

**SULTAN CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA COVER SHEET**

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**ITEM NO:** SR-6  
**DATE:** July 22, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** Flood Hazard Reduction Grant Meetings  
**CONTACT PERSON:** Robert Martin, Community Development Director

**ISSUE:**  
Transmittal of information on Flood Hazard Reduction Grant Activities.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**  
Receive Reports, no action required.

**BACKGROUND:**

The community is heavily affected by flood hazards and is a major participant in the National Flood Insurance Program. The City of Sultan has a significant history of participation in various state and federal programs that provide incentives for property owners to relocate out of properties that experience repetitive flood damage and multiple claims on their flood insurance policy.

On July 14, 2010, the City and Snohomish County sponsored a Community Meeting with the attendance of representatives from the Washington D.C. office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to explain existing grant programs and a new grant program that are available to local property owners to assist them in relocating out of repetitively flooded properties. All of these programs are for the purpose of reducing the damage and expense caused by flooding by providing permanent solutions to the problem instead of repairing damage to the property after each flood.

The new program is targeted to "severe repetitive flood loss" properties. Sultan has the large majority (6) of the properties in Snohomish County that qualify for this new program. Most of those owners were present at the meeting of July 13<sup>th</sup>, as well as several from the unincorporated areas in the Skykomish Valley. In all there were 15 public in attendance which is a very high attendance for this type of meeting. Six owners of severe repetitive flood loss properties signed an indication of interest in proceeding with the program for relocation.

On July 20, 2010, the City will conduct a second meeting on the same topics. This will be presented by City Staff only. The second meeting gives additional opportunity for property owners to learn about the various programs and to become involved if they so choose.

The attached sheets list some sources of information on flood issues for further investigation.

Council is, of course, always invited to contact staff for information or questions on this or any other topics.

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Carolyn,

This is our website with information that you can print out and distribute to the public on the FEMA grant programs:

[http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Public\\_Works/Divisions/SWM/Work\\_Areas/River\\_Flooding/elevationassist](http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Public_Works/Divisions/SWM/Work_Areas/River_Flooding/elevationassist)

Thanks, let me know if there is anything specific that you need that may not be displayed on this website:

-David

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I've checked our box of meeting materials and I can see that we ended up with FEMA's info sheet, which you can obtain through this link:

<http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=3648>

We also have materials on our project website, accessible from this link:

[http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Public\\_Works/Divisions/SWM/Work\\_Areas/River\\_Flooding/elevationassist.htm](http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Public_Works/Divisions/SWM/Work_Areas/River_Flooding/elevationassist.htm)

I think we left the "sign up if interested" sheet FEMA provided.

Please let us know if there's anything else you need.

Thank you,

**Mary Hurner**

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# **CITY OF SULTAN FLOOD HAZARD INFORMATION PACKET**

This information has been assembled by the City of Sultan from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) web site.

The attached copies provide basic flood information and give web site addresses for additional information.

To access the on-line versions of this material and much more from FEMA, please go to <http://www.fema.gov>

Snohomish County Emergency Management Department has information on local flooding conditions and other information related to local emergencies at: [http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Emergency Management/](http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Emergency%20Management/)

The City of Sultan has information and application forms related to flood insurance and construction activities in the floodplain available at <http://www.ci.sultan.wa.us/>

If you have questions about local flood issues you are encouraged to contact Snohomish County Emergency Management at 425-388-5060.

Your local City of Sultan staff is also happy to get your calls, comments, questions at 360-793-2231. Please give us the opportunity to help you!

Thanks for being concerned about the safety of your family and property.

**Bob Martin, Community Development Director**  
**Cyd Donk, Permit Assistant**