

**COMMENCEMENT BAY NATURAL RESOURCE TRUSTEE  
LONG TERM SITE STEWARDSHIP PROJECT**

**MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT – FEBRUARY 9, 2011**

As required under Task 2 of the Commencement Bay Natural Resource Trustee Long Term Site Stewardship Project, this memorandum reports on the progress of the project for the previous month. This project was undertaken in connection with the settlement of an enforcement action taken by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for violations of CERCLA.

**I. GENERAL SITE OBSERVATIONS**

**DESCRIPTION OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT EACH SITE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD**

Per the scope of work, the City coordinated work with both the Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) and Citizens for a Healthy Bay (CHB). In accordance with the project schedule, site monitoring visits were not performed during the month of January. The next required bi-monthly site monitoring visits will be performed in February by City staff and will include the required photo documentation. Specific observations or other actions taken at each site during the reporting period are noted below.

**Yowkwala:**

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- CHB sponsored a winter shoreline cleanup project with the Pierce County WCC crew on January 22. Trash from the Yowkwala beach was removed, including a rusted bathtub, a section of oil boom, assorted wooden furniture, rusted metal, plastics, glass, and styrofoam. Volunteers also went down Marine View Drive as far as the Squally Beach site and removed trash from other sections of the shoreline. The total weight of material removed was 4,200 pounds, or approximately 9 CY.

**Skookum Wulge:**

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC performed invasive and trash removal.

**Squally Beach:**

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC grubbed invasives off of the berm and removed trash.

**Mowitch:**

- No required site monitoring visit or other activities were performed during the reporting period.

**Jordan/Lower Hylebos Marsh:**

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC continued to work on cutting the stumps to ground level.

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**Middle Waterway – City of Tacoma:**

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC planted six salvaged shore pines.

**Middle Waterway – Simpson:**

- No required site monitoring visit or other activities were performed during the reporting period.

**Olympic View – City of Tacoma and DNR Triangle:**

- No required site monitoring visit or other activities were performed during the reporting period.

**Tahoma Salt Marsh:**

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- WCC removed grasses from around plants in preparation for mulch placement.
- CHB hosted an MLK Day project on January 17, with students from the University of Puget Sound. Volunteers placed 10 CY of mulch in rings around the native trees and shrubs.

**Swan Creek:**

- No required site monitoring visit was performed during the reporting period.
- The WCC planted 8 salvaged Douglas fir trees on the island and grubbed blackberry along the roadside.

**II. ACTIVITIES AND DELIVERABLES**

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK ACTIVITIES COMPLETED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD**

- Specific site work activities are described above in Section I.
- An ESP Coordination Meeting with CHB was held on January 4, to discuss work performed during the reporting period and that planned for the next two months.
- City staff met with representatives from CHB, Friends of Hylebos (FOH), Restoration Logistics, and EarthCorps on January 12 to discuss and continue work toward resolution of the alder thinning issue at the Jordan site.

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE UPCOMING REPORTING PERIOD**

- ESP Coordination Meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month.
- The City will continue to work with CHB on development and implementation of their 2011 work plan and schedule for community involvement activities. The 2011 CHB

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work plan is being developed based on the City's Task List which was included in the Annual Report submitted for Trustee review and approval in October.

- The City will continue to coordinate WCC work to complete Priority 1 tasks as identified in the proposed 2011 work plan and address Priority 2 tasks as time permits.
- The City and CHB will perform bi-monthly monitoring in accordance with the Settlement Agreement.

**DESCRIPTION OF DELIVERABLES SUBMITTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD**

- The Year 3 First Quarter Report was submitted on January 25.

**DESCRIPTION OF DELIVERABLES PLANNED FOR THE UPCOMING REPORTING PERIOD**

- There are no deliverables planned the upcoming reporting period.

**PROBLEM AREAS IDENTIFIED AND PROPOSED SOLUTIONS**

- The City will continue to work with the Trustees to resolve issues associated with the alder thinning at the Jordan site (discussed in previous monthly reports).

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