

RSF Focus Group Meetings Overview

May 2-4

Meetings hosted by Paul, Casey, and Cherie

RSF Focus Group – Infrastructure & Utilities

Attendees

- Mary Heather Ames, Tumwater Transportation Manager
- Dena Jordan, Transportation Supervisor Tumwater SD
- Peter Brooks, Water Resources Manager, Lacey
- Scott Devlin, Lacey Public Works Manager)
- Cody Colt, Yelm Public Services Director)
- Aletia Alvarez, Port of Olympia Capital Assets & Planning
- Aubrey Collier, Lacey Design & Construction Manager
- Scott Egger, Public Works Director, Lacey
- Lit Dudley, Emergency Manager, WSDOT

Highlights

- Lacking existing peer networks to build RSF foundation
- TRPC's Technical Transportation Committee
- Resources will gravitate to populous communities; create scarcity in our region
- A recovery strategy may be more useful than numerous detailed plans
- Reliance on local contractors; Thurston County may be a lower priority for construction
- Important to understand emergency contracting rules
- Port of Olympia has intermodal facilities that can serve recovery

RSF Focus Group – Cultural and Historic Resources

Attendees

- Sonja Cady, Thurston County Historic Commission Staff
- Megan Oockerman, Olympia Tumwater Foundation
- Jerney Davis, Thurston County Historic Commission staff
- Karen Johnson, Schmidt House Museum & Olympia Tumwater Foundation
- Greg Griffith, Olympia Historical Society

Highlights

- Cultural & historic resources is chronically understaffed; concerned they won't have a voice in recovery
- State Archives is a knowledgeable partner with expertise
- Multiple historic organizations exist, but lacks an entity to bring them together (South Sound Heritage Association meets monthly)
- DAHP has a digital inventory of cultural and historic properties/sites, but uncertain how current it is

RSF Focus Group – Natural Resources

Attendees

- Glen Connelly, Director of Natural Resources, Chehalis Tribe
- Trevin Taylor, Environmental Program Specialist, Thurston County
- Amy Hatch-Winecka, WRIA 13 Salmon Habitat Recovery Lead Entity Coordinator, TRPC
- Brad Murphy, Planning Manager, Thurston County

Highlights

- FEMA PA funds limit restoration to pre-disaster conditions, don't allow improvements/betterments
- State and Federal Regulatory agencies are important partners.
- Permitting is difficult now – concerned about post-disaster process bottlenecks
- Important to sync/coordinate with infrastructure recovery on environmental permitting