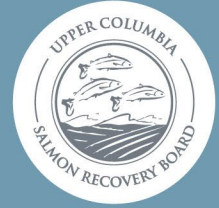


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PRESENTATIONS TO THE CHELAN COUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Upper Columbia Lead Entity

Chelan County Fire District, 206 Easy St Wenatchee WA

June 16, 2026 ; 4:30 – 8:00 PM

Attendance:

UCSRB: Ariel Edwards, Leslie Selgestad, Ryan Niemeyer

CAC: Keith Truscott (Chair), Alan Schmidt, Mike Deason, Jim Johnson, Bob Bugert, Bruce Merighi (remote)

Sponsors: Mickey Fleming (CDLT), Mike Kane (CCNRD, remote), Scott Bailey (CCNRD), Chris Butler (YN), Kristen Kirkby (CF, remote)

RTT: Tracy Hillman (RTT Chair)

General CAC Business:

- By Laws and Scoring Criteria were reviewed.
- Chair Truscott highlighted that acquisition projects must ensure public access – this can be walking access.
- Bob Bugert noted that he will recuse himself from the Entiat Roaring Creek Acquisition project scoring since he currently serves on the advisory board for CDLT.
- Ariel Edwards reviewed the deadline to score projects ahead of the Joint Ranking meeting next week. Scores are due by Monday June 22.
- Chair Truscott noted that he is willing to continue as the Chair, but is open to someone else stepping up if there is interest.
 - Alan Schmidt motioned to re-elect Keith Truscott as the Chair.
 - Bruce Merighi seconded the motion.
 - All voted in favor.
- Alan Schmidt commented that he is also willing to continue as the Vice-Chair.
 - Bob Bugert motioned to re-elect Alan Schmidt as the Vice-Chair.
 - Bruce Merighi seconded the motion.
 - All voted in favor.

Q&A with RTT member:

- Tracy Hillman was the RTT representative available for answering questions on project scoring. He overviewed the RTT summaries and scoring, how the RTT uses the score and standard deviation, and other details.
- The CAC members also asked Tracy to overview some of the Okanogan county projects, since the Joint meeting next week will require some discussion on these.
- There was one question from a CAC member on the CDLT Acquisition project, and Tracy confirmed that the downstream property is being proposed as a conservation easement.

Nason Creek and SR 207 – Chris Butler, YN

- Q: What is the road width for the new road section?
 - A: About 75 feet including shoulders, etc. The road will be two individual 12-foot lanes.
- Q: When was the most recent construction estimate completed, and what is it?
 - A: The estimates included in the application were completed by Perteet (under contract) this spring, so should be accurate. Total for roadway and restoration is about \$15.9 million.
- Q: What has the public outreach looked like for this project?
 - A: The sponsor has completed two public meetings, one in 2023 and one in 2024, and will participate in another one this year. The sponsor has also communicated with emergency response for the area and have a plan with them to maintain emergency access through construction.
- Q: To what extent has WSDOT been involved/provided funding? Their financial input seems fairly light for this being a road project.
 - A: WSDOT has committed about \$1.5 to construction, and have also provided in-kind donations for the feasibility and design work.

Entiat Roaring Creek Fee Acquisition – Mickey Fleming, CDLT

- Q: Are the PRCC funds confirmed?
 - A: Yes, these funds have been verbally confirmed.
- Q: What is the project timeline if funding is awarded?
 - A: If the project was awarded SRFB funds the physical funds would likely not be available until the end of the year. So, they would likely pursue a no-interest loan to close the deal before the landowner loses interest. They could then repay this loan once SRFB funds are available. They are looking to move on this as soon as possible.
- Q: If someone were to purchase this land and build on it, what is the county setback?
 - A: The county setback is technically 100 feet from the creek here.

Lower Chiwawa Area D Final Implementation – Scott Bailey, CCNRD

- Q: Would the dispersal camping sites across from Alder Creek be addressed?
 - A: Yes, they would be addressed.
- Q: A member commented that there are many recreationists who enjoy floating the river. How have they been considered?

- A: Under another contract, CCNRD commissioned a study on the boating community in the Chiwawa River. They incorporated the findings from this study into their final designs. For example, the sponsor ensured there were bumper logs on structures to increase boater safety.

Upper Columbia Instream Assessment – Kristen Kirkby, CF

- Q: Where are most of the priority reaches located that need to be surveyed?
 - A: It is a mixture of higher watershed tributaries, but some lower watershed gaps as well. The sponsor showed examples on maps.
- Q: Where would the Columbia River tributaries rank for priority?
 - A: The sponsor noted that these tributaries are specifically a tier-1 data gap on the regional data gaps list, so they would not be at the bottom of the list. They would like their priority list to remain flexible.

Nason Creek Infrastructure Realignment – Mike Kane, CCNRD

- Q: How many private landowners would they have to deal with here and what would the strategy be for working with this many people?
 - A: There are upwards of 70 landowners throughout the project's extent. CCNRD would likely start with landowners they already know and work well with. They would also tap into road associations and list serves to start expanding their outreach. Then, they would eventually move into community meetings.
- Q: What has the involvement been from the PUD and other potential partners?
 - The sponsor noted that the PUD has not shown interest in paying for a substantial portion.
- Q: Would you look at realignment options that could benefit PUD access/reduce damage to lines?
 - A: Yes, that is definitely part of the discussion. The sponsor noted that the BPA alignment, for example, is more accessible than the current county alignment.

Closing reminders:

- CAC scoring deadlines – email to Ariel by Monday 6/22
- Joint CAC Meeting – 6/23 Chelan, WA (5-8pm)

Public Comment:

- No public comments