

# Funding Work Group Conference Call

Meeting Notes  
December 5, 2018

## Attendees:

Karl Rains – Department of Ecology  
Doug Krapas – Inland Empire Paper  
Bud Leber – Kaiser Aluminum  
Tom Agnew - Liberty Lake Sewer & Water District  
Mike Peterson - Lands Council  
Ben and Lara Floyd – White Bluffs Consulting

After introductions, Karl Rains went over the agenda and led the meeting

## Identify Funding Needs and Potential Strategies:

- Bud shared that approximately 50 percent of funding for the Task Force (TF) comes through Ecology from the state legislature and 50 percent comes from the Spokane River dischargers (WA and ID)
- Doug said typically the TF reviews funding provided by the state and allocates it to the priority actions established by the TF, along with the funding provided by the dischargers
- Doug commented that the legislative funding comes from the Washington State Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) account but in the future it may be more challenging to receive, although the Governor is supportive of the Task Force's efforts
- Upfront work is needed for TF approval of potential actions as is occurring with the Tech Track process of recommending a 2019 work plan (and beyond) for the TF, and then the Funding Work Group can watch for solicitations to go after and respond to these through the preparation of grant applications (often schedules for submittal may not match with TF every other month meeting schedules)
- The TF has not identified and pursued other funding sources in the past, but it is something the TF would like to work on, which led to establishing the Funding Work Group.
- Environmental groups may be better suited to look for other funding options and Mike commented that the Lands Council has had a public participation grant for years that has been used for public outreach, etc. and that private foundations will often put money towards specific and time-limited projects. The Lands Council subscription to Grants Station, where they receive weekly updates on available grants. This can be reviewed each week to see if opportunities come up for TF actions.
- Bud commented that the TF hasn't had a mechanism in place for filtering through the opportunities. Karl noted it would be good to have a ranked and running project list
- Ben commented that projects can be updated and reprioritized using State funding but also if a grant is secured then we could reallocate State funding to other priorities. Some Education and Outreach activities could qualify for grant funding, for example.
- It was suggested that Ecology (Karl Rains), WBC and the Lands Council (Mike and his team) work together to identify sources and match with TF priorities as part of an effort to find promising grant opportunities
- Ben suggested the rest of the Funding work group be a sounding board for Karl, Ben, Lara and Mike to bring ideas back to
- Doug commented that the ACE board can help prioritize projects with funding and the key projects list developed at the Tech Track meeting be used. Near the end of March is typically when the TF will know about funding from the legislature.
- Tom commented that the Idaho dischargers could pursue state funding also. Idaho funding opportunities will be further looked into.

**Next Steps:**

- Ecology and White Bluffs Consulting will help look for more grant opportunities and the Lands Council will use the intern they have to help do research also by looking at the Grant Station database.
- Ben, Mike and Karl will schedule a call to discuss further ideas
- Schedule the next Funding work group call for March 2019, after the next TF meeting and Tech Track meeting in January or early February, where the Tech Track work group is expected to prioritize future actions for 2019 and beyond for recommendation to the TF in February.

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