



Alliance for a Healthy South Sound (AHSS) Council Meeting
September 1 2:00 – 3:30 pm
Webinar

Participants

Jesse Barham, City of Olympia
Jeff Barney, Pierce County
Cindy Callahan, TPCHD
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Leatta Dahlhoff
Steve Hagerty, WRIA 14/MCD
Tom Kantz, Pierce County
Krystal Kyler, Pierce County
Dave Peeler, DERTS
Scott Selzner, Squaxin Island Tribe
Merita Trohimovich, City of Tacoma
Emily Watts, City of Lacey

Meeting Facilitation

Elizabeth McManus, Ross Strategic
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Meeting Summary

I. Updates

- GIS updates
 - Updating data layers within the AHSS Web Mapping Tools (Near Shore & Upland mapping tools) to current data. Including the addition of carrying attribute information behind map layers for informative and illustrative purposes (pop-up info boxes). Also allows for data layer(s) query functionality.
 - Adding Query functionality within AHSS Web Mapping Tools.
 - Adding 'add your own data layer' functionality.
 - Updating maps within the AHSS Strategy Document.
 - Updating AHSS Strategy Excel data tables and change analysis for AHSS map summary targets (Shoreline Armoring, Intact Feeder Bluffs, etc.)
- PSP Updates
 - All state agencies have been asked to find a 15% budget cut (part of this includes additional level of scrutiny on new hiring).
 - Encouraged Council members to consider how your groups could support virtual support visits (education, outreach to elected officials to support priorities). Dan can assist with this.

II. Action Agenda 2022-2026

- Priority pressures for South Sound:
 - Housing & Urban Areas, Commercial & Industrial Areas, Tourism & Recreation Areas, Annual & Perennial Non-Timber Crops, Runoff from Residential and Commercial Land
 - Roads & Railroads (Including Culverts)

- Freshwater & Marine Levees, Floodgates & Tide gates, and Freshwater & Marine Shoreline Infrastructure, Dams
- Agricultural & Forestry Effluents
- Onsite Septic System (OSS)-Domestic and Commercial Wastewater to On-site Sewage Systems
- Partnership has tried to be mindful of critiques people have offered on past Action Agendas and is trying to make the AA more focused and have clearly identifying priorities for the next 4 years.
 - This AA seeks to reduce double solicitation by using AA to set priorities and strategies and let SI do project calls for specific projects.

III. Draft process plan for the LIO directed contract tasks

The Council and Executive Committee decided to move forward with the follow-up subtasks in the new 202

- NTA seed money (approx. \$20,000 available): determine South Sound NTAs seed money needs, looking to provide either match or other funding that is difficult to obtain (e.g., due diligence funding for land acquisition, or restoration planning funding).
- Funding strategy: develop a written strategy with science and other funding priorities and potential sources of funding and prepare a framework / conceptual document for forming an independent organization

Discussion:

- To determine the funding strategy, the Council should first determine goals/objectives of a new structure. The proposed structure should be one that supports and enhances the mission and the work the Alliance wants to do. Some goals include making the South Sound more competitive for funding and deepening partnerships and collaborative work
- A new structure could help the Council consider how to garner long-term support; funding landscape can be challenging and we will need to think about how a new organization could be sustained, maintain momentum, and get important work done. Alliance is a great group that could do more.
- It was noted that the Council has attempted to revise its funding strategy/become an independent organization several times before but has come up against several hurdles. It will be important to get partner input and talk to other South Sound organizations that have become independent orgs.

IV. Updates and Round Robin

- Tom: Pierce County had a recent downgrade in Henderson Bay and is in process of developing a shellfish protection district for Henderson Bay.
- Jeff: Pierce County has been working with WDFW and Coastal Conversation Association for past three years oyster enhancement.
 - Received a small NTA to look at feasibility of introducing Olympia oysters in Penrose. Partners include UWT, PLU, CCA, Health Department.
- Krystal: Chambers Clover Creek Watershed Issues Forum on Stormwater will be held on Nov.18th from 2-5pm on Zoom. Link to RSVP: www.piercecountywa.gov/ccwc
 - <https://www.lakewoodwater.org/lwd/page/pfas-updates-8-16-2020>
 - There was PFAS detected in wells from JBLM
- Scott: Just had the final walkthrough of the Shelton restoration project – over 20 acres of salt marsh. This was able to happen through multiple funding sources, multiple WRIAs, etc.

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- Jesse: The City of Olympia received an Ecology grant to buy a street sweeper.

V. Next Steps

The council will meet again November 3 from 2:00-3:30pm. If you have suggestions for agenda topics, please email Elizabeth, emcmanus@rossstrategic.com