



STATE OF WASHINGTON

ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

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November 8, 2005 Special Meeting Minutes

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Luce called the November 8, 2005 special meeting of the WNP-1/4 Offsite Mitigation Subcommittee to order at 925 Plum Street S.E., Building 4, Room 308, at 11:00 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Council members present were:

Dick Fryhling	Community, Trade & Economic Development
Hedia Adelsman	Department of Ecology
Chris Towne	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Jim Luce	Chair

**Staff in attendance were:**

Allen Fiksdal – EFSEC Manager, Mike Mills – Compliance Manager

**Guests in attendance were:**

Curt Leigh – WDFW, Darrel Peeples – Attorney, Cindy Custer – BPA, Chris Mulick – Tri-City Herald

**3. WNP-1/4**

<i>Offsite Mitigation</i>	<i>Mike Mills, EFSEC</i>
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The WNP-1/4 Offsite Mitigation Subcommittee met to discuss several projects in Benton County that have submitted proposals to receive WNP-1/4 mitigation funds. Staff reviewed a memo that summarized the subcommittee's review of the four projects in Benton County that had submitted funding requests. The memo provided staff's observations on how each of the projects fared against the Funding Criteria/Policies set out in Resolution No. 313 and recommendations on each of the projects under construction.

Following discussion of each of the projects, the subcommittee made a tentative determination that the remaining balance of \$1.3 million dollars of 1/4 mitigation funds be allocated to three of the Benton County projects in the following manner:

- 1) Tapteal Greenway Association – Amon Creek Project – receive funding in excess of \$1 million dollars to purchase properties along the east and west branches of Amon Creek south of Claybell Park in Richland. The state Department of Transportation and the City of Richland have indicated that they are interested in partnering with the Council to preserve over 50 acres in the creek basin for open space and future park development.
- 2) Hanford Reach National Monument Heritage & Visitor Center (Reach) – receive funding at an amount in the range of \$100,000 - \$250,000. It was noted that Energy Northwest could possibly provide funding to this project to satisfy a condition of the Site Certification Agreement that requires Energy Northwest to provide “visitor information facilities” at the Columbia site.
- 3) Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) – Washington State University (WSU) Shrub-Steppe Experimental Field Station/Ecological Demonstration Project – receive a small amount of funds, possibly \$25,000, to be used as “seed money” to help them leverage other funding for their project.

The fourth project under consideration, a proposal from a private landowner to sell approximately 900 acres, was ranked lowest of the four and it was recommended that no funds be committed to that proposal.

The subcommittee will announce its tentative decisions at this afternoon’s Council meeting with final action on the allocation of mitigation funds being schedule for a special meeting in late November or early December, or at the latest, at the December 13 monthly meeting.

#### **4. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.