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**Baker River
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Baker River Project License Implementation Meeting

Title: *Law Enforcement Plan (LEP) Meeting*
Date: *Tuesday June 16, 2009*
Time: *2:00-3:30*
Location: **Puget Sound Energy, Skagit Service Center (Baker Room)**
1660 Park Lane
Burlington, WA 98233
Facilitator-Lyn Wiltse-cell-(425)-890-3613
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AGENDA FOR RRG MEETING

June 16, 2009

2:00-3:30 p.m., following RRG meeting

Note: Estimated times are approximate.

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| 2:00-2:15 | 1. Welcome, Introductions |
| 2:15-2:30 | 2. Discuss History and Intent of License SA Article 318 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review/Discuss Article Language |
| 2:30-3:00 | 3. Discuss Current Law Enforcement at Baker Project <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is going well• Current Needs/Challenges |
| 3:00-3:30 | 4. Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none">• List Stakeholders-Contact information• Schedule for Future meetings and Drafting a plan |

CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION:

Dial in from your phone:

Meeting Place Main Number 425-456-2500

Internal Number 81-2500

Toll Free Number 888-228-0484

Meeting ID: 123456

Password: 123456

Driving Instructions:

To drive to the Puget Sound Energy, Skagit Service Center, in Burlington, please proceed as follows:

- From I-5 North or South
- Take Exit 232 (Cook Rd Exit) onto the Cook Rd
- Proceed East to Stop light
- Turn right onto Old Hwy 99
- Proceed South for 1.5 miles
- Turn left onto North Hill Blvd (Located in the Burlington Business Park between KIA and Pacific Coast Auto dealerships)
- Turn right Park Lane (second road on right)
- Go all the way to the end of Park Lane to PSE Skagit Service Center and parking is to the left of the gate

Address is **1660 Park Lane, Burlington, WA 98233**



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Final Meeting Notes

June 16, 2009, 2:00 am - 3:30 pm

Skagit Service Center, Burlington

FINAL MEETING NOTES

Team Leader: Pam Garland, PSE (pamela.garland@pse.com)-360-661-2243/360-424-2912

PRESENT

Pam Garland, Mark Killgore, John Jensen, and Cary Feldmann, (PSE); Sergio Capozzi by phone (EDAW); Ann Dunphy and Jeremy Smith (USFS); Sgt. Bill Heinck and Officer Worth Allen (WDFW); Officer Ron Whitehall and Laurie Bergvall (DNR), Doug Burks, Doug Chadwick, and Jeff Turner (Whatcom County); Paula Mann (Town of Concrete); Patrick Goldsworthy (North Cascades Conservation Council); Sgt. Greg Adams and Chief Tom Molitor (Skagit County) and Lyn Wiltse, facilitator (PDSA Consulting)

NEXT MEETING DATE

We agreed to meet again in October, possible the afternoon of October 20, 2009.

ACTION ITEMS

- PSE will create initial draft of outline for the LEP and route it to participants for comments / review. Pam will send out to all.
- Pam will set up next meeting in October (after RRG meeting on October 20?) and send out invitation to attend.

LAW ENFORCEMENT PLAN BACKGROUND

Cary Feldmann (PSE) explained that the Baker Project license was issued in 1956. It expired in 2006. During the relicense process PSE pulled together stakeholders representing aquatic, terrestrial, recreational, operational, and cultural / historical interests. They met monthly for six years and crafted a Settlement Agreement that all signed. Within the 18 Recreation-related articles, Article 318 was drafted for law enforcement in the Baker Basin. The Federal Energy regulatory Commission (FERC) doesn't feel like it is their jurisdiction to deal with law enforcement.

PSE is planning to invest \$360 million over the next 50 years. PSE wants to see that the terms of the license are implemented in effective and efficient ways. They acknowledge that they are not experts in the

field of law enforcement and therefore they are committed to pulling together the right parties to draft a Law Enforcement Plan appropriate to the Baker Basin.

Ann explained that the intent of this article is to take a broad look at law enforcement. How best can we address safety, security, law enforcement, fishing, etc.? In answering this question the intent was also to consider addressing issues such as signage, communications, public information, etc.

Review of License Article 318

Lyn walked us through the language in License Article 318 on law enforcement. With this meeting we are complying with the requirement to meet within one year of license issuance (October, 2008). We will also need to have the recreation resource Group (RRG) review the plan we draft at least 30 days ahead of 2 year deadline to complete the plan.

Law Enforcement Plan Contents

Sergio (EDAW) explained that Law Enforcement Plans typically include the following:

- Jurisdictions/roles and responsibilities in Baker Basin
- Procedures/emergencies
- Definition of emergency
- Types of emergencies
- Triggers
- Contact trees
- Coverage issues, etc.

Description of Current Operations

- First responders make decisions based on jurisdictions.
- Current quick response from Skagit County to Lower Baker, PSE Dam Operators function in quasi law enforcement role at Upper Baker. This is not ideal.
- If something happens at Upper Baker and Whatcom County id not available, Skagit County responds (through 911).
- Onsite housing for PSE Dam Operator was removed in 2002/2003.
- WDFW's primary function revolves around wildlife. They also have broad law enforcement authority (like State Patrol).
- Tribal law enforcement applies only to tribal lands.
- Whatcom / Skagit County may decide not to send someone to answer a call for help (this depends on the level of criticality) e.g., a speeding vehicle.
- Whatcom County has air capability for high-level surveillance only.
- Both counties have jurisdiction that extends to the lakes.

What's Going Well Currently

- PSE's funding for OT for Whatcom County officers at campgrounds during holiday weekends and opening day of fishing
- If a citizen dials 911 for help, eventually someone will respond
- For medical emergencies ambulances respond quickly (to Upper Baker)
- Limiting "squatters" at campgrounds

- Limiting large gatherings at campsites (no more than 2 cars per site)

What isn't Going Well Currently

- Some 911 calls are not responded to in a timely manner
- There is no specific / standardized protocol for reporting or logging who responds and when (Note: Suggestion was made for PSE staff to request a callback after response.)
- PSE doesn't currently have a boat available for emergency purposes
- Signage may be inadequate
- There is frequent vandalism at the Lake Shannon Boat Launch

Brainstormed List of Suggestions to Improve Law Enforcement in the Baker Basin

Note: Where more than one participant expressed a particular desire, the number is indicated in parentheses at the end of each suggestion.

- More security cameras at lake Shannon Boat Launch
- PSE hires law enforcement dedicated to serving project needs
- Do more to protect the dams and infrastructure including gate to dam (Article 317)
- Have plant personnel request a call-back after response occurs
- WDFW boat to handle on-water issues – river and lakes, including search and rescue (3)
- Better communication in needed – many dead spots in the Basin. This is also a safety issue. (8)
 - Handheld satellite phones?
 - Night goggles?
- Increased uniform presence would help – more eyes and ears (maybe use Forest Service seasonals)
- Build a big jail onsite
- Coordinate with area Emergency Action Plan
- Need more resources to cover vast territory
- Need to provide protection to Floating Surface Collector (FSC)
- Improve signage, education and outreach
 - Especially for Russian population (they tend to over fish)
- Restrict more access
- World peace
- Educate about Search and rescue capability
- Upper Skagit Tribe land easement (land formerly known as Presidents Trailer Site - that piece goes to tribe as cultural center with lake access
 - Will it be Upper Skagit easement property be flagged from Lake side
 - Post as private from lake side (without referencing tribe)
- Open communication to Concrete residents re what to expect fro law enforcement
- Extra funding to allow for Lake Shannon patrolling
- More OT funding (show the flag) (3)
- Kiosk for Upper baker area with cameras, etc.
- One-way traffic across the dam

Handouts

- June 16 Agenda
- Draft Article 318: Law Enforcement

Meeting Evaluation

Well Done:

- Great attendance
- People were heard and are excited about going forward
- Good participation

Do Differently:

- Ran late
- Room was too small
- Room was too warm