

**Technical Group Members Present:**

Jessi Belston	Port of Vancouver
Tonnie Cummings	WA Department of Ecology
Joy Polston-Barnes	WA Department of Natural Resources
Thom McConathy	Partnership Member
Dorie Sutton	City of Vancouver
Jeff Schnabel	Clark County Public Works
Ron Wierenga	Clark County Public Works

**Project Management Team:**

Phil Trask	PC Trask & Associates, Inc.
Sabrina Litton	PC Trask & Associates, Inc.

**General Tech Group Meeting Business**

Phil Trask welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. The purpose of the day's meeting was to discuss the first draft of the Vancouver Lake Technical Foundation document. Ten days prior to the meeting the Technical Group received an electronic copy of the document to review in preparation for today's discussion. Phil described the process that had shaped the document and how at the last Technical Group meeting in March, the group had agreed that Phil and Sabrina would develop a working first draft of what a potential technical strategy could look like for review and feedback. The intent is for the Technical Group to work with the document and submit it as a technical strategy to the Partnership and Steering Group.

Most of the group agreed that a general discussion today would be a good place to start in providing feedback. Specific edits and comments could be provided in writing or electronically later on. Multiple attendees said they thought it was a good summary of work done at Vancouver Lake to-date.

Jessi asked who the intended audience was. Phil said that the team wrote it with the Partnership as the main audience, but also wanted to reach the interested general Partnership meeting audience. He said that writing in a consistent voice for an audience like the Partnership and informed public is a delicate balance because the document deals with fairly complex technical concepts yet must be able to be read by the lay Partnership member.

Ron commented that it does a good job summarizing much of what has been done at the Lake and creates a base for moving forward. He said that the document could also help Technical Group members communicate with their agencies when applying for funding. It will help defend where dollars are being spent and the process for determining why a project is important.

One member said that several items were lacking from the document. He said there was not enough commentary accompanying the Partnership's Technical Questions outlined in Chapter 4. He would like to see more of the commentary captured from the Questions Matrix process from earlier in the year carried over to the technical foundation document. He also noted that several water quality parameters were not addressed in Chapter 5, for example fecal coliform and turbidity. Discussion continued within the group about whether or not an additional separate water quality study should be added to encompass missing elements such as temperature, turbidity and fecal coliform. Ron wondered if a separate section was really needed. Eventually the purpose of this document is to identify and prioritize what studies the Partnership should implement. Several of the water quality parameters that are missing could fit under the existing study headings such as inserting temperature and turbidity under the Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Investigation section. Pathogens might not need a separate box because they are already being studied by the County Health Department.

It was agreed that it would be important to make sure the questions from Chapter 4 follow through to Chapter 5. If they are not addressed specifically elsewhere by a proposed study this should be described in a paragraph telling why not or how they are being addressed. It was suggested that following up with the Health Department would be a good idea to see if they can fill in the gaps regarding fecal coliform bacteria monitoring at Vancouver Lake.

Various management alternatives for the lake were discussed by attendees. It was recognized during the discussion that it is still too early to address specific management alternatives in the document. Right now the goal of the Technical Foundation document is to develop a technical strategy for the Partnership and to focus on what the Partnership needs to learn in order to identify management alternatives. Talking to experts and people who have done lake restoration is one place to start discussing management scenarios.

The group discussed next steps for the document. It was agreed that the group would provide edits and comments by the 11<sup>th</sup> of July. Phil and Sabrina will then incorporate those comments and develop a new version of the document by the 24<sup>th</sup> of July. The group will then try to get together again for a meeting in August.

Phil thanked everyone for coming and for their participation in developing the Technical Foundation document.