



Alliance for a Healthy South Sound (AHSS) Council Meeting
July 14, 2:00 – 3:30 pm
Webinar

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Meeting Summary

I. Action Agenda 2022-2026

- Action Agenda Timeline: Phase 1 of Action Agenda development (scope and schedule) is complete. The Leadership Council approved a collaboratively developed concept for the 2022-2026 Action Agenda on June 10. The concept outlines intentions for the process and content of the 2022-2026 Action Agenda that will guide work between now and adoption in 2022.
 - Subsequent phases of Action Agenda development include:
 - Phase 2 - Identifying shared objectives for recovery (now – December 2020
*new timeframe in response to furloughs and desire for sufficient engagement)
 - Phase 3 - Identifying strategies to advance shared objectives (Jan – July 2021)
 - Phase 4 - Developing actions and commitments that align with strategies (Aug – Dec 2021)
- Next steps for local-regional coordination for AA development:
 - Shared Objectives (Phase 2):
 - Highest priority outcomes that we must work toward, together, over the next five to ten years to make significant progress towards Puget Sound recovery.
 - Should reflect our best understanding of the most important work to undertake to reduce pressures and overcome barriers to make real progress improving Vital Signs and indicators.
 - Steps:
 - Catalog intermediate outcomes drawn from existing plans (including LIO plans) and documents

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- Criteria to prioritize
 - Application of criteria and refine results
 - Engagement
 - Online
 - At regular LIO coordinator meetings.
 - Workshops.
 - At your LIO meetings.
 - List of potential outcomes
 - We will be asked to give input on shared intermediate outcomes and to help make sure the selected outcomes reflect our priorities
 - Potential sources of information for this
 - South Sound Strategy
 - Priority pressures/stressors
 - Strategies and actions
 - Results chains – which informed the strategy
 - Other?
 - The main ask for the Alliance: the Action Agenda for 2022 is going to be built differently, and our main opportunity for influence is to ensure our priority outcomes (e.g., reduction outcomes/enabling condition outcomes, etc.) are well reflected in the action agenda.

Discussion

- Money flow through SIAT process. The SIAT can also do more targeted solicitations for actions.
- The three things are: (1) shared intermediate outcomes (what's the catalog of what we think we need to do to achieve ecosystem outcomes), (2) priority intermediate outcomes (subset of intermediate outcomes, and (3) highest priority work to achieve ecosystem outcomes, action agenda priority objectives.
- A change PSP is trying to make is to say that we don't need a double NTA solicitation process.
 - Members expressed appreciate that the modifications reduce repeated solicitations.
- It was noted that it is difficult to broadly communicate our priorities through results chains.
- There was a question on how to deal with legacy impacts (such as shoreline and stormwater).
- A concern about this is limited funding from the Habitat SIL for implementation of capital projects.

III. AHSS 2020-21 contract and optional task to tailor LIO coordination to support unique vision and goals of LIO

- Recommendation needed:
 - Select priority work for the 2020-21 LIO contract with PSP in light of the increased capacity funding available for next year. Choose *two or more* additional "tailored enhanced" subtasks from a menu provided. Deadline is August 12, 2020.
 - The Executive Committee will meet on August 7 to make a decision based on Council input.
- Background:
 - Capacity funding increasing to \$125,000 (from \$75,000) for next contract year.
 - Tasks which were optional becoming mandatory
 - Also opportunity to select some LIO priority tasks (task 5)
 - AHSS has about \$30,000 (estimate) for the LIO priority tasks once the mandatory tasks are accounted for

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- The Task 5 options are:
 - 5.01: Regional planning and coordinating group participation
 - 5.02: Engage with local decision-makers and elected officials
 - 5.03: Provide seed money to NTAs
 - 5.04: Reactivate the ECO Net
 - 5.05: Contribute to barriers removal via continuous improvement project
 - 5.06: Pursue funding for NTAs
 - 5.07: Structured decision making
 - Executive Committee expressed interest in the following:
 - 5.03: Provide seed money to NTAs
 - 5.06: Pursue funding for NTAs
 - Executive Committee also expressed interest in providing seed money/support a fundraising strategy to start an independent/non-profit associated with the South Sound work that could grow not only into a science institute but also develop additional outside sources of funding that the Alliance may not otherwise be eligible for. This could help the Alliance expand from what the Partnership wants to dictate so that the South Sound can implement projects that are regionally relevant.

Council indicated interest in the following sub-tasks:

- 5.01: Regional planning and coordinating group participation. *Rationale:* Many organizations are facing budget cuts and providing money for staff to participate in regional planning and coordination groups could help the South Sound maintain a presence in these meetings. This could also allow the South Sound LIO to compensate people who could not normally attend these types of meetings (i.e., diversify participation).
- 5.03: Provide seed money to NTAs. *Rationale:* This would provide opportunity to support implementation of on-the-ground work. However, \$30,000 is potentially not enough money for some NTA owners to be interested, even as seed money.
- 5.04: Reactivate the ECO Net. *Rationale:* When operating, the ECO Net was a valuable resource. However, there is a risk with investing money this year in the ECO Net only to see the ECO Net dissolve if funding were not available the next year.
- 5.06: Pursue funding for NTAs. *Rationale:* There was consensus among the Council that this would be a good use of funding. There was interest in using the funding to help NTA owners with searching for and completing grant applications.

IV. Updates and Round Robin

- Krystal: Chambers water council is meeting on 7/15. Executive committee has provided an overview of watershed presentation over zoom. Will happen tomorrow at 3:30. In November, the watershed is having an annual watershed issues forum. This year's theme is stormwater.
- Sue: The Deschutes team is now an affiliate of Puget Sound Keeper Alliance. Doing a lot of work in Deschutes and South Sound around monitoring (e.g., pollution hotline, kayak control, etc.).
- Merita: Tacoma is hosting two public meeting webinars for new stormwater management manual. Soliciting public comment.
- Evan: Shore Friendly will be having a workshop coming up. <https://www.masoncd.org/shore-friendly-mason.html>

V. Next Steps

The council will meet again September 1, from 2-4pm. If you have suggestions for agenda topics, please email Elizabeth, emcmanus@rossstrategic.com