



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Region X Federal Regional Center Bothell, Washington 98011

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MEMORANDUM FOR: JOHN GIBSON, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
Office of Risk Assessment

FROM: Charles L. Steele, Chief, NTH, RX

SUBJECT: Skagit County Washington
FINAL COORDINATION MEETING

The Final Coordination Meeting for the Skagit County Flood Insurance Study was held in the Skagit County Courthouse the evening of June 14, 1984. The attendance was disappointingly sparse, there being only sixteen people at the meeting as shown on the attached copy of the meeting attendance record. Attached also is a copy of a document that was distributed to all in attendance summarizing all of the issues covered at the meeting.

The only questions of any substance concerned the encroachment standard in the Burlington area. The last pages of the handout directly addressed this issue and point out that it is not only a county and Burlington issue, but also a State issue. It was emphasized that dealing with the encroachment issue, particularly on the part of Burlington, meant that the first person who came in for a permit after the effective date of the map would be responsible for assuring that the encroachment standard had been met. Since this is unrealistic, the only practical means to address the issue is to have the city pre-plan the encroachment standard by devising methods that will comply with Section 60.3(c)(10) of the Federal regulations. The county will also need to have this section of the regulations in their ordinance and a plan to implement it, although to a lesser degree than the city.

There were no comments at this meeting that would change the content of the Skagit County FIS. The county was provided a copy of the study on May 14, 1984 and has had ample time to review it. No need for changes were noted by either Bob Scofield, the Planning Director, or Steve Wood, Zoning Administrator, both of whom were at this meeting.

The Skagit County FIS should be processed immediately, i.e., the 90 day appeals period should start as quickly as possible. This was communicated to Karl Mohr in a telephone conversation on June 15, 1984. Early conversion is still very much a probability, but awaits a letter from the county specifying certain things that were indicated to the county in my letter of June 14, 1984 to Bob Scofield. If we receive a return letter from the county providing the necessary assurances during the week of June 18, this office will call to recommend the early conversion of the county to the Regular Phase of the NFIP.

The CEO remains Bud Norris, the Chairman of the Skagit County Commission and the newspaper for the publication of proposed elevations is the Skagit Valley Herald.

Attachments

cc: Ed Hammersmith, Olympia
Vince de Camillo

MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT

LOCATION: SKAGIT COUNTY COURTHOUSE

DATE: JUNE 14, 1984

NATURE OF MEETING
FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY COORDINATION MEETING (FCCO)

(Please Print)

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