

# Sea Level Rise 101

Resilience District Advisory Group  
Friday, May 19, 2023



# Welcome + Meeting Overview

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# Meeting Agenda

- Welcome + Meeting Overview
- SLR Project Overview
- SLR 101 (terms and definitions)
- SLR Adaptation (opportunities)
- Break Time
- Evaluation Criteria
- Break Time
- Decision-Making Framework Discussion
- Meeting Close (event announcement, meeting scheduling)

# Context: Where are we now?

- **Where were we?** Onboarding and Orientation
- **Where are we now?** Group learning ("101 Sessions") for each of the three focus areas – sea level rise (today), municipal finance (6/22), and organizational development (7/25). Learn about focus area and develop draft evaluation criteria for solutions.
- **Where are we going?** June and July 101 Sessions followed by Working Group meetings to review and refine draft alternative solutions (scheduling at end of meeting)



# Participation Norms for Virtual Meetings

- Stay muted unless you are speaking
- We'd love to see you on the screen but it's not expected or required
- Use the "raise hand" feature to signal that you would like to share something and wait for the facilitator to call on you
- Use the chat to ask questions and share / amplify ideas



# Check In Question

- **Brief Introduction:** name, pronouns (optional), and connection to Duwamish Valley
- **Check-In Question:** What is your favorite Spring-time smell?



# Updated Draft Guiding Principles

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# Version 3 of Draft Guiding Principles

- Supporting and uplifting affected communities
- Adaptive and creative infrastructure to protect and accommodate
- Equitable benefits for residents and businesses
- Promoting racial equity and a thriving economy
- Feasible infrastructure that prioritizes nature-based solutions

**WHAT'S NEXT:** Sharing draft Guiding Principles with broader community, incorporating their feedback, and sharing once more with Advisory Group for updates and approval.





# Decision-Making Frameworks

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# Purpose

- Advisory Group members will make recommendations on Resilience District solutions
- How will we decide which recommendations to make?
- How actively will we use the Guiding Principles and evaluation criteria we are creating in these 101 sessions?



# Democratic Voting



# What is it?

- One person has one vote
- Majority leads
- No single individual is responsible for the decision



# How would this work for us?

- Each Group member votes on the solution they feel is best



# Democratic Voting

## Pros

- Good for narrowing down options
- Each person is heard

## Cons

- Deciders may not feel ownership of the choice if what they voted for wasn't selected
- Challenging to consider nuances of complex solutions or discussions



# Consensus

# What is it?

- Everyone must agree
- Requires openness and compromise





# How would this work for us?

- Facilitated group conversation until we all agree on the same best solution

# Consensus

## Pros

- Satisfies all members
- Helps build trust
- Encourages open conversation

## Cons

- Can be very time consuming
- "First idea best idea" syndrome
- Requires everyone to agree
- Indirectly looks at nuances, complexities, etc.



# Rubric

**\*\* OUR RECOMMENDATION \*\***



# What is it?

- A tool that describes the pieces of a decision and allows members to judge quality along those pieces
- Can include criteria for what's scored as high, medium, or low



# How would this work for us?

- Group members can score different solutions along the Guiding Principles and Criteria for each work topic

# Rubric

## Pros

- Helps avoid conflicts of interest
- Encourages direct assessment of values or priorities
- Encourages transparency in decision-making
- Gives more information and backing when making the case with City decision-makers

## Cons

- People can score very differently
- Can be complicated
- Does not require everyone to agree



# Scheduling Upcoming Meetings

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# 101 Sessions

- June 22 (9 am to 11:30): Municipal Finance 101
  - Zoom
- July 25 (1 pm to 3:30 pm): Organizational Development 101
  - TBD





# Meeting to review Alternative Solutions for Sea Level Rise

- Length: Up to three hours
- For who: Sea Level Rise Working Group members (everyone!)
- **Would you prefer to hold this meeting in August or September?**
- Please consider your vacation schedules!



# Meeting to review Alternative Solutions for Organizational Development

- Length: Up to three hours
- For who: Organizational Development Working Group members and any interested Advisory Group member
  - Working Group members: Alissa, Andrew, Crystal, Marty, Paulina, Robin, Sam, Susan, and Tim
- **Would you prefer to hold this meeting in August or September?**
- Please consider your vacation schedules!



# Multilingual Community Open House event!

Saturday, June 3

In Language Program: 10:30 to 12:45

Open House: 12:45 to 1:45

Duwamish River Community Hub  
Meals from Muy Macho!

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**Google Form and Zoom  
recording will be delivered!**

**Please follow up with me to  
arrange your stipend payments!**

