

Duck and Otter Creeks Partnership, Inc.
January 17, 2008
Oregon Municipal Complex
Council Conference Room
1:30 PM

Attendees: Lynn Ackerson, Citizen (via phone); Patekka Bannister, City of Toledo; Dave Barna, US EPA (via phone); Andrea Beard, City of Oregon; Stace Bieber, GEC; Sandy Bihn, Citizen; Jack Brunner, Tetra Tech (via phone); Elaine Covert, GEC; Landon Eenigenburg, ARCADIS representing CSX; Cliff Fleener, Pilkington; Jeff Grabarkiewicz, UT LEC; Jon Gulch, US EPA; Sue Horvath, Citizen (via phone); Gerry Klug, Citizen; Scott Ouskey, Sunoco; Kris Patterson, PCS; Sue Richards, Envirosafe; Jill Shalabi, Executive Director, DOCP; Neal Thurber, BP; Mark Tuchman, GLNPO (via phone); Ajit Vaidya, USACE liaison to GLNPO (via phone)

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. Risk assessment contract with PCS

This contract is between PCS and the Partnership for Jill to be the day-to-day project coordinator for the risk assessments being done by Tetra Tech. The Board approved signing the contract.

3. Final sediment report and discussion with representatives of USEPA/GLNPO and OEPA

Ajit gave a summary of the sediment project and sampling that was done in April 2007. The purpose was to collect data and compare with screening values and see if further action is warranted. Not looking for responsible parties. Data does show that there are areas of the creeks that exceed human health and ecological screening levels. Some samples did exhibit toxicity but it is not clear if the toxicity is due to the sediment chemistry. Data does not tell if remediation is required. He said that it is still not clear what needs to be done, maybe need to develop clean-up targets, do some targeted sampling but we are making progress toward identifying the problem. Jack added that there does not seem to be any pattern to the contamination and the goal of the project was to fill in data gaps as recommended in the data gap analysis prepared by Tetra Tech. For the risk assessments that will be started this month, the human health risk assessment they will be following the same procedures as in Phase I, they will revisit the exposure assessment parameters (for Hecklinger Pond, for example, since all (contaminated) fish were removed last summer) will follow Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund (RAGS). For the ecological risk assessment, they will use EPA and Ohio EPA guidance based on comments from Ohio EPA and GLNPO will take into account bioavailability in conjunction with toxicity data to further enhance the risk assessment. As far as the scope, there will be interim deliverables so they can assure buy-in from everyone on assumptions so they will provide the problem formulation, sediment criteria, species to be included in food chain, etc will be offered for review. For the human health risk assessment, there will be an updated conceptual site model, etc. All will be given a chance to comment on these before the draft report is written. The schedule is the interim deliverables will be ready 6 weeks after signing the contract with PCS and the draft report will be completed 6 weeks after comments are received and agreement is made on interim deliverables. Jack expects the draft report to be complete by late April/early May. July 1 is the target to finish the final report. Planning on setting up a project-specific ftp site. There were no questions regarding the sediment report.

Mark reviewed the Great Lakes Legacy Act (GLLA) process. The Act runs until FY 2008 (that ends in October 2008) and specifically to address contaminated sediments in the Great Lakes Areas of Concern (AOCs)

4. Steering Committee

The Steering Committee is in need of one more member. Lynn Ackerson is no longer a board member and therefore can no longer serve on the Steering Committee. Anyone interested was asked to contact Jill.

5. 2008 budget and financial report

Sandy presented the financial reports through Dec. 2007 as well as the 2008 budget. The budget was approved.

6. Member projects/activities

BP entered into a project a few years ago with the wildlife organization to put up bird houses at the mouth of Otter Creek. He has asked their representative to contact Jill and from now on this project will be an "official" Partnership project with BP still doing everything. Jill reminded everyone to keep her updated on any projects that members are doing so she can include them on the website, annual reports, etc.

7. Open announcements

Sandy mentioned the next Western lake Erie Conference

8. Next meetings

-Full Board: March 20, 2008, 1:30 p.m., Oregon Municipal Complex Council Conference Room (location tentative)

-Steering Committee: time and location to be determined

-Remaining full board meeting schedule for 2008 (all meetings at 1:30 p.m.)

May 15

July 17

Sep. 18

Nov. 20