

MITIGATION THAT WORKS FORUM

MEETING FIVE
MARCH 18, 2008 – MEETING AGENDA

Meeting Location

Edmonds City Hall, 121 5th Avenue North, Edmonds 98020 – The Brackett Room

Going north on I-5:

- Take the Edmonds Ferry/Lake Forest Park exit (#177)
- Follow the Edmonds Ferry signs/State Route 104 West
- Continue west of SR 104 (Edmunds Way) for several miles
- Edmonds Way splits as it enters Edmonds; stay to the left
- Edmonds Way turns into 5th Avenue
- Remain on 5th Avenue, past the gazebo in the center of town, and continue straight another half-block
- City Hall is the three-story brown building on the left-hand side

Going south on I-5:

- Take the 196th Street exit going west toward Lynnwood (#181)
- Follow 196th Street several miles all the way into Edmonds (it will eventually turn into Puget Drive, then become Caspers, then 3rd Avenue North as it parallels Puget Sound)
- Stay on 3rd Avenue North
- At the first stoplight, take a left on Main Street
- At the gazebo (5th and Main) take a left
- City Hall is the three-story brown building on the left-hand side.

Carpooling is strongly encouraged! Fewer emissions help the environment and parking space is limited.

Meeting Objectives

- Legislative update regarding mitigation.
- Discussion of watershed based planning as an approach to mitigation.
- Discussion of in-lieu fee and outline draft recommendation areas.
- Review and refinement of draft recommendations to date.
- Discussion of the process path for the Mitigation That Works Forum effort.

Agenda

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

9:10 **Legislative Update (10 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.

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9:20 Watershed Based Mitigation (1 hour)

Discussion of using a watershed based approach to mitigation. Presentations by Margaret Clancy, ESA Adolfson:

- › *What types of planning efforts currently exist and/or are planned for?*
- › *What do these planning efforts address/include?*
- › *What type of information is included in these planning efforts and at what level of detail?*
- › *What additional information, if any, did the Birch Bay effort produce?*
- › *What have past efforts said about watershed based mitigation?*

Dick Gersib, Washington State Department of Transportation:

- › *How has the Department of Transportation implemented a watershed based approach to mitigation?*
- › *What type of information did the TPEAC effort identify as necessary for making permitting decisions?*
- › *What will it take to advance / get more watershed based mitigation?*

Deliberations:

- › *How should watershed based mitigation be defined?*
- › *What actions should be taken to support watershed based mitigation approaches?*
- › *How should the idea of watershed based mitigation inform Forum deliberations going forward?*

10:20 Break (10 minutes)

10:30 Continue Watershed Based Mitigation Discussion (1 hour 15 minutes)

11:45 Break to Collect Sandwich (15 minutes)

12:00 (Working Lunch) Draft Recommendations Areas to Date (45 minutes)

- › *Shared vision of successful mitigation*
- › *Overall process*
- › *Avoidance and Minimization at the project level*
- › *Banking*

Deliberations

- › *Changes / refinements to draft recommendations*
- › *Next steps*

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In-Lieu Fee (90 minutes)

Background on in-lieu fee programs. Presentation by:

Gary Cooper, Ecology

- › *What are the dimensions of in-lieu fee programs?*
- › *How are in-lieu fee programs different from banking and other mitigation approaches?*

Review of current in-lieu fee programs. Presentation by:

Clint Loper, King County:

- › *How is the in-lieu fee program structured?*
- › *Where has it been used?*
- › *Has it been successful?*

Deliberations:

- › *What is working with current in-lieu fee practices?*
- › *What is broken?*
- › *How have past and/or ongoing efforts tried to solve the problem/s?*
- › *What action is needed?*
- › *What areas/actions should the Forum focus its attention on?*

2:15

Path Forward and Future Recommendation Areas (30 minutes)

Discuss the path forward for addressing the specific issues/areas the Forum would like to address over the remainder of the process, the likely sequence for doing so and when it might be appropriate to present to Agency principals.

2:45

Overflow, Wrap Up and Next Steps (15 minutes)

3:00

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