



Snohomish County Council
Public Infrastructure and Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes

Sam Low, Committee Chair
Strom Peterson, Committee Vice-Chair
Committee Members: Nate Nehring, Megan Dunn, Jared Mead

Deb Bell, Senior Legislative Analyst
Darcy Cheesman, Legislative Aide
Cheri Danner, Asst. Clerk of the Council

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

10:00 AM

**Jackson Board Room
& Remote Meeting**

PRESENT:

Presiding Committee Member Mead
Committee Chair Low (*remote*)
Committee Vice-Chair Peterson (*not present*)
Committee Member Nehring
Committee Member Dunn
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Dave Somers, Executive
Kelly Snyder, Director, Public Works
Doug McCormick, Deputy Director, Public Works
April Lewis, Public Works
Blair Marshall, Public Works
Pam McCurdy, Public Works
Robert Kennedy, Public Works
Rocky Ogden, Public Works
Elisa Dawson, Surface Water Management
Natasha Coumou, Surface Water Management
Joycelyn Blue, Surface Water Management
Brad Thompson, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Jason Ranson, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Andrew Lavallo, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Mary Watts, Washington State University Extension Office Master Gardeners Program
Anthony Gromko, Washington State University Extension Office Master Gardeners Program
Cheri Danner, Assistant Clerk of the Council

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Committee Member Mead called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and provided instructions for those wishing to provide public comment for both in-person and remote via Zoom.

ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and stated that four members were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals provided public comment related to legacy forests:

1. Carol McMahaon, resident of the city of Lynnwood [2023-0578](#)
2. Cathy Ferbrache, resident of the city of Bothell

ACTION ITEMS

1. Ordinance 23-045, approving and authorizing the Snohomish County Executive to sign First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between Snohomish County and the Tulalip Tribes of Washington to implement portions of the Community Floodplain Solutions - Phase II Project [2023-0465](#)

Deb Bell, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report and explained the ordinance would approve and authorize the Executive to sign First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement, making the new agreement amount \$644,412.00, which will terminate on June 30, 2025.

ACTION: Move to Administrative Matters, General Legislative Session May 24th, to set time and date for public hearing.

2. Motion 23-179, approving termination of easements [2023-0469](#)

Deb Bell, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report and explained the motion would approve and authorize the Director of Facilities and Fleet to sign and record any and all termination of easements on County owned land within the Chinook Marsh Restoration Project area.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session May 24th for consideration.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Public Works Awards [2023-0538](#)
Kelly Snyder, Director
Doug McCormick, Deputy Director

Kelly Snyder, Director of Public Works, introduced Dave Somers, Executive, who read a proclamation which recognized May 21-27, 2023 as Public Works Week. Ms. Snyder presented awards to April Lewis and Blair Marshall and Doug McCormick, Deputy Director of Public Works, presented awards to Pam McCurdy, Robert Kennedy and Rocky Ogden.

Committee Member Dunn expressed her appreciation for all members of Public Works. Committee Member Nehring said he appreciated all the hard work of Public Works, congratulated the award winners and noted the positive feedback he receives from the public about Public Works. Committee Chair Low thanked the Public Works employees and the award winners and said he appreciated the kind words from Executive Somers. Committee Member Mead spoke briefly on how well the members of Public Works represents Snohomish County and recognized their hard work.

The Committee took a brief recess to take a group photo.

2. MRC Annual Report [2023-0539](#)
Elisa Dawson, Surface Water Management

Elisa Dawson, Joycelyn Blue, and Natasha Coumou, Surface Water Management, presented the 2022 Annual Report of the Marine Resources Committee (MRC) and discussed the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative, including restoring and conserving marine and nearshore habitats and education.

Committee Member Dunn thanked the presenters and discussed her involvement in the Sea Kelp Monitoring Project. She mentioned Port Susan and working the tribes on septic issues and asked if MRC was involved. Ms. Coumou said their services are available to the tribes.

Committee Member Mead thanked the presenters.

3. FWS Presentation on North Cascades Grizzly 10(j) Population Designation [2023-0540](#)
Andrew Lavalle

Brad Thompson, Jason Ranson and Andrew Lavalle, U.S. Fish and Wildlife discussed the North Cascades Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Restoration Project and restoring grizzly bears to the North Cascades ecosystem.

Committee Member Nehring asked for a business card so he can follow up with questions at a later date.

4. WSU Extension Office - Master Gardeners Program [2023-0541](#)
Mary Watts, Program Coordinator

Mary Watts and Anthony Groan, Washington State University Master Gardener Program gave a presentation and spoke in detail about the program including clean water, soil plants, climate change and volunteers.

Committee Member Mead thanked the presenters.

At 11:19 a.m., Presiding Committee Member Mead recessed the meeting until the Planning and Community Development Committee.