

MBTL-HIA Meeting Summary 10-11-2017

Attendees: Bob Little Stella Anderson
Kathleen Patton Mike Wallin (Longview City Council)
Sandy Davis Octavio Camba
Rad Cunningham (DOH) Gary Fredrickson (WSU Extension)
Dian Cooper (Family Health Center) Dr. Jen Vines (CC- HHS)
Chelsea Chandler (CC-HHS) Nick Fazio (CC- B&P)
Elaine Placido (CC- B&P)

Absent: Steve Koontz (Cowlitz Tribe) Mary Jane Melink (LV City Council)

Elaine's Update-----

ICF is no longer being used for the HIA.

MBT is using their own consultant to provide background information that will be used by HIA team (B&P/HHS/DOH) to create a Draft HIA.

MBT provided 120 pages plus appendices that the HIA Team has been looking over and responding back with comments and questions.

Materials that MBT provided did address the comments and questions from the Steering Committee.

However more clarification on MBT's operations & sources is required to proceed.

The HIA Team plans to complete this draft by November 10th 2017.

Questions?-----

Gary: Where do we go from here?

What is the SC function now?

What is our timeline for HIA completion?

Dian: Will the public have an opportunity to participate in future HIA-SC work?

Are you sure you can complete a draft by Nov. 10th?

What is the division of labor btw the HIA Team members>

Mike: How will we take into account public comments made between the two workshops?

Unknown : Should there be a cutoff date for written public comments before the first workshop?

Kathleen: Will HIA SC Co Chairs be involved in setting the agenda for the workshops?

Sandy: What kind of PSA will there be to announce the completion of the HIA?

Will the draft also be made available to the public on 11/10/2017?

Summary of answers to questions and of the general meeting conversation-----

Next Steps:

HIA team to produce a Draft HIA for the SC and public to review on November 10th 2017.

The letter of understanding between the County and MBT states that from this point forward there are 16 hours allowed for SC work. Idea is to do 2- intensive workshops and get the HIA done.

Timeline for that work was discussed as follows:

1. SC and public review draft, ask questions, and make comments. (Written public comment on first draft closing Nov. 27th)
2. After having a chance to review the 1st draft SC Co-Chairs work with HIA Team to determine agenda for the workshops. Nick will contact co-chairs one week after Nov. 10th.
3. Tentative dates for workshops are December (Friday 1st-Sunday 3rd) and December (Friday 8th-Sunday 10th) Nick will send out an online doodle poll to determine exact dates.
4. After 2nd workshop HIA Team takes all materials and produces final draft sometime in January 2018.
5. There will be an Open House in January/February to announce the completion of the HIA (this is more of a "Here it is!" kind of open house rather than a "What do you think?" kind).

Public Comment:

Many options were discussed with some decisions being made.

Decisions included: Public comment will be allowed whenever SC meets.

For the workshops public comment will be allowed for the 30 minutes immediately preceding the midday break.

Written Comment before the 1st workshop would be allowed until November 27th.

No decisions were made on what to do about public comments received between the 2 workshops, deliberations were tabled for future. Suggestions included a possible appendix with comments that come too late to be considered during drafting.

Division of Labor:

Dr. Jen Vines explained that the HIA team has divided the first draft into sections with B&P working on the economic impacts, DOH working on the Air Quality impacts and CC- HHS working on the Food and Surfactant Impacts

She also discussed the structure of the report itself. The goal is for it to be around 20 pages. Each question (of the 15 the SC created) with its answer and then many many more appendices. Hoping to keep the document readable at a 9th grade reading level to attempt to allow for almost anyone in the community to pick up the HIA and be able to understand most of it.

Function of the Steering Committee remains the same as before, to provide recommendations to the HIA team and then the HIA itself provides recommendations to MBTL.

Other Notes:

All drafts will be made available to the public at the same time they are made available to the SC.

A written PSA will be dispersed announcing all future SC meetings as well as the Open House slated for early next year once the HIA is complete.

Catering will be provided during the workshops

Public Comments

Only Diane Dick and John Steppert made comments.

Diane felt it was bad practice to allow MBTL to use their own consultant to provide information to the HIA Team. Also felt that information should have been made available to the public.

John thought it was odd that it took so long to reconvene but liked the process that was described for the future workshops.