showing the work performed by Public Works on river system levy and revetment maintenance. The dashboard demonstrated project locations, dollars spent, and the nature of repairs/maintenance. The Committee asked questions about whether the dashboard provides the information necessary to right size the share of District funding going to operations and maintenance. Brandon and Justin said the tool will be very helpful with that analysis as staff make recommendations for the 2027 budget.

Draft Advisory Committee Budget Letter

Director Lund reviewed the key points the Advisory Committee might consider in its required letter to the Board of Supervisors making a budget recommendation by August 31. (See meeting packet.) By consensus, the Committee asked Director Lund to draft a letter for consideration at their August 29 meeting and to add a section about the need to continue to examine operation and maintenance costs to ensure sufficient funds are being committed by the District to that purpose.

Adjourn

Chair Moore adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.