

**Puyallup-White River Local Integrating Organization (PWR LIO) Quarterly Meeting**  
**December 9, 10:00am-12:00pm**  
**In-person Meeting: Pioneer Park Pavillion**

## Getting to Know Partners in the LIO

This meeting was the first in-person meeting hosted by the LIO in several years, bringing together around 50 attendees. To help support connection, participants did three quick rounds of networking to share their name, affiliation, and what they were most excited about for the LIO meeting and/or the Puyallup Watershed Symposium.

## I. What is the PWR LIO and What is its Role in the Watershed?

**Cindy Haverkamp, PWR LIO Chair and Kristen Durance, PWR LIO Coordinator. View Cindy and Kristen's presentation [here](#).**

Cindy provided an overview of the PWR LIO's role in ecosystem recovery and human well-being within its geographic area (WRIA 10). Cindy recognized the Puyallup River Watershed Council Board as the PWR LIO Executive Committee and introduced the PWR Leadership Team, a group of four individuals representing agencies and local governments within the LIO to help guide priorities and development of convenings. She also noted that the organizations that participate in quarterly meetings, field trips, and events contribute to promoting cross-sector collaboration and expertise across diverse topics within the Puyallup watershed.

Kristen Durance, PWR LIO Coordinator, discussed the LIO's role in supporting the development of the Puyallup Watershed Conservation Land Trust and Puyallup Community Forest. She also described the new Action Plan model, which connects the PWR LIO's Ecosystem Recovery Plan to regional Puget Sound planning efforts, such as the Action Agenda, to strengthen the implementation of local work. Currently, the PWR LIO has developed two Action Plans—one focused on on-site septic systems and the other on healthy shorelines—both of which have received funding to support local projects.

## II. Network Mapping

Attendees participated in a network mapping activity, selecting one of three breakout groups: floodplains and estuaries, climate and health, or stormwater. Each group identified key connections related to their topic, including partners they work with in that sector and the roles those individuals or organizations play. This exercise helped highlight the most critical players involved in floodplains and estuaries, climate and health, and stormwater work. After mapping these connections, groups analyzed patterns, identified gaps in information, and discussed roles that were missing or underrepresented.

This information will be synthesized into a reference for use within the watershed to help connect partners, complete and update action plans, and support coordination across organizations.

## III. Breakout Discussions

Attendees were invited to rejoin their topical breakout groups (floodplains and estuaries, climate and health, and stormwater) to reflect on and discuss projects, barriers, and opportunities as they relate to their respective topic area. Ideas from the network mapping activity and breakout discussions are being organized to name projects, barriers, opportunities, and connections pertaining to each of the three topics.

## IV. Next Meeting

The next quarterly PWR LIO meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2026, from 12pm-2pm.

## List of Participants

This list does not represent all meeting participants as our check-in sheet decided to take a field-trip during the meeting. If you attended the meeting and do not see your name in the table, please email [hmorris@rossstrategic.com](mailto:hmorris@rossstrategic.com) to be added to the list.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Cat Mason	Puyallup Watershed Conservation District
Catherine Harris	Northwest Indian Fisheries
Chris Gregerson	King County
Cindy Haverkamp	Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
Davina Barril	Chief Lesche Schools
Elise Taylor	WA State Department of Natural Resources
Glenn Johnson	Pierce Conservation District
Jaal Mann	Pierce County
Jackie Selbitschka	Reef Check Washington
Julie Fonseca de Borges	National Park Service
Kayley Pingeon	Free the Green
Krystin Onaga	Pierce Conservation District
Lisa Spurrier	Pierce County
Logan Danzek	Communities for a Healthy Bay
Lorin Reinelt	Puyallup Watershed Conservation District
Malia Thatcher	WA State Department of Natural Resources
Marlie Sloan	University of Washington - Tacoma
Mary Krauszer	Pierce County
Monea Kerr	Puget Sound Partnership
Rebecca Brown	WA State Department of Natural Resources/HSIL
Rachel Latchford	WA Department of Fish and Wildlife/HSIL
Richard Vacirca	US Forest Service
Ryan Bird	Pierce Conservation District
Skyler McVaugh	City of Tacoma Center for Urban Waters
Teagan Darmody	North Olympic Development Council & Strait ERN
Tom Kantz	Pierce County
Tristan Olson	Nisqually River Council
Zoe De Grande	University of Washington
Haley Morris	PWR LIO Assistant Coordinator
Kristen Durance	PWR LIO Coordinator