

Puyallup-White River Local Integrating Organization (PWRLIO)

Committee Charter

Approved by Consensus on September 27, 2019

Mission

The Puyallup River Watershed Council hereby establishes a committee, named the Puyallup-White River Local Integrating Organization (PWR-LIO), which serves to coordinate ecosystem recovery in the watershed and through the Puget Sound Partnership's Action Agenda. Its geographic boundaries are the WRIA 10 Puyallup-White River Watershed plus a small portion of Chambers-Clover watershed north of the Tacoma Narrows bridge.

Responsibilities

The PRW-LIO is tasked with:

1. Development of contracts with funding partners to facilitate the coordination of the LIO duties and any subcontractors supporting the work of the PWR-LIO committee.
2. Developing and implementing an Ecosystem Recovery Plan for the watershed that integrates the many existing plans, best practices, and scientific research, including climate change.
3. Seeking funding for NTAs and build capacity of the PWR-LIO and PRWC to accelerate implementation of the ERP.
4. Educating the community about the current conditions, characteristics and threats to the watershed health.
5. Coordinating with other organizations and stakeholders who have shared interests and goals of protecting and restoring the watershed and improving quality of life.
6. Facilitating communication between the various governing bodies within the watershed, such as tribes, municipalities, county, state and federal councils and agencies.
7. Participating in the Puget Sound Partnership's Action Agenda planning process, including reviewing, encouraging, submitting and implementing Near Term Actions.
8. Prioritizing any potential NEP funding for local NTAs when the opportunity arises.
9. Developing a large, diverse, and engaged local group of stakeholders who collaborate, teach, learn, and evolve together over time.

Participation & Structure

Participation shall be open to stakeholders who reside, work or have an interest in the health of the watershed and the people who live within it. The committee shall consist of at least twelve participants. The committee chair shall be appointed by the board chair. The committee chair cannot serve more than three consecutive (1-year) terms as chair before a new chair must be appointed. At least three participants of the committee must be current PRWC board members. Committee participants should represent a diversity of stakeholders including: Tribes, local governments, Lead Entity, nonprofits, academia, businesses, and residents of the watershed. Organizations shall designate one individual to represent their interest in case of voting, but participation is not limited to one person per organization.

Decision Making

In the spirit and practice of the PRWC, the LIO agrees to make decisions by consensus. When consensus is not possible, decisions may be made by a super-majority vote, with a dissenting opinion to be written. In the instance of a super majority vote (66%), each participating organization will receive one vote. In the case that a vote is required, advance notice will be given at least one meeting prior to a vote.

All decisions will be recommendations to the PRWC's Board of Directors, who will have any final votes to meet contractual and legal obligations. The Board of Directors may delegate authority to the PWR-LIO if requested and deemed appropriate.

Subcommittees/Work Groups

The chair may establish subcommittee or work groups as needed to fulfill the mission of the PWR-LIO, such as a Technical Advisory Committee. Any such groups will select a chair from among the participants.

Staff Designee

The Watershed Coordinator assigned to PRWC shall provide staff to the committee, performing the duties of the 'LIO Coordinator,' until such time that other funds become available for LIO coordination.

Meetings

The committee shall convene at least four times per year. Committee participants may join by teleconference.

Agenda, Minutes, and Reports

The chair, in collaboration with the staff designee, shall be responsible for establishing the agendas for meetings. An agenda, together with relevant materials, shall be sent to committee participants at least 7 days in advance of the meeting. Minutes for all meetings shall be drafted by the staff designee or another member, reviewed by the Chair, and approved by committee participants at the following meeting.