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Memorandum

Date: August 20, 2013
To: Integrated Shoreline Master Program Project Management Team
From: Bill Stalzer, Project Team Leader
Re: Regional Working Group

Public participation is a critical requirement for the Shoreline Master Program update. In addition to community meetings during the development of the Program, the scope of work proposes the formation of a regional working group.

The regional working group would be the entity responsible during the first two years and the first part of the third year to review, comment and hold open public meetings on the consultant's work as an integrated Program is prepared for planning commission review and recommendation and legislative action in year 3. Much of this work is technical in nature and requires the commitment to review documents, offer comments, and attend numerous meetings. Since the integrated Program is for the county and all three cities, it is essential that the group represent a variety of technical expertise, regional knowledge, and various perspectives.

Below is a list of some of the members of similar groups convened for other shoreline master programs:

- Washington State Department of Ecology
- Washington State Department of Natural Resources
- Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- US Bureau of Land Management
- Local Watershed Management Entity
- Tribes
- Port Districts
- Affected Property Owners
- Affected Commercial Business Interests
- Irrigation Districts
- Conservation Interests
- Recreation Interests

I would like to discuss ideas from the project management team to ensure that the appropriate interests are represented on the regional working group. The first meeting of a regional working group is scheduled for mid-November; however it would be very helpful to have the group established as soon as possible.