

Regional Shoreline Master Program Update Walla Walla County and the Cities of Prescott, Waitsburg, and Walla Walla

Memorandum

Date: February 23, 2015
To: Regional Working Group Members
From: Bill Stalzer, Project Team Leader, Regional Shoreline Master Program Updates
Re: Meeting of March 2, 2015

As I mentioned at our last meeting, this is the first meeting that you will have a complete version of the substantive chapters of the preliminary draft SMP and an introduction to the environment designation maps. Please note, this complete version of the SMP has integrated the previous Chapter 6 (Uses) and Chapter 7 (Modifications) into one chapter (Chapter 6) that is alphabetized to match the Use and Modifications matrices.

The meeting is divided into three segments: discussion of new material including critical areas regulations; discussion of material from previous meetings; and environmental designation maps.

Discussion of New Material

Chapter 1 Introduction has been added to the document. This is fairly standard language from the WAC or other locally approved SMPs.

Chapter 2 Definitions was provided earlier but not discussed. Questions and comments will be discussed at this meeting.

Sections of Chapters 5 and 6 not previously reviewed are shaded in blue; there are only 5 (Institutional Development will be provided later this week). Again as I pointed out at the last meeting, the ones that impact almost all owners of property within shoreline jurisdiction are Vegetation Conservation and Residential Development. As pointed out last time by some members, Fill and Excavation also is an important subject. I expect that Signs and Institutional Uses should not take much time, but I was wrong last time about Transportation and Circulation.

Critical areas regulations have been prepared based on the County's and City of Walla Walla's existing Critical Areas Ordinances (CAOs). Only required changes have been included.

Example: Reasonable Use provisions have been removed since they are not allowed in shoreline jurisdiction. Rather a shoreline variance would be required in such cases

Discussion of Previous Material

The material not shaded was discussed at previous meetings. It includes Chapters 3 and 4; sections of Chapters 5 and 6; and the Use and Modification matrices for all four jurisdictions. You should give this large body of material a cursory review to make sure the sections you are most interested in accurately reflect past discussions. Most sections contain margin notes. Please read them: they provide clarifying information or raise issues that we need to discuss and hopefully resolve at this meeting.

Introduction to Environment Designation Maps

The preparation of Environment Designation maps is still underway. These maps will be made available to the RWG in advance of the March 16th meeting. We will review the proposed process for RWG review of these map documents and discuss appropriate mechanisms for providing comments.

As always, feel free to call or email me if you have questions, concerns, need information, or don't have materials from the previous meetings. I can be reached by email at shorelines@co.walla-walla.wa.us or by phone at 206-264-1150.



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