

**ALLIANCE FOR A HEALTHY SOUTH SOUND
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

December 17, 2010, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Mason County Public Works Administration Bldg., 10 W. Public Works Drive, Shelton

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE:

Charlotte Garrido	Kitsap County Commissioner
Pat McCarthy	Pierce County Executive
Lynda Ring Erickson	Mason County Commissioner
Sandra Romero	Thurston County Commissioner
David Troutt (for William Nisqually Tribe Frank)	
Absent	Squaxin Island Tribe
Absent	Puyallup Tribe

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

John Bolender	Mason Conservation District
Roma Call	Puget Sound Partnership
Ryan Dicks	Pierce County
Bill Dewey	Taylor Shellfish Company
Rich Doenges	Thurston County
Andy Haub	City of Olympia
Tom Kantz	Pierce County
Vicki Kirkpatrick	Mason County
Lisa Parabello	Thurston County
Melissa Paulson	Pierce County
Dave Peeler	People for Puget Sound
Kathy Peters	WSWC/Kitsap County
Keri Rooney	Pierce County Executive's Office
Al Schmauder	Chambers Clover Watershed Council
Chris Schutz	Pierce County
Robert Simmons	WSU Extension
Dan Wrye	Pierce County

Welcome and Introductions

Commissioner Ring Erickson welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited members and attendees to introduce themselves. Robert Simmons, WSU Extension, facilitated the meeting.

The group approved the draft July 29, 2010 meeting summary as final.

The Nisqually tribe, Kitsap County, Mason County, Pierce County, and Thurston County announced the approval of resolutions to establish the South Puget Sound organization. Members reviewed and approved the meeting summary.

South Puget Sound Organization Name

The group discussed options for naming the South Puget Sound organization. Members adopted the name “Alliance for a Healthy South Sound”.

Election of a Chair and Vice Chair

Two members were nominated for the position of Chair: Commissioner Sandra Romero and Commissioner Lynda Ring Erickson. Members agree that the two nominees will serve as co-Chairs for the Alliance for a Healthy South Sound (Alliance). It was suggested that a tribal member serve as Vice Chair. David Troutt agreed to discuss this Vice Chair option with Willy Frank, the Executive Committee member from the Nisqually Tribal Council, and to report back at the next meeting. The Committee agreed that the Chairs will serve a one-year term and the Vice Chair will rotate into the role of Chair the following year.

Organizational Bylaws

The Committee reviewed the draft bylaws for approval at the next Executive Committee meeting. It was suggested that the bylaws include a section on appointing alternates to the Alliance membership. Members will provide any additional comments on the draft bylaws to the Partnership staff before the next meeting.

Membership List and Recruitment Process

Dan Wrye presented a draft membership list and a draft recruitment process and timeline developed by the SPS workgroup. The intention of the Alliance membership is to include broad representation from the South Puget Sound community. Executive Committee members agreed to the following changes on the membership list and recruitment process:

Add one member from the Conservation Districts in South Sound.

Add one member from WSU Extension.

Change the Chambers of Commerce membership to one member from the Visitor and Convention Bureaus of South Sound.

Ensure that the membership represents a balance of environmental and socio-economic interests.

The Puget Sound Environmental Caucus will nominate a member from the environmental community as environmental non-governmental organization member for Executive Committee approval.

The Committee approved the proposed timeline and recruitment process for selecting members with the changes listed above. The SPS workgroup will update the membership list and will begin implementing the recruitment process within the timeline provided.

Proposed 2011 Workplan

Rich Doenges presented a proposed workplan for 2011. The Alliance will work to coordinate and prioritize existing efforts in the South Puget Sound. The Alliance will advance the priorities specific to South Puget Sound within the regional Puget Sound recovery effort. The Committee made the following suggestions for the workplan:

The public participation process should focus on priorities rather than governance structure.

The prioritization process should include a robust scientific discussion and be integrated with the work of the Science Panel and other scientific work across the region.

The Alliance should consider the Squaxin Island Tribe's prioritization process for habitat restoration.

Operational Funds, Contract Administrator, and Staff

Partnership staff presented a memo regarding the selection of a contract administrator to manage operational funds from the Partnership. The Partnership expects to develop contracts to local implementers beginning in July 2011. In the meantime, the Alliance may identify a contract administrator and clarify staff capacity needs.

Both Pierce County and Thurston County have offered to take on the role of contract administrator for the Alliance. Staff from the two counties will develop detailed proposals on the benefits of their county filling the contract administrator role for review by the Committee at its next meeting.

The Committee discussed the proposed options for staffing the Alliance with either an Administrative position and/or a Research Scientist. It was suggested that the Alliance hire someone with both a scientific and administrative background. The Committee will continue discussing staff options at the next meeting.

Public Comments

Dave Peeler, People for Puget Sound and Chair of the Puget Sound Environmental Caucus, commented on the progress of the Alliance. He stated that the development of the organization is an important and laudable effort. Having local communities talk about priorities will be helpful in achieving Puget Sound recovery. He stated that the Puget Sound Environmental Caucus does not sit on local groups, but would be willing to look for the best representative available to serve as a member of the Alliance representing environmental organizations.

Next Steps

The group identified the following actions as next steps for the Alliance:

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on March 4th, 2011 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in Thurston County (specific location to be determined).

The SPS workgroup will update the materials based on today's discussion for review at the March meeting.

Summary of Key Decisions Made

Organization Name: The name of the organization is ***Alliance for a Healthy South Sound***.

Chairs/Vice Chair: Commissioner Romero and Commissioner Ring Erickson will serve as co-Chairs of the Alliance for a one-year term. Tribal members will consider serving in the position of Vice Chair and will report at the next meeting. After the first term, the Vice Chair will rotate into the position of Chair.

Alliance Bylaws: The draft bylaws will be updated with the suggested changes and any additional changes provided before the next meeting. The Executive Committee will adopt the bylaws at the next meeting.

Membership List and Recruitment: The SPS workgroup will update the membership list with the suggested changes and will begin implementing the membership recruitment process within the timeline provided.

2011 Workplan: The workplan will be updated to reflect the changes suggested by Executive Committee members.

Contract Administrator: Pierce County and Thurston County staff will develop detailed proposals for filling the contract administrator role, for consideration by the Executive Committee at the next meeting.

Staff Capacity Needs: The Executive Committee will continue discussing staff capacity needs at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on March 4th, 2011 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in Thurston County.