

MITIGATION THAT WORKS FORUM

MEETING FOUR
FEBRUARY 19, 2008 – MEETING AGENDA

Meeting Location

Washington State Department of Ecology, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA. Training room **2S-20**.

From Interstate 5, take the Martin Way exit 109. Go east on Martin Way. Go right on Desmond Drive, the second traffic light after you exit the freeway. Turn left in front of the Ecology building. Parking is at the far end of the building on the left. **Carpooling is strongly encouraged!** Fewer emissions help the environment and parking space is limited.

Follow this link for additional directions and a local map:
http://www.ecy.wa.gov/images/offices/map_hq_swro.pdf

Meeting Objectives

- Legislative update regarding mitigation.
- Discussion of mitigation banking and outline draft recommendation areas.
- Discussion of avoidance and minimization at the project level and outline draft recommendation areas.
- Review potential recommendation areas from discussion of regulatory framework at the January meeting.
- Discussion of the process path for the Mitigation That Works Forum effort and future recommendation areas.

Agenda

9:00 **Welcome and Agenda Review (10 minutes)**

9:10 **Legislative Update (20 minutes)**

Update from the Department of Ecology and any other Forum members regarding legislative action that might impact the mitigation process and the work of the Mitigation That Works Forum.

9:30 **Avoidance and Minimization at the Project Level (90 minutes)**

Discussion of the avoidance and minimization steps at the project level.

Discussion Questions:

- *How does the current process work?*
- *What techniques are in place to help focus/document avoidance and minimization efforts?*

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Deliberations:

- *What is working with the current process?*
- *What is broken (what problems to solve)?*
- *How have ongoing or past efforts tried to solve this problem?*
- *What action is needed?*
- *What areas/actions should the Forum focus its attention on?*

11:00 Break (15 minutes)

11:15 Mitigation and Conservation Banking (2 hours)

Review of current mitigation and conservation banking practices and types of mitigation banks being used locally, regionally and nationally.

Presentation Topics:

- *Federal agency involvement with banking nationally*
- *The status of banking in Washington State*
- *Agency support for banking in Washington State*
- *Opportunities and barriers to mitigation banking*

Deliberations:

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- *What is broken?*
- *How have past and/or ongoing efforts tried to solve the problem/s?*
- *What action is needed?*
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12:15 Break to Collect Sandwich

12:30 (Working Lunch) Continue and Wrap-up Mitigation Banking Discussion (1 hour)

1:30 Potential Recommendation Areas from January (45 minutes)

Review and refine potential recommendation areas identified during the discussion of the regulatory framework at the January meeting.

2:15 Path Forward and Future Recommendation Areas (30 minutes)

Review proposed project map and discuss the path forward for addressing the specific issues/areas the Forum would like to address over the remainder of the process and the likely sequence for doing so.

2:45 Overflow, Wrap Up and Next Steps (15 minutes)

3:00 Adjourn