Capitol Lake Technical Committee

Technical Committee Meeting Minutes
Location: 1500 Jefferson St SE, Olympia, WA
April 14, 9:00 – 11:00AM

Attendees: Rich Doenges (ECY), Alex Callender (ECY), Lydia Wagner (ECY), Joy Polston-Barnes (DNR), Andy Haub (City of Olympia), Dan Smith (City of Tumwater), Brad Murphy (Thurston County), Bill Helbig (Port of Olympia), Carrie Martin (DES), Ann Larson (DES), Ann Sweeney (DES), Gabrielle Stilwater (DES), Jessi Massingale (Floyd│Snider), Christina Martinez (Jacobs), Tessa Gardner-Brown (Floyd│Snider), Lindsey Aldridge (DES, note taker)

Minutes:
- Floyd│Snider team presented the meeting purpose, format, and ground rules.
- Members in attendance provided self-introduction.
- Overview of the Technical Committee role and material review cycle during the Phase I Implementation process was discussed.
- Process and schedule of Phase I Implementation Plan was presented by Floyd│Snider team. See *Capitol Lake Long-Term Management Planning: Phase 1 Implementation Plan*. (April 14, 2016)
- Feedback briefing from Executive Work Group was presented by DES representative.
- Reviewed goals and objectives from previous project documentation and stakeholder input. See *Summary of Materials and Request for Stakeholder and Community Input* document (April 14, 2016). The Technical Committee acknowledged the work that has occurred previously and did not advocate for the removal of any of the goals. The Technical Committee provided the following input regarding reframing some of the goals as we move forward:
    - Focus on Managing Flood Risk (rather than Reducing Flood Risk);
    - Focus on Restoring, Enhancing and Improving Recreational Opportunities (rather than simply maintaining them);
    - Reframe Gain community support and broad agreement as an objective;
- Continue Adaptive Management Approach is a goal from existing project documentation;
    - Add Economics (financing, maintaining/sustaining) to theme for Long-Term Management;
    - Add Sustainability as a separate goal;
    - Add Recreation and Aesthetics as a separate goal;
    - Keep in context of larger habitat, not just Capitol Lake, i.e. watershed and Puget Sound;
    - Consider how to define "Improve Ecosystem Functions," since improvement to ecosystem functions would attain other listed goals such as improvements to fish and wildlife habitat, etc.
- The Technical Committee completed an exercise to discuss the goals that are most important to them. This exercise was used gauge the most important goals for long-term management from an agency perspective. Goals with the most apparent support included :
    - Improve ecosystem function; Sustainability; Consider long-term costs and economic impacts.

Questions and Answers:
- Can you clarify the Technical Committee role during the material review cycle?
    - Technical Committee is essentially the first to touch the document and has a second touch (or review) opportunity before the material is incorporated into the draft Proviso Report. The Technical Committee will be a key resource to provide feedback on the various components of the Proviso Report.
- How do the committees and public provide comments?

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- o Technical committee members are encouraged to utilize the scheduled meetings to share comments. Additional input may be sent to the Floyd|Snider team and DES representative, however, within two weeks of the Technical Committee meeting – this would allow the Technical Committee members to discuss meeting topics with other agency representatives or colleagues, or have time to follow-up on any particular items. At the high level, the Technical Committee may also use the online Survey Monkey to provide input; this tool has been developed to invite public input, but anyone can participate.
- Will Executive Work Group meeting minutes be available?
  - o Yes, January and February are available. March meeting minutes will be available by Friday. Once adopted by the Executive Work Group, the meeting minutes are posted on the DES website.

Next Steps/Action Items:
- Create doodle pool to obtain best availability for May Technical Committee meeting. (DES)
  - o After discussion, DES and the Technical Committee members determined that the next Technical Committee meeting would not be moved and would occur on the planned date of Thursday, May 19.
- Create SharePoint site or file-sharing system for Technical Committee to upload/download information. (Floyd|Snider)
- Create a distribution list for the Technical Committee. (DES)
- Send comments, questions, and resources to Floyd|Snider team. (All)
- Provide input on how each goal should be measured/metrics for each goal. (All)