

Puget Sound On-site Sewage System Financing Project

Presentation to Water Quality Financial
Assistance Council
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Overview of the Project

- ▶ Origin:
 - Two priority actions of the 2012/2013 Puget Sound Action Agenda (C5.3 NTA1 and NTA2)
- ▶ Goals:
 - A unified, self-sustaining, low-interest loan program to help property owners repair or replace on-site sewage treatment systems
 - A dedicated funding source to support local health jurisdictions' on-site sewage O&M programs

Overview (continued)

- ▶ DOH project lead
 - Contract with Sound Resolutions

- ▶ DOH and Sound Resolutions select:
 - Steering Committee
 - Advisory Committee

- ▶ Deliverables:
 - O&M Needs Assessment
 - Loan Program Needs Assessment
 - Financing Strategy
 - Implementation Strategy

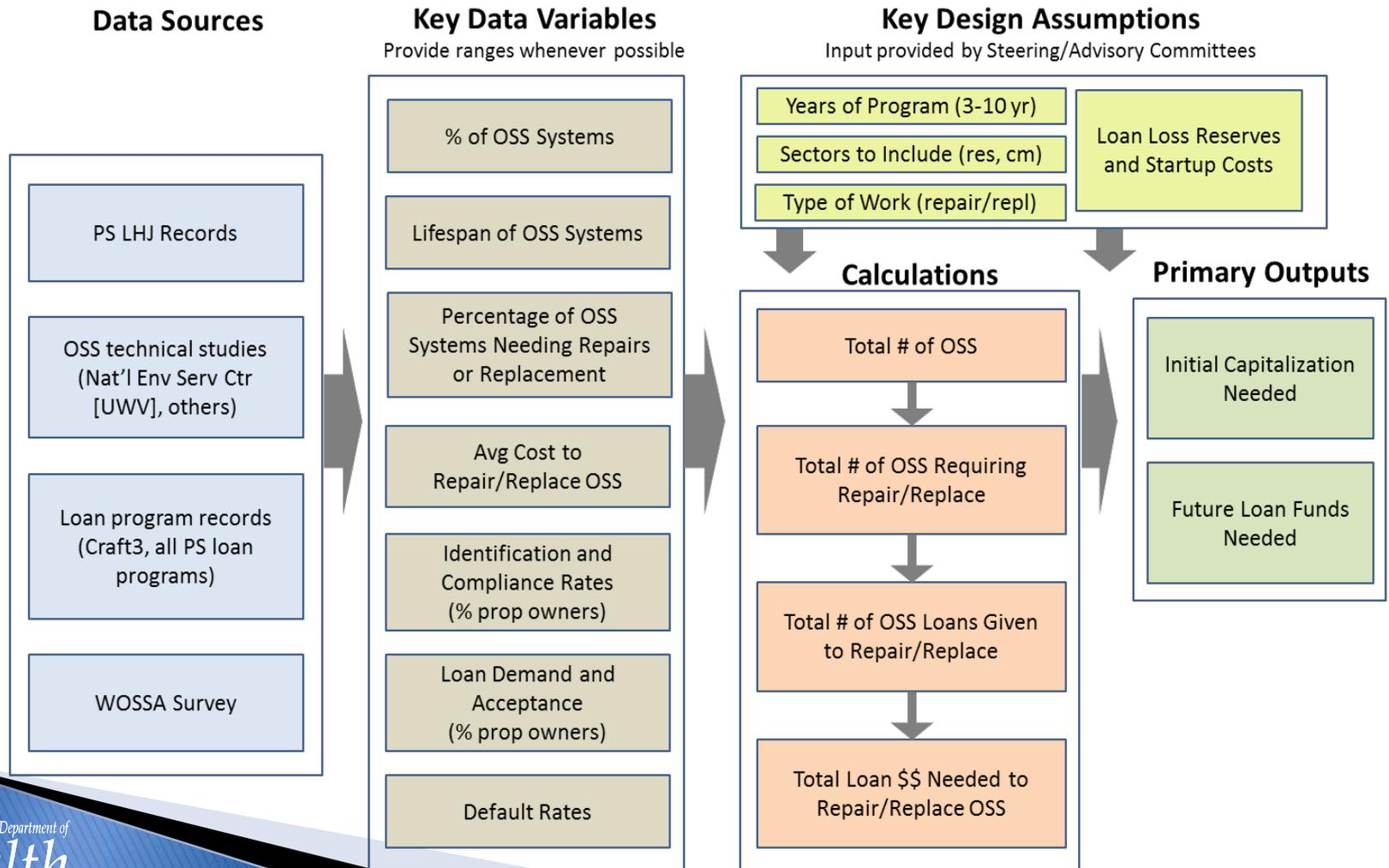
Project progress

O&M Needs Assessment

- ▶ Surveyed 12 local health jurisdictions in Puget Sound:
 - *What does it cost to implement your current program?*
 - *What would it cost to both fully implement your management plan and comply with state requirements and targets?*
- ▶ Exploring ‘minimum standards’

Project progress (continued)

Loan Program Needs Assessment



Project progress (continued)

Financing Strategy

- ▶ Financing options for the two programs – single source or separate?
- ▶ Considerations for both programs:
 - Constitutional, statutory, and rule limitations
 - Political climate
 - Efficiency (in revenue collection and disbursement)
 - Who pays and who benefits

What's next?

- ▶ Finalizing both needs assessments
- ▶ Finalizing the financing strategy
- ▶ Developing an implementation strategy
 - Legislation?
 - Rule changes?

Thank You

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