

# Regulatory Task Force Meeting Notes

## September 10 2019

**Attendees;** Angela Donaldson (Fall City), Daryl Williams (Tulalip Tribes), Erin Ericson, Cynthia Krass (WID), Joshua Monaghan, (KCD), Matthew Baerwalde (Snoqualmie tribe), Robert Voss, Meredith Mollie, (Ag Commission), Paddy Irwin (Farm Bureau), Elissa Ostergaard (Snoqualmie Forum), Richard Martin, Eric Beach, Lou Beck, Josh Kubo, Joan Lee, Beth LeDoux (WLRD),

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**Agenda item:** Task Force Progress

**Discussion:** Eric presented a spreadsheet with the Task Force Progress to date. Elissa pointed out that the Alluvial Fan report is due to DLS-PD and the end of the year (EB note: now fall 2020) and that the KC Beaver Working Group Code Changes have yet to be developed. The RTF will be providing comments on both efforts, thus these priority topics should be considered “in-progress” rather than completed. These changes were incorporated.

**Conclusion:** The RTF progress spreadsheet will be posted on the RTF page of the FFF website <https://www.kingcounty.gov/services/environment/watersheds/snoqualmie-skykomish/fish-farms-flooding/Regulatory-Task-Force.aspx>

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**Agenda item:** Comprehensive Drainage Assistance, Sub-Basin Planning

**Update:** **Comprehensive Drainage Program** (Lou Beck)

Multi-party collaboration designed to solve the drainage issues identified in FFF 1.0.

Fundamentals:

Conduct drainage projects with a focus on identifying regulatory barriers, Building partnerships and seeking synergies between projects

Gaining efficiencies by incorporating findings from efforts external to the FFF that concentrate on the same resource concern

Integrate with sub-basin planning efforts, salmon recovery plans and other landscape management

ADAP is a component of the program, WLRD Stormwater is lead, and Current Team includes WLRD Stormwater & Agriculture Program, KCD Drainage manager, WID Program Manager

The Regulatory Task Force addresses the regulatory components within the program scope

**Sub-Basin Planning** (Cynthia Krass) is a *new* way of doing business to achieve the FFF 1.0 drainage objectives

Systematic approach to drainage Issues with work done on a system scale

Snoqualmie WID is lead, WLRD and KCD are partners

Goals are to Improve Drainage Processes and Reduce Cost, Mitigation flexibility, Defishing cost & capacity, Permitting streamlining and cost reduction

Sub Basin Planning requires

1. IOC support to obtain funding for program development (staff time) and on-going base level of effort
2. Regulatory Agency support from King County Permitting, WDFW Region 4 and Ecology NW Management support and engagement leading to Inter-agency agreements to provide regulatory structure

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**Agenda item:** Recommendations to the IOC, Transmittal Package for October meeting

**Discussion:** Recommendations

*The IOC should:*

*Support development of Sub-Basin Planning*

*Concur that the Comprehensive Drainage Program is a viable and appropriate approach to the drainage issues identified in FFF 1.0*

*Support funding to run a 2D Hydraulic Model for the lower Snoqualmie Valley*

Transmittal

*On-Site Mitigation Findings*

Status Report on

*Beavers Management*

*ESA Coverage*

**Conclusion:** We will review the recommendation language at the October 22 RTF meeting. The transmittal, with Elissa's and Matt's edits incorporated will be posted on the RTF page on the FFF website. <https://www.kingcounty.gov/services/environment/watersheds/snoqualmie-skykomish/fish-farms-flooding/Regulatory-Task-Force.aspx> A hydrologist from Watershed Sciences will present at the Oct meeting, describing the Hydraulic modeling that is proposed for the lower Snoqualmie Valley, describing the applicability of outcomes to floodplain management and the confidence in the results.