

APPROVED DRMT Zoom Meeting Notes May 11, 2022

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DRMT Members Present: Hansi Hals/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Ben Smith/Dungeness Water Users Association, Shawn Hines/JST (alt), Judy Larson/ Protect the Peninsula's Future, Tony Corrado/Protect the Peninsula's Future (alt), Cathy Lear/Clallam County, Powell Jones/Dungeness River Nature Center, Robert Beebe/Riverside Property Owners, Ann Soule/City of Sequim, Tom Martin/PUD, Rebecca Mahan/Clallam County (alt), Judy Larson/PPF, Lorenz Sollmann/USFWS

Others Present: Nicole Gutierrez/WWT, Genie Mixon/Dungeness Meadows resident, Marguerite Glover/Sequim Realtors, Alex Scagliotti/Graysmarsh, Joel Green/Streamkeepers, Joe Holtrop/Jefferson and Clallam Conservation Districts

I. Introductions

Hansi called meeting to order, introductions were made, briefly discussed Dungeness flows and snowpack. Snowfall in April and lower than average temps making flows less than average.

Notes not available from April meeting. Rebecca Mahan mentioned that the County will be hiring new staff who will eventually take over note taking for DRMT.

Public Comment

Powell announced that a Grand Opening Blessing will be coming June 5th for donors, followed by Open House. If anyone at DRMT wants private tour, let Powell know.

Hybrid meeting capability at the Nature Center should be on board by July. Waiting on sound, camera, speaker equipment. Tentatively schedule July DRMT meeting to be at Nature Center, with hybrid online option.

II. Reservoir Update

Carol Creasey, Clallam County

Carol provided PowerPoint presentation giving project overview, purpose, targeted benefits; Intake, headgate, fish screen, settling basin; Phase 1 Geotechnical Exploration; Reservoir configuration and Design; Irrigation Pipelines and Conveyance; Funding Applications'; Next Steps and Schedule. [See PowerPoint attachment for slides].

Q/A:

- Can you share Cost/Benefit Analysis by email? *TetraTech did the work. Will try to send via email.* [Emailed by Nicole to DRMT on 5/23].
- Who provided the recommendations for headgate/fish screens? *HDR and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.*
- Is the information about the spillway available? *It's in the 30% design report. There may be changes.*
- City of Sequim stormwater may not go to reservoir, but may have another settling facility? And how does water quality get detected? *Depending on water quality, it will go to reservoir or to an infiltration facility near the reservoir. Either way, will first enter a settling facility. Streamkeepers has been collecting samples along Highland Irrigation District during storms. Working off Quality Assurance Protection Plan to monitor water quality at point of diversion and in the irrigation system right now. Ongoing for a year.*
- Ben noted that originally all stormwater was going to enter reservoir, but City acquired FEMA grant to construct infiltration zone. So, there are now two possibilities for stormwater, depending on water quality, monitoring, and capacity.
- Water quality samples collected from place where we will divert stormwater, plus also collecting water samples at headgate (river water). *Yes, sampling on Sporseen and Happy Valley, as recommended by City.*
- Will pond need to be dredged to clean out? *Bottom of reservoir slopes slightly from South to North, i.e., gravity fed. If sediment needs to be removed or any other maintenance needed, there are two access points.*
- Reservoir empties every year? *Yes, should be dry after September 15. If anything left, will infiltrate it and then start again.*

III. Other Orders of Business, Announcements & Standing Agenda Items

- **Standing Item: Project Updates**

Water Resources Technical Group update: Tony Corrado, WRTG Chair, provided status review of WRTG efforts. As reported last DRMT meeting, WRTG developed 13 topics for consideration with related recommendations. Since that update, we requested advisory group members to review and provide feedback. WRTG reviewed all comments received and accepted all 13 topics for moving forward. Agreed to incorporate the edits they agreed on from their previous meeting (last Friday), clean them up and to conduct a final review by the following week. WRTG members would then officially record their vote and any dissenting views. All that are approved with majority vote will get incorporated into a Draft report that will be sent to DRMT.

- Project Update for Phase I Levee Setback: Friday's issue of PDN includes commissioner's invitation to bid on Phase 2. Bids due 6/7, 10am for Commissioners Meeting. Phase 2 entails pulling out Towne Rd, pulling out old levee, tying into Tribe's levee, paving top of levee so that Towne Rd heads east. For safety reasons, Towne Rd will be closed July 5th from Schoolhouse to just North of Dungeness Valley Creamery, except for driveways.

- River's Edge Project: Hansi updated that JST has begun "trimming" (not fully excavating) the existing dike on Tribe's property for about a mile. "Trimming" because new dike is not fully constructed at northern reach. Trimming to a grade that the Dungeness could sustain for a certain period a flow up to ~2,500cfs. USGS historic data analysis suggests flows could be in the low 2,000s if melting occurs quickly, but more likely to have slower trickle. Staying at trimmed level until County's project further constructed.

- Streamkeepers: Joel Green updated on Streamkeepers, a water quality program coordinated by Clallam County. Mainly volunteer-run, but also has staff. Goals: to produce WQ data to guide watershed mgt, identify baseline conditions/trends in WQ over time, identify pollution problems so they can be fixed. Several projects happening: quarterly monitoring at 10 creeks. Also help with Pollution Identification and Correction program monitoring. PIC monitoring focuses on fecal coliform, but also monitor for nutrients, dissolved oxygen, turbidity and temperature. Also monitoring during the Dungeness floodplain restoration project to ensure compliance with CWA Section 401 permit. Also monitoring ditches and river for baseline conditions for the off-channel reservoir project. Also working with City of PA on monitoring stormwater quality in PA creeks.

- **Standing Item: Team additions to next agenda, or suggestions for future agendas.**

- Summary Report by Streamkeepers for future meeting
- Cathy Lucero BOC presentation RE noxious species
- Nature Conservancy webinar on fish friendly infrastructure; EPA discussed projects. Tom commented that funding for ongoing O&M for all infrastructure is a gap. Possibly bring in the Nature Conservancy rep. Recording link: <https://vimeo.com/706639208>
- Send others to Shawn or DRMT Executive Committee

VI. Public Comment

- Announcement about Tom Martin's recognition in PDN article for receiving annual "Grace Under Pressure" award by WA State Dept of Health for his work to resolve water main break from Clallam Bay land slide on Hwy 112: <https://www.peninsuladailynews.com/news/clallam-puds-tom-martin-honored-for-quick-action-after-landslide/>
- Announcement that when hybrid meeting capability becomes available at Nature Center, DRMT meetings will meet that with that option. Stay tuned whether this happens next month or later.

Meeting Adjourned