

CRR Upland Shoreline Stabilization Project: Board Meeting Update

Saturday 09/18/2010 CRR Ranch House

Positive Public Hearing 9/9/2010:

We appreciate the CRR support at the Pierce County public hearing by those who were able to attend. Sincere thanks to Teresa Steel for reminding CRR property owners about the meeting and all of them wearing those blue CRR t-shirts was outstanding. Lynn Krinsky, President / Owner of Stella Color (full service large printing company in Seattle) provided a 4ft x 6ft poster board of project related photos that was impressive professionally and very useful at the meeting.

By 9/30/2010, we are expecting to receive a completely favorable written determination from the Hearing Examiner, Stephen Causseaux. It is possible, but we will be surprised if anyone files an opposition appeal. The written hearing determination will provide permit conditions applicable to Pierce County regulations. This means county permit issuance we are expecting sometime in October.

Public Hearing Highlights:

1. First segment was Pierce County Staff Report on the project by Senior Planner Sam Yekalam. A few confusing recommended conditions he had in the report were surfaced and later dealt with in the meeting extremely well by William Lynn, our CRR attorney.
2. Second segment was Karl Goeres presenting background of who CRR is, describing the long term erosion problem, the importance of protecting our water system and community shoreline property then he explained why buried vanes are the solution.
3. Third segment was the opportunity for anyone attending to speak in support of the project. Lou Dooley, Hazard Mitigation Program Coordinator for the county provided informative testimony about the CRR Hazard Mitigation plan. Thanks Curt Simonson for all your work on this. Lou reported that the CRR plan has been accepted and approved at the state level. It is currently in a review process at the federal level. Lou did an excellent job explaining the importance and fit of the CRR shoreline stabilization project into the regions hazard mitigation preparedness.
4. Fourth segment was an opportunity for anyone opposing the project to speak. No one in attendance provided any opposition testimony.
5. Last segment was our CRR attorney, William Lynn who did an outstanding job on rebuttal pertaining to Sam Yekalam's testimony and providing closing summary.

Hydraulic Permit (HPA):

More good progress: The CRR project was issued an HPA permit 8/19/2010 by the WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

Unfortunately there are conditions in the HPA that are confusing, not applicable and impossible to carry out when constructing the vanes. A written notice of appeal was mailed and hand delivered to WDFW 9/15/2010 by William Lynn, our CRR attorney. This appeal process could take up to 60 days.

2010 Project Schedule "Best" Case:

Oct	Receive Pierce County substantial site development permitting
Nov	Complete HPA appeal process and receive revised issue of WDFW permit
Dec	Possible site construction prep start.

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