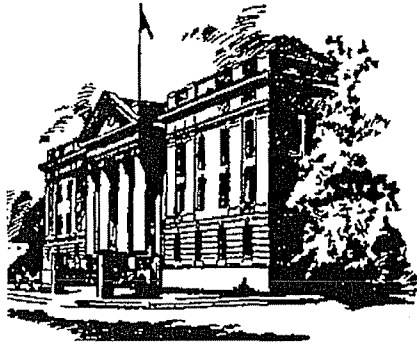


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Public Involvement Report for FCAAP Grant Agreement between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and SKAGIT COUNTY

Project: Skagit River Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan – Phase 3

Public Involvement Summary:

Skagit County has established a contract with EnviroIssues, a public relations firm located in Seattle, Washington to assist in the Public Involvement portion of this project. To date, EnviroIssues has completed task assignments including the production of “The Skagit Risk” video, and a Public Participation Plan. Two task assignments are in the works for a series of community interviews and a public relations public involvement comments and contacts database. Listed below are the components of our Public Participation Plan on this project.

Skagit County Public Works staff and Skagit County Commissioners have conducted 47 presentations to date to community groups, city councils, public forums, and other organizations in the community.

The video, “Skagit Risk” since it’s completion in February 2002, has been shown at 25 presentations and aired on public access television in Anacortes, Burlington, La Conner and Sedro-Woolley.

1. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN** – With the assistance of EnviroIssues, we have designed a public participation plan for community outreach and involvement.
2. **OUTREACH EFFORTS TO COMMUNITY GROUPS** – To date we have made 47 presentations to community groups. The presentations are conducted by Skagit County Public Works staff and elected officials. The program describes the program and the alternatives, features a 9-minute video, and handouts. Presentation summaries are completed and filed after each presentation.

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| • Mount Vernon City Council | September 20, 2000 |
| • Affiliated Health Services | September 25, 2000 |
| • Mount Vernon Planning Commission | October 3, 2000 |
| • La Conner Town Council | October 10, 2000 |
| • Open Public Forum | November 2, 2000 |
| • Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce | November 15, 2000 |

- Citizens Advisory, Burlington-Edison Schools November 16, 2000
- Mount Vernon Kiwanis January 20, 2000
- Island-Skagit County Assoc. of Realtors November 21, 2000
- LaConner Kiwanis January 31, 2001
- Mount Vernon City Planners February 9, 2001
- SR 20 Safety Improvements Committee February 15, 2001
- Burlington Kiwanis March 22, 2001
- Potato Growers Breakfast March 22, 2001
- Burlington City Council November, 8, 2001
- Anacortes City Council December 10, 2001
- LaConner Town Council December 11, 2001
- Sedro-Woolley City Council December 12, 2001
- Mount Vernon City Council February 6, 2002
- NAS Whidbey February 15, 2002
- Mount Vernon/Skagit Rotary February 20, 2002
- Equilon and Tesoro Refineries February 21, 2002
- Skagit County Fire District Commissioners February 25, 2002
- Skagit Conservation District Board February 26, 2002
- Representatives for Senators Murray and Cantwell, Congressman Larsen February 27, 2002
- Skagit Watershed Council March 13, 2002
- Mount Vernon Kiwanis March 18, 2002
- Noon Mount Vernon Rotary April 1, 2002
- City of Oak Harbor April 2, 2002
- Bay View Regional Airport Fly-In April 3, 2002
- City Public Works & Planners April 4, 2002
- City of Stanwood April 9, 2002
- Swinomish Tribal Senate April 10, 2002
- Summit Park Grange April 16, 2002
- Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce April 24, 2002
- Skagit Valley Herald Editorial Board May 1, 2002
- The Forum May 2, 2002
- Timber, Fish & Wildlife Breakfast DNR May 9, 2002
- Burlington Soroptimists May 21, 2002
- Conservation Futures Committee May 21, 2002
- Property Owners, Fredonia Grange June 12, 2002
- Washington State Assessors Meeting June 18, 2002
- Burlington Chamber of Commerce June 19, 2002
- Burlington Rotary June 28, 2002

3. INFORMATION FOR WORKSHOPS, PUBLIC MEETING NOTICES, NEWS RELEASES, & PUBLIC INFORMATION BROCHURES – Media packets were delivered to all local newspapers and radio stations. News releases on project progress have been sent to local media. Letters were mailed to notify property owners in footprint of proposed project for Property Owners meeting. (News articles, news releases and public information brochures included as a deliverable)

4. VIDEO – A 9-minute video has been produced with the assistance EnviroIssues that promotes the understanding of the flood risk and explains possible solutions. To date, the video has been shown at 25 presentations and is featured regularly on public access television in Anacortes, Burlington, LaConner, Mount Vernon and Sedro-Woolley. Copies are available to the public at the Skagit County Public Works Department. (2 copies included as a deliverable)

Deliverables:

1. **Public Involvement Summary Reports**
2. **News Releases**
3. **News Article Clippings**
4. **Public Information Brochures**
5. **Video Tape**
6. **Task Assignments with EnviroIssues**