

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2005**

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Work Session – Operations Division Road District Maintenance Supervisors
- *T 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Public Works Department – Chal Martin, Director
1. Update Acceptance – Big Lake Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan for Lake Management District #1
 2. Discussion – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Agreement
 3. Baker Hydroelectric Project Flood Storage
 4. Miscellaneous
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Discussion/Possible Action – Several Miscellaneous Code Amendments Not Associated With the 2005 Update
- *T 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Discussion/Possible Action – Skagit County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 11, 2005, with Commissioner Don Munks, Kenneth A. Dahlstedt and Ted W. Anderson present.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – CHAL MARTIN, DIRECTOR

1. Update Acceptance – Big Lake Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan for Lake Management District #1.

Stephanie Woolette, Water Resources Technician, stated that an update of the Big Lake Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan (IAVMP) for Lake Management District (LMD) #1 is necessary in order to meet Department of Ecology (DOE) permit requirements for utilizing various herbicide treatments to control aquatic weeds as well as to incorporate new aquatic weed treatments methods into the Plan for the District. The update was funded by a grant from the DOE and by assessments paid into LMD #1. It includes community goals, available aquatic weed management techniques, current cost estimates, a public education program and the framework for a cost effective strategy for controlling Brazilian Elodea and other noxious weeds at Big Lake for the ten-year duration of the re-formed LMD #1.

Ms. Woolette indicated that the final Big Lake IAVMP was developed and finalized with input from the community, especially the Advisory Committee, and is consistent with DOE's aquatic weed permit-related requirements for an IAVMP.

Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to accept the Big Lake Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan as presented by Ms. Woolette. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and passed unanimously.

2. Discussion – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Agreement.

Public Works Director Chal Martin said Skagit County has been awarded a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grant by the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division and the FEMA. The grant is to elevate six homes that have been repetitively damaged by Skagit River flood waters. These are federal funds from FEMA directed through the State of Emergency Management Division.

The total grant is \$275,000 with \$206,250 provided by FEMA and \$34,375 provided by the State of Washington. A local match in the amount of \$34,375 is needed. Mr. Martin stated that because all six houses lie within various locations of the flood plain and because all pay into the Drainage Utility District, perhaps the District could be the funding source for the required match.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt approving the agreement as outlined by Mr. Martin. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Martin indicated that an official contract will be brought forth under a future Consent Agenda.

3. Baker Hydroelectric Project Flood Storage.

Mr. Martin discussed response comments from Baker Hydroelectric Project Settlement Agreement Comments filed at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in reply/opposition to additional flood storage. He stated that FERC has several options to choose from when making their decision and it is anticipated that a decision will be made within the next three weeks.

Commissioner Anderson it would be prudent to seek an injunction against the finalization of this agreement until all issues could be ironed out.

4. Miscellaneous.

Mr. Martin spoke of a project that would provide monetary resources to provide minimal staff and administrative support, and engage consultants necessary to accomplish the start-up requirements of the Public Development Authority (PDA). The PDA was formed as a result of the flood of 2003, for the purpose of relocated the Town of Hamilton.

Commissioner Anderson said he thinks the project is a good idea; however, he believes the scope is too narrow. The project should not only include the relocation of Hamilton but the relocation of anyone that happens to live in a flood plain.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – SEVERAL MISCELLANEOUS CODE AMENDMENTS NOT ASSOCIATION WITH THE 2005 UPDATE.

Planning and Development Services Director Gary Christensen stated that the current Unified Development Code (Skagit County Code Title 14) was adopted by Ordinance No. 17938 on July 24, 2000. This code has been periodically amended due to Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board orders, court orders, and Planning and Permit Center recommendations. Mr. Christensen said that staff and County citizens have utilized this code on a daily basis and have discovered typographical errors, inadvertent additions and omissions, as well as provisions that lack clarity and/or consistency.

The Planning Department issued a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) on November 2, 2004. There were no public comments received during the comment period ending November 19, 2004, and no appeals of the DNS were received during the appeal period ending December 6, 2004.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on December 7, 2004, and there was no testimony forthcoming. Therefore, the Planning Commissioner directed that a Recorded Motion be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners containing their recommendations.

Carly Ruacho, Associate Planner brought forth one point of clarification with regard to an amended definition for clarification on 'setbacks'. She advised that a *driven surface* is defined as being a road surface, right-of-way or easement, not a private driveway or parking pad.

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to adopt the proposed miscellaneous code amendments pursuant to the Planning Commission recommendations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and passed unanimously.

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**DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – SKAGIT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

This agenda item was changed from discussion/possible action to a work session; therefore, minutes were not taken but the session was recorded and televised.

ADJOURNMENT.

Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Don Munks, Chairman

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

JoAnne Giesbrecht, Clerk of the Board
Skagit County Board of Commissioners