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Memorandum

Date: May 31, 2015
To: Project Management Team, Shoreline Master Program Updates
From: Bill Stalzer, Project Team Leader
Re: May Community Meetings

One of the requirements of the SMP grant agreement with Ecology is that we conduct public participation activities are part of the preliminary draft SMP process (task 6 in the grant agreement). As we discussed at the May meeting, community meetings were scheduled for May 12th and 13th in Prescott, Touchet and Walla Walla. Postcards were mailed to 1,322 shoreline property owners and a press release was sent to the Union Bulletin and Waitsburg Times. City and county staff placed flyers at different locations around the county in the weeks preceding the meetings.

The meetings were held on the evening of May 12th from 6-7:30pm at the Prescott city hall; on the morning of May 13th from 7:30-9:00am at the Lyons Club Building in Touchet; and on May 13th from 6:30-8:30 in the county commissioners' chambers and county training room. In addition, an open house was held on May 13th from noon-4:00pm in the county commissioners' chambers and county training room.

The format of each community meeting included a brief presentation and question and answer period conducted by me and Dan Nickel of the Watershed Company on the nature of the SMP update with an emphasis on the environment designations for individual properties. Stations with information about the regulations were located around the room with staff from the consultant and city and county planning staff, as appropriate, available to provide information, answer questions, and record comments and suggestions. Comment sheets also were available. The open house was more informal, as there was no presentation.

Attendance at the meetings was as follows:

- Prescott: 8 people
- Touchet: 5 people
- Walla Walla: 19 people
- Open House: 3 people

The consultant is preparing a more detailed report on the meetings which should be available by mid-June and posted on the website.