

**Snoqualmie Valley Watershed Improvement District  
Monthly Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

MEETING MINUTES  
**September 16, 2020**

**Opening:** Siri Erickson-Brown called the regular meeting to order at approximately 6:02 p.m. via Video Conference Call.

**Commissioners present:** Daniel Royal, Siri Erickson-Brown, Andrew Stout, Patrick McGlothlin.

**Commissioners absent:** Jason Roetcisoender.

**Others present:** Cynthia Krass (staff), Erin Ericson (staff), Ingria Jones, Department of Ecology, Theresa Jordan, WID landowner.

1. Agenda approved: 4:0.
2. August Minutes approved 4:0.
3. Consent agenda approved 4:0.
4. Public comment: none.
5. WREC Streamflow Committee:
  - a. Ingria Jones, Ecology, gave a presentation on the WREC streamflow committee background, RCW 90.94 statute, process, progress, and final steps to completion. Andrew expressed a desire to continue to protect agricultural water rights beyond the WREC planning process. Patrick noted that the bulk of the offset proposed thus far is outside the Snoqualmie basin, and expressed concerns that if offset is out of the basin, there may be impacts to instream flow, which would have impacts to interruptible water right holders. Siri expressed concern about last minute changes to the plan as jurisdictions are making their decisions to support the plan, and Patrick noted that Ecology seems to have made an effort to engage all decision-makers early, which is helpful to avoid problems.
  - b. Restoration projects: as a follow up to the August board meeting, Cynthia and Erin reviewed the proposed habitat project list to identify any projects that might be in conflict with the goals of protecting agricultural soils (specifically, floodplain restoration projects that involve conversion of farmable acreage in the Snoqualmie APD. Cynthia reported that the signatories to the FFF agreement who also sit on the WREC committee have agreed to include language in project descriptions that agrees that all projects proposed by King County or FFF signatories will go through the FFF process. There was no action taken but there was general agreement that this would satisfy the need to reconcile these two separate plans and planning processes.
  - c. Storage project update: staff provided a process update, and it was acknowledged that the board has not had sufficient opportunity to keep tabs on the process. The Sep 23 project subgroup meeting is the best opportunity to get storage projects into the plan, and staff will circulate recommendations to the board as soon as possible. Siri noted that the WREC plan

is not the only opportunity to advance any storage project identified in the consultant's work.

6. Drainage program

- a. Supplemental 2019 Flood Control District agreement for board approval: based on Erin's recommendation, motion was made, seconded, and approved 4:0 to authorize Cynthia to approved the amended agreement with the Flood Control District in the amount of \$71,800 to fund staff, construction, and labor for the Cherry Creek avulsion.
- b. Revised consultant agreement with ESA for Cherry Creek design for board approval: based on Erin's recommendation, motion was made, seconded, and approved 4:0 to authorize Cynthia to approved the amended agreement with the engineering consultant, Environmental Science Associates in the amount of \$42,013 to complete next steps of the Cherry Creek permit documents and phase two design.
- c. 2020-2022 Flood Control District award discussion: Erin reported that the FCD awarded SVWID \$250,000, nearly half of the request. Erin recommended the funding be used for staff, planning, and construction of ADAP and emergency fixes. No board action was taken, but there was general approval for staff to develop the FCD agreement and bring back to board in October meeting. Performance period of the grant begins Sept 9, and SVWID is permitted to spend against it as long as the activities are within the final approved scope of work for the agreement.

7. Staff report: staff provided an update on the executive director job description. Board provided advice to Executive Director on how to support staff with school-aged children during the pandemic.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05.