

## Thurston County Flood Planning Committee Meeting Notes



Wednesday, August 23, 2017 – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Thurston Regional Planning Council – 2424 Heritage Court SW, Olympia, WA

### Conference Room A

**Present:** Pat Allen, Paul Brewster, Tris Carlson, Howard Glastetter, Andrew Kinney, Mark Maurer, Allison Osterberg, Tim Rubert, Trevin Taylor, Alan Vanell, and George Walter

**Absent:** Scott Boettcher, Cal Bray, Meghan Porter, and Robert Scott

### 1. Introductions

Paul Brewster, Senior Planner, Thurston Regional Planning Council, facilitated the meeting. Scott Boettcher was on vacation and Cal Bray, Meghan Porter, and Robert Scott were involved with the Scatter Creek Fire response and recovery efforts.

### 2. Draft Mitigation Strategy – Final Review

Planner Paul Brewster presented the draft *Chapter 3 Mitigation Strategy: Goal, Objectives, and Initiatives*. The results of the Flood Planning Committee's July 19 top five rank initiative ranking process were highlighted and the final format of the initiatives was explained. Member Alan Vanell commented that the timeline information should be presented consistently for all the initiatives. Paul shared the updated version of *Initiative 16 Comprehensive Flood Program Finance Strategy*. This initiative was rewritten to remove language that previously recommended appointing a new county flood program manager position. The members of the committee expressed support for the new initiative.

Committee member Howard Glastetter observed that *Initiative FMI-18, "Coordinate with the high-hazard dam operators within the region to establish and maintain appropriate operational and emergency notification procedures to minimize flood risks to downstream populations"* was removed, but is missing from section 3.3.2 *Mitigation Initiatives – Completed and Removed*. Planner Brewster stated that this was an oversight and the correction will be incorporated into the draft plan.

### 3. Draft Maintenance Strategy

The Flood Planning Committee received an advance draft *Chapter 5 Implementation and Maintenance*. Planner Brewster shared that the role of the committee was defined in the [2012 Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) and the draft plan identifies a similar role. The committee discussed their role and unanimously agreed that the committee can offer significant value to the flood plan. They expressed support for the committee membership to remain intact and meet at least once a year to review and evaluate plan progress over the five-year life of the plan.

The members agreed that meeting annually in April or May, following the winter, will be best. Any flood events that transpired will be fresh in peoples' memory, and it will provide sufficient time to evaluate the plan before Thurston County's October Community Rating System reporting deadline.

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The committee agreed that Thurston County staff will be responsible for notifying, maintaining, and recruiting membership of the committee. The committee requested that section 5.2 *Flood Planning Committee* provide guidance for selecting stakeholders to serve on the committee or replace members who are no longer able to serve.

#### **4. August 31 Public Meeting.**

Committee members were informed about the upcoming public meeting, its location, format, and materials. Planner Brewster encouraged Committee members to attend, especially staff members who can offer expertise and answer meeting participants' questions.

#### **5. September 4-15 Draft Public Comment Period**

Planner Brewster shared that a full draft copy of the plan will be accessible online ([www.trpc.org/floodplan](http://www.trpc.org/floodplan)) and available for review and public comment from September 4-15. Committee members will receive advance copies of the draft plan's chapters as they are completed and are encouraged to share their feedback from now until September 15.

#### **6. September 13—Board of County Commissioners Work Session Briefing**

Pat Allen will brief the County Commissioners on the development of the flood plan and its mitigation strategy on Wednesday September 13. The briefing is scheduled for 2pm in Room 280, Building 1. Committee members are invited to attend the meeting and share their views about the plan update process and the plan with the commissioners. A few of the community stakeholder members expressed interest in attending.

#### **7. September 26— Board of County Commissioners Meeting, Plan Action**

Planner Brewster shared that the final step of the flood plan update is adoption by the Board of County Commissioners. The Board is expected to adopt the plan on September 26. Committee members are invited to attend this meeting.

#### **8. Public Comments**

No additional participants attended the meeting. No public comments were received.

#### **6. Adjourn**

Planner Brewster expressed gratitude to the Flood Planning Committee for volunteering to serve, review materials, and provide feedback to Thurston County. The committee's contributions during the six meetings over the last five months added significant value to the plan.