A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT ADVISORY AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEES MEMBERSHIP LISTS

WHEREAS, Resolution #R20070539 was passed by the Board of Skagit County Commissioners on November 6, 2007, revising the structure for administering the Skagit County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD), by creating a 15-member Advisory Committee and three (3) Technical Committees to better meet County needs to represent the multi-stakeholder interest areas of Dike and Drainage Districts, Environmental, and Land Use; and

WHEREAS, Subsequent resolutions (#R20080217, #R20080254, #R20090061, and #R20090305) further clarified and updated FCZD Committee membership lists; and

WHEREAS, membership of the Advisory and Technical Committees shall be appointed and revised as necessary by the Board of Skagit County Commissioners by resolution, and members shall serve at the satisfaction of the Board of Skagit County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2010, Larry Wasserman of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community sent a letter (Exhibit "A") to the Board of Skagit County Commissioners, announcing his resignation from the Advisory and Environmental Technical Committees; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2010, Stan Walsh of the Skagit River System Cooperative sent a letter (Exhibit "B") to the Board of Skagit County Commissioners, announcing his resignation from the Environmental Technical Committee; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #R20070539 provides that three representatives selected from each technical committee shall serve on the Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Solomon of the Skagit Watershed Council has agreed to participate as a voting member of the Environmental Technical Committee and replace Larry Wasserman as said representative on the FCZD Advisory Committee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND HEREBY ORDERED that the Board of Skagit County Commissioners accepts the resignation of Larry Wasserman of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community from the Advisory and Environmental Technical Committees and the resignation of Stan Walsh of the Skagit River System Cooperative from the Environmental Technical Committee of the Skagit County Flood Control Zone District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND HEREBY ORDERED that the Board of Skagit County Commissioners appoints Shirley Solomon of Skagit Watershed Council as Larry Wasserman’s replacement, and approves "Exhibit C" showing current membership of the Advisory and Technical Committees of the Skagit County Flood Control Zone District.
PASSED this 10 day of May 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Sharon D. Dillon, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Attest:

Linda Hammond
Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form:

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
January 13, 2010

Dear Commissioners:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of my resignation from the Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee (AC) and the Environmental Technical Committee. From the very beginning of this process, the Tribe explained that our support for individual flood damage reduction elements would be based on the result of a cumulative effects analysis that would consider many flood reduction actions together and their associated environmental consequences. We believed that the General Investigation Study (GI) would provide for such an analysis, and that the adoption of individual flood reduction elements prior to its conclusion would be premature. However, the AC has moved forward and developed recommended action items without any analysis of the environmental consequences nor the level of flood damage reduction that would be achieved. Further, despite having spent a considerable amount of time developing criteria through which project elements would be filtered for review, these criteria were by and large ignored.
We therefore believe that based on the approach that the committee has taken, and the limited means that we have to invest in protection and restoration of critical natural resources, it is our best interest to withdraw from this committee. We intend to work closely with the Corps as the GI proceeds, and will take every opportunity to comment during the permit periods when individual projects come up for review or when a final GI document is available for review. I am of course very happy to meet with you at any time to discuss matters of flood damage reduction, or on other natural resources issues.

Thank you very much

Sincerely,

Larry Wasserman
Environmental Policy Manager
March 22, 2010

Skagit County Commissioners
Ken Dahlstedt
Sharron Dillon
Ron Wesson

Electronic Correspondence

Reference: Resignation from appointment to the Skagit County Flood Control Zone District Environmental Technical Committee

Dear Commissioners:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of my resignation from the Skagit County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) Environmental Technical Committee (ETC). As an appointee of the Skagit River System Cooperative (SRSC) I have represented the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe and Swinomish Indian Tribal Community on the ETC. Both the Sauk-Suiattle Tribe and Swinomish Tribe recognize the need for comprehensive flood damage reduction efforts in the Skagit River Basin and are supportive of those efforts. SRSC participated in the ETC with the hope that the FCZD process would result in a comprehensive analysis of flood damage reduction including environmental analysis that would compliment the Army Corps of Engineers Skagit General Investigation (GI). The FCZD process has been ongoing for two years and has not resulted in any environmental analysis. It appears that the FCZD process is going forward to recommend individual projects without a comprehensive analysis of a range of alternatives. This approach is contrary to the approach recommended by the tribes. SRSC believes that the only way to achieve meaningful flood damage reduction in the valley is through such a comprehensive approach. The Skagit GI remains the best avenue for that approach.

SRSC appreciates the hard work of other ETC members and we believe the ETC produced valuable products that can be helpful in moving forward flood damage reduction in the Skagit Basin. The ETC developed environmental criteria by which the FCZD process could evaluate flood damage reduction measures. While the FCZD Advisory Committee (AC) did not adopt these criteria favoring a more general approach, Skagit County would be well served to utilize these criteria as an input to the Skagit GI.

Given the direction of the FCZD process and limited staff time at SRSC we can no longer commit resources to the ETC. We will however work with the ACOE toward completion of the Skagit GI.

Fisheries and Environmental Services Management for the Sauk-Suiattle and Swinomish Indian Tribes
I appreciate your appointment and the opportunity to serve on the ETC.

Sincerely,

Stan Walsh
Environmental Services Manager
Skagit River System Cooperative

Cc: Skagit FCZD ETC
EXHIBIT C

[Chair (C), Vice Chair (VC), delegates to Advisory Committee (AC)]

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Three Dike and Drainage District Commissioners (Dike and Drainage Technical Committee)
Dean Flaig
Daryl Hamburg
Stanley Nelson

Drainage District 21
Dike District 17
Dike District 22

Three Environmental Representatives (Environmental Technical Committee)
Bob Carey
Dave Pflug
Shirley Solomon

The Nature Conservancy
Seattle City Light
Skagit Watershed Council

Three Land Use Representatives (Non-City - Land Use Technical Committee)
Todd Carlson
Jason Easton
Robert Hughes

Washington State Department of Transportation
Jason Easton and Associates, LLC
Agricultural Advisory Committee

Three City Representatives (Selected by the Board of Supervisors from Mayors of Cities and Towns)
Mayor Mike Anderson
Mayor Ed Brunz
Mayor Bud Norris

City of Sedro-Woolley
City of Burlington
City of Mount Vernon

Three At Large Representatives (Selected by the Board of Supervisors)
Robert Boudinot, P.E. (C)
Leonard Halverson
Larry Kunzler

Skagit Land Trust
Sterling Area
Skagit River Flood Historian

Note: Advisory Committee VC currently vacant.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

Dike and Drainage Districts Committee:
Chuck Bennett (VC)
Leonard Eliason
Dean Flaig (AC)
Amy Gibbons
Daryl Hamburg (C, AC)
David Hedlin
Gary Jones
Ronald Knutzen
Stanley Nelson (AC)
Brian Olson
David Olson
Mike Shelby

Dike, Drainage and Irrigation District 12
Dike District 17
Drainage District 21
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Dike District 17
Dike District 9
Dike and Drainage Districts
Dike, Drainage and Irrigation District 5
Dike District 22
Drainage and Irrigation District 17
Dike District 3
Western Washington Agricultural Association

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