

CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE REPORT ~ KENT MYERS

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This week Deputy Mayor Wharton and I met with Karen Gustin, Olympic National Park Superintendent, and her staff to discuss ways we can promote the Elwha River Restoration Project that will be bid late next year. We also want to create some way in the future to communicate to our visitors the history and purpose of this project. We are already getting a lot of national interest in this project and we expect to have a lot more interest as the project gets closer to construction. The National Park Service has a grant program available to offset the costs for a permanent exhibit and we will work together to pursue these grant funds.

Also, I wanted to let you know that I met with Jim Hallett this week to discuss his appointment to the Harbor-Works Development Authority Board. I explained the critical importance of the CSO improvements as it relates to this property. I plan to follow up with a presentation from our Engineering staff for Jim to get more direct knowledge on the status of the CSO improvements including the deadlines we are facing with the State. I also encouraged Jim to be a communications link to both the City Council and local citizens to maintain the information flow on this project.

This week I have also started meeting with the newly elected City Council members to bring them up to date on City projects and to discuss plans for next year. They all support the idea of a half-day retreat sometime in January to discuss major issues facing the City in 2010. We will try to select a date and time for this meeting in the next several weeks.

The City of Port Angeles was mentioned in this month's Public Management magazine for our recent efforts in establishing the Metropolitan Pool District. To access this article visit www.icma.org/pools2009.

As you know, this week we experienced some major power outages due to the storms that occurred in this area. The response by our Public Works & Utility Department crews was very coordinated and expedient. As a result, we were able to restore City services in a timely manner and minimize inconveniences to our citizens. It is a tremendous benefit to our City to have such a dedicated and competent group of employees who are fully prepared to respond to these types of emergency situations.

Have a great weekend!

- Kent Myers