

Progress Report for the Shoreline Master Program Update



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Project Officer

Date

This report must accompany all requests for payment and, as appropriate, will be accompanied by deliverables per the scope of work.

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Compare actual accomplishments by task to the objectives established in the grant agreement. Also, list deliverables per the grant agreement due to Ecology by date of this progress report and their status.

Progress Report #9 ~ All Grant Deliverables, supporting information & PPP documentation, i.e. meeting and event notices, presentations, and SAC products, etc., regarding this Progress Report are available at the County's SMP website www.bentoncountysmpupdate.com, Deliverables are available by opening the SMP Ecology Grant Deliverables Link.

Task A, Coordination:

Department of Ecology (ECY) staff attended and provided comments on the initial Shoreline Advisory Committee (SAC) draft Shoreline Master Program (SMP) and documents, at a send-off meeting between the SAC and the Planning Commission on February 4th. The Planning Commission April 8th Hearing Draft of the Benton County Shoreline Master Program (SMP), Jurisdiction Maps, Restoration Plan, and Cumulative Impact Study Report, was delivered to the Department of Ecology (ECY) on March 20, 2014, for review and provided the official transmittal of the County's Intent to Adopt amendments to its Shoreline Master Program required by WAC 173-26-100, and a Sixty day notice per RCW 36.70A.106 was also sent to the Washington State Department of Commerce. All cities within Benton County were notified and directed to the County Website to access the County's Draft SMP for review and were invited to attend both the workshop on March 11th, and Planning Commission Hearing on April 8th, 2014. The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist and determination of non-significance was sent out for review to various jurisdictions including: counties, local and state agencies, cities, Irrigation, school, port and Fire Districts, Yakima Nation and other federal government agencies.

Task C, Implement Public Participation Plan:

The SMP public participation information, program schedule, materials, resources, SAC meeting summaries, Ecology Deliverables, upcoming events, etc., are available at the various links on the County's Shoreline Master Program website at www.bentoncountysmpupdate.com. This website is maintained on a continual basis. All draft program materials and shoreline educational materials and flyers are provided at SMP meetings for members of the public. Signup sheets are

provided to enlist future participation by interested parties and to provide program updates by email or mailing lists.

DELIVERABLES SUBMITTED DURING THIS QUARTER INCLUDE:

The following Task documents were revisited and reviewed for consistency with the Shoreline Management Act guidelines and other prepared documents and revised as necessary:

Phase 3 Process, Complete Draft SMP & Cumulative Impacts Analysis:

***Task 3.6 Prepare Cumulative Impacts Analysis**

The Final Cumulative Impact Analysis for Benton County's Shoreline Master Program was completed during this quarter, reviewed by the SAC and Benton County Planning Commission. The CIA draft document was sent as a deliverable to the Department of Ecology on November 13th, 2013, for review. The CIA Final document can be found at the [*SMP Ecology Grant Deliverables Link, April 2014.*](#)

Phase 4: Restoration Planning, Revisiting Phase 3 Products as Necessary

***Task 4.1 Final Restoration Plan**

The Final Shoreline Restoration Plan for Shorelines in Benton County, is available at the [*SMP Ecology Grant Deliverables Link, April 2014.*](#)

***Task 4.2 Final Shoreline Master Plan Jurisdiction Maps**

The Final Shoreline Master Plan Jurisdiction Maps, Benton County is available at the [*SMP Ecology Grant Deliverables Link, April 2014.*](#)

***Task 4.3 Cumulative Impacts Analysis Report**

The Final Cumulative Impacts Analysis Report is available at the [*SMP Ecology Grant Deliverables Link, April 2014.*](#)

***Task 4.4 Phase 4 Submittal Checklist**

The Phase 4 Submittal Checklist is available at the [*SMP Ecology Grant Deliverables Link, April 2014.*](#)

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Shoreline Advisory Committee (SAC) members participated in a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on February 4th, to provide an introduction and send off of the SMP materials. A workshop with the Planning Commission was held on March 11th, where consultants and staff provided a PowerPoint (PPT) presentation on the Shoreline Master Program, including guidelines, draft SMP documents prepared, and where local interest and emphasis was directed. These meetings were attended by members of the public and opportunities for active participation and interaction with planning staff, consultants and the Planning Commission was encouraged.

The Planning Commission/SAC meeting and Planning Commission workshop were noticed via postcard sent to shoreline property owners and those on the County's SMP Public Participation Mailing list, an email flier sent to SMP email list of interested persons. Consultants also provided an interactive Google Earth presentation where attendees could view aerial photographs overlaid with shoreline designation map information and entertain informal discussions with staff about shoreline conditions and other property issues.

All draft review documents, PPT presentations and materials were made available at the County's SMP Update Website at www.bentoncountysmpupdate.com.

*** ECY Contract Deliverables**

Status of Project Schedule: We are on schedule with all grant SMP tasks, required project deliverables, workshop and hearings, with final adoption with the Board of County Commissioners tentatively scheduled for June 3rd, 2014.

Are you submitting a payment request with this progress report? Yes No

If no, please explain:

Personnel changes: loss of one FTE for SMP update process.

Any difficulties encountered during the quarter: No

Anticipated (environmental, recreational, etc.) benefits of the project: TBD