

**TEN STEP PLANNER
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION**

REQUESTED BY: Patrick Lee

TOPIC: Restoration Project Proposals

WORK SESSION STAFF:

Patrick Lee, Don Benton

DATE DESIRED:

LENGTH OF TIME NEEDED: 1 Hour

DESIRED DATE: June 17, 2015

SCHEDULED DATE OF WORK SESSION: _____

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS:

The Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership and Clark Public Utilities have completed restoration project designs for several Legacy Lands properties along the Lower East Fork Lewis River Greenway. They are pursuing grant funding to construct the projects. In order to receive grant funds, the Board of County Councilors must approve of the projects. If they successfully compete for grant funding, formal agreements between the project sponsors and Clark County have to be executed in order for construction to commence.

DESIRED RESULTS:

The Board of County Councilors will have reviewed the project designs and approve or request modifications to them.

IMPACTS (COMMUNITY/FINANCIAL/STAFF/OTHER):

Projects are proposed on county-owned land.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The properties were acquired by the county for habitat protection, restoration and recreation purposes. The projects would enhance stewardship of our properties, improve public access to the properties and support regional salmon recovery efforts.

ISSUES OR TRADE-OFFS TO BE CONSIDERED:

The La Center Wetlands Restoration project is exploring reconnecting the East Fork Lewis River with its historic floodplain via small breeches in the dikes. While the areal extent of flooding should be comparable to the existing hydrologic regime, water may enter and leave the floodplains at a faster rate. Analysis indicates there will be no additional rise in flood elevations as a result of the project. Bridging of the breeches is proposed in order to maintain the current trail connections.

The River Mile 5-7 side channel improvement includes some wood placement along the main stem of the East Fork Lewis River. These will be located close to the bank and will not extend significantly into the river. The wood will stabilize banks that are experiencing erosion and improve in-stream habitat.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve project designs or request modifications to them. This will enable project sponsors to complete grant applications. If grant applications are competitive and funding is awarded, formal agreements between Clark County and the sponsors will be required to construct the projects.

MEMORIALIZING THE OUTCOME:

Patrick Lee

APPROVED FOR SCHEDULING:

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Don Benton

Don Benton
Director of Environmental Services

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