



Community Development

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Memorandum

Date: October 1, 2019

To: Lee Napier, Director of Community Development

From:  Brianna Teitzel, Associate Planner

Subject: **CRS 330 - 2019 Annual Program for Public Information Meeting**

This memorandum is an overview of the 2019 annual Program for Public Information (PPI) meeting that discussed the implementation of the PPI plan and proposed changes to the program to receive additional points for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). The meeting was held on September 30, 2019 at 1pm.

Implementation

As a group, we discussed that Lewis County just completed the five-year cycle for CRS. We will have an annual recertification. Lewis County's next one is October 2020. During the recertification, we will show we are following our PPI plan as adopted. Currently, Lewis County's unofficial rating by CRS is a five. The official rating will be known after October 1, 2019.

Lewis County has been following the PPI plan as proposed. Lewis County has the next mailing set up for November 1, 2019. In addition, the website is up and running (<https://flood.lewiscountywa.gov/>). The committee briefly went through the website. It was acknowledged Lewis County would check the website monthly to verify the links work.

Changes

Minor changes were proposed to the PPI plan. It was discussed that Lewis County plans to adopt the changes before the end of the year to receive credit for CRS. The changes were sent by email to all group members, as well as discussed in the meeting. There were no objections to the changes by email or in person.

The minor changes included

- Delete the statement referring to the three annual mailings on page 23 of the PPI in the 4th paragraph. The statement states “At least one of them will be signed by their respective chief elected official (the chair of the Board of County Commissioners and the mayors of the cities) to show their support of the messages.” This does not give us CRS credit, so we propose to delete it from the plan.
- Add two paragraphs at the end of page 23. The two paragraphs are as follows:

“OP#9 would be developed in cooperation with area real estate agencies, who would give copies to their clients. It would advise house hunters to check the flood hazard with the communities' map information services before they commit to purchasing a property. OP#8 and 16 are annual events with booths staffed by the Red Cross or Lewis County Emergency Management. They include events such as the Centralia College Annual Job Fair, the Morton Loggers Jubilee, the Toledo Threshing Bee, and the Southwest Washington Fair.”

“The last three lines in Table 12 are activities implemented by County and City staff that also receive CRS credit. They are not technically outreach projects, but they do offer opportunities for the messages to be delivered to inquiring residents and businesses.”

In addition to those changes, we would like to update our committee chart in the plan with the revisions to staff titles in the past year. Hillary Hoke now represents the City of Centralia. Jennifer Kreifels no longer represents the City of Centralia. Andy Caldwell will be added to represent Lewis County Emergency Management.

After the update, the meeting concluded.

Attached: Sign in sheet

Meeting Date: September 30, 2019
 Meeting Subject: CRS #330 Program for Public Information (PPI)

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