Meeting Date/Time/Location	Wednesday, September 23, 2015 from 1PM-3PM Confluence Technology Center, 285 Technology Center Way,
Subject	Wenatchee, WA Flood Hazard Mitigation Comprehensive Plan Participatory Stakeholder Committee Meeting #3
In Attendance	Jason Detamore, Eric Pierson, Lauren Loebsack (Chelan County Public Works), Herb Amick (City of Leavenworth), Doug Lewin (Chelan County Community Development), Jennifer Burns (Chelan County PUD), Jason Peterson (United States Forest Service), Rob Flaner, Patty Robinson (Tetra Tech), Mayor Robert Goedde (City of Chelan), Bob Whitehall (City of Entiat), Rick Smith (Wenatchee Reclamation District), Dan Frazier (City of Wenatchee), Aaron Young, Mike Rickel (Cascadia Conservation District), Mark Botello (City of Cashmere), Phylisha Olin, Steve Kadel (Wenatchee Business Journal).
Summary Prepared By	Lauren Loebsack
Quorum	Yes

Item	Action
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#### **Welcome & Introductions**

Dan Frazier called the meeting to order and each member introduced themselves and the agency they represented.

The agenda was reviewed and there were no additions made by the committee. Mike asked about the agenda title of "Floodplain Management Plan", wondering if this meant to identify this as work only concerning the floodplains. This is not the case and future agendas will be titled "Flood Hazard Management Plan" The updated meeting summary from meeting #2 was distributed for review. There was no questions or recommended corrections or changes.

No members of the public were present to comment or ask questions of the committee.

### **Risk Assessment Update**

Rob Flaner introduced the Risk Assessment document. At this time we are in a holding pattern because the LiDAR information is still not available (this has been delayed due to smoke from area fires). The data has been prepared, but the base map is necessary to run the HAZUS models. Mike has requested mapping of the Entiat River valley from Bureau of Reclamation but this has yet been made available. This mapping is expected to be completed by December 2015.

FEMA is updating their flood zone maps, but this mapping does not take into account the impact of burned hillsides on flood risk.

### **Goal Setting**

Rob introduced the poll results from the committee's goal setting exercise "homework" to develop the goals for this plan. He noted that some of the options were redundant, allowing the committee to

Dan asked for a motion to approve August's meeting summary. Jason motioned to approve the summary and Bob seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

develop broader, simpler goals or more specific detailed goals (See "Goal Setting Exercise" document on FCZD webpage).

The goals will need to be measureable. Patty suggested that the committee review the mission statement to bundle these ideas. The committee agreed and began discussing the individual points in the mission statement. Rob reminded the committee that per RCW 86.12, cities must either adopt this or concurrent plan with 180 days of the County adoption, so it is vital that the wording be discussed now and agreed upon. This planning process will also review County codes and recommend updates to align with these goals.

"Protect Life" was universally agreed upon. Discussion then went to "Protect Property" and whether to phrase it as "minimize damage to" or "protect". Ultimately, through discussion, the term "protect" was preferable, as it indicates a best effort in a scenario where the opportunity to minimize damage is not possible. Aaron noted that as we develop actions, that there should not be a differentiation between properties except when one property is serving the greater community in some way. Rob stated that this will be addressed as we develop our "critical facilities" list/map.

Educating the public, not only in about the FCZD, but also what they can do on their own private property and, as Phylisha noted, what resources are available to them for flood hazard mitigation/recovery.

Looking at the environmental feature of the mission statement, Rob noted that in many instances the environment cannot be returned to the original state post flood and sometimes that isn't the most practical option; the purpose to "restore" or "preserve" or "protect" is nearly impossible. However, if the function of the environment and the floodplain are restored, this allows for practical actions.

In address future weather conditions, what is sometimes referred to as "climate change", it is not to address the issue, but to create a goal that can meet the evolving weather conditions of North Central Washington (specifically Chelan County). The committee chose to address this through the language "long term".

#### **Objectives Exercise**

With the goals secured, Rob introduced a document with 72 objective statements, which will be determined by the committee to meet the goals. These objective statements are from other plans all around the country and the committee can use them directly or to develop our own objective statements; it is merely a way to begin the brainstorming process.

After discussion of the specific language, these are the agreed upon goals:

- Protect life
- Protect property
- Maintain sustainable operation of identified critical facilities
- Increase the awareness of flood risk and ways to mitigate its impacts
- Strive to protect or restore the natural floodplain function
- Encourage the development and implementation of long-term, cost effective flood mitigation projects and programs.

Dan asked for a motion, and Phylisha motioned to confirm the agreed upon goals (listed above). Eric seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Rob will forward the link to the survey to define objectives (similarly to the survey used to define goals) and Lauren will distribute to the entire committee. Homework for the participatory committee is to complete this survey in a timely manner for Rob can compile the responses for next meeting.

### **Critical Facilities**

FEMA has a definition for critical facilities, however, it is up to the committee how they will define these facilities. Once defined, these critical facilities will need to be inventoried and applied to the HAZUS model for Chelan County. Rob helped clarify for the committee based on function. Will the protection of "critical facility" enhance protection/service to others during a flood disaster?

## **Public Involvement Strategy**

The committee is still interested in using post-fire meetings to piggy-back public outreach for the FCZD and use as public meeting to capture the 15 points for the CRS score. As there is no HAZUS model available yet, the committee agreed that these meetings would be a good opportunity to get the word out about our effort and a good partnership moving forward, considering the extent of the wildfires this year and the likelihood of severe debris flow and flooding in the burn scar areas.

Rob also provided a copy of the public survey that the committee has discussed. He noted that there are demographic questions that are vital to understanding the results that come back from this survey. Jason P. noted that it will be important to translate this survey into Spanish, which will be done. Rob stated that the survey typically takes no more than 10 minutes to complete.

As there was no further topics for discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

# **Adjourn**

The committee was instructed to define what each member considers a critical facility and the tally as many of those that they can based on their definition. This will be an item of discussion to confirm the definition for next meeting. Lauren will also work to do outreach to other irrigation districts regarding their own critical facilities and any action plans they may have on file for flood/hazards.

Lauren will send out a reminder email to the group, asking them to provide dates and times of the meetings they will attend and provide information to the public on the FCZD. Once those dates are collected, she will include them in her press release that Rob has drafted to inform the public of this effort. Slides from the original presentation in April, as well as links to the County's FCZD webpage will also be provided.

Lauren will email a pdf of the survey out to the entire committee and ask for a response of a "yes" or "no" to the survey in its entirety.



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