

## **SR 530 Landslide Commission Meeting**

Tuesday, December 9, 2014; 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Robert J. Drewel Building, Public Meeting Room,  
3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98021

### *Meeting Summary*

#### **ATTENDANCE**

See Attachment 1

#### **Welcome, Summary Review, Agenda**

Snohomish County Executive Lovick addressed the Commission thanking them for their hard work that will benefit people throughout the state and nation. Mike Gaffney, Ruckelshaus facilitator, acknowledged the Commission for their review of the Draft Report including editorial comments, formatting changes, and proofreading edits. Tonight's Commission meeting will focus on resolving any significant content issues, adoption of the Final Report, signing of the signature page that will accompany the Report, and reflections from the Commissioners.

The December 2 Commission Meeting Summary was accepted.

#### **Discuss Final Issues. Finalize Language**

##### Discussion

The Commissioners were asked to identify any final issues that needed to be resolved in order to complete the Report. A number of issues were identified and discussed and final resolution of each issue was accomplished. Discussion included:

- Finalizing language for Recommendation # 1 regarding establishing a task force
- Finalizing language on all hazards mobilization
- Specific word preferences and changes and formatting issues
- Adding a statement regarding the importance of including technical experts in disseminating information to the media and public
- Replacing a map in the report with a more readable map
- Making additions to acknowledgements

- Adding a paragraph to the Executive Summary regarding the importance of not presuming that victims will be found on the leading edge of a landslide. Based on the unique nature of specific landslides survivors and victims could be found in different locations depending on the nature of the event. Rescue and recovery professionals and volunteers are encouraged to call in experts to better understand each event.
- Including Washington State Department of Transportation as part of Recommendation #9
- Clarifying suggestions for lead responsible entity(s) to implement recommendations
- Deciding whether the news article belonged in the body of the Report or in an appendix
- Reviewing the format of the timeline

## **Commission approval of report, Signatures, Commission Reflections, and Wrap-up**

Commissioner Bill Trimm made a motion that the Report as amended (including additional minor edits made by staff during final proofreading) be approved by the Commission. The final report will then be forwarded to Governor Inslee and Snohomish County Executive Lovick as planned on December 15<sup>th</sup>. The Commission unanimously approved the Draft Report. The signature page was signed by all attending Commissioners. Commissioner Diane Sugimura was absent. Her signature will be added outside of the meeting.

Commissioners shared reflections of their experience. Statements made included:

- *It has been really inspiring and a pleasure to work on this Commission.*
- *It has been very meaningful and I have enjoyed the interaction with Commissioners.*
- *I appreciate being here and had this Commission not been formed I wouldn't have been able to meet the incredible and wonderful people I have met.*
- *I highly respect Snohomish County and I have learned a lot.*
- *I hope this Report will help the people of Washington be more aware and better prepared.*
- *I express personal thanks to the Commission for being so great to work with.*
- *I think we have done good work to help promote awareness.*
- *I enjoyed working with the small research group.*
- *I feel good about the work we have done and I am impressed with the people who have shown up to listen and engage with the Commission, especially Mayor Dan Rankin, Kevin Ashe and others that regularly attended the meetings*
- *The commitment from the community is impressive.*

- *It was great to have the public here to validate what we were doing and give us purpose.*
- *I appreciate the opportunity to play a small part in helping to make the system better.*
- *Thanks to the people who were impacted by the landslide for letting us be part of improving the system. That is the greatest compliment.*
- *I enjoyed the conversations and want to thank the staff and the Chair for sticking with it.*
- *I enjoyed working with the Commissioners and am profoundly impressed by many of the people I met in Darrington and the folks in the community who stood tall, including Mayor Rankin.*
- *Thanks to the Ruckelshaus Center staff for all the energy and effort.*
- *The time we spent in Darrington was very powerful and listening to the families will stick with me a long, long time.*
- *The report is a start, not an end. We need to keep pushing the State Legislature to implement the recommendations.*
- *We have an obligation to keep moving these recommendations forward.*
- *I am proud of what we came up with and have learned from others with different expertise.*

Ruckelshaus Center team shared reflections and thanked the Commissioners for their hard work under difficult circumstances and a short timeline. The team was grateful to be a part of this effort.

Kathy Lombardo, Executive Director, completed the reflections stating that this was one of the most humbling experiences that she had been through because of the force of nature and the impact on people. She was moved by the resolve of the human spirit. It is important not to lose sight of the mental health needs of the people impacted. It has been incredibly powerful work and she is grateful for the opportunity to have led the effort. Kathy acknowledged that everyone who was sitting in the meeting had given input into the process and that some people are in the position to help implement the recommendations. She concluded with what an honor it has been to serve.

## **Public Comment, Next Steps, Final Matters, Adjourn**

Dan Rankin, Mayor of Darrington – Summary of comments:

Mayor Rankin thanked the Ruckelshaus Center and the Commissioners for their due diligence regarding this work. He and his community appreciate all of the work that went into this effort. It has taken a lot of commitment. The work is appreciated and he hopes that there will be a good response to the recommendations in the Report. Thank you so much.

**Attachment 1**  
**Meeting Attendees**

Name	Title and Affiliation
Kathy Lombardo	Executive Director
Joann Boggs	Pend Oreille County Emergency Management Director, current Chair Washington state Emergency Management Association
Hon. Jill Boudreau	Mayor, Mount Vernon
Paul Chiles	Owner/ President, Chiles & Co Real Estate
John Erickson	Former Director of Emergency Preparedness, Department of Health
Wendy Gerstel	Principle, Qwg Applied Geology
David Montgomery	Director, UW Geomorphological Research Group
Renee Radcliff-Sinclair	Former Representative, Current Strategic Initiatives for Western United States for Apple Inc.
Lee Shipman	Emergency Management Director, Shoalwater Bay Tribe
Steve Strachan	Chief, Bremerton Police Department
Bill Trimm	Owner/Bill Trimm, FAICP – Town Planning and Economic Development
Mike Gaffney	Ruckelshaus Center
Amanda Murphy	Ruckelshaus Center
Phyllis Shulman	Ruckelshaus Center
Raquel Espinosa	Ruckelshaus Center

## SR 530 LANDSLIDE COMMISSION MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

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