

BCWMC Policy Advisory Group

Ongoing Recommendations List – [Up to and Including July 25, 2001](#) [Revision PAG Meeting](#)

Funding Recommendations

1. Creek/Channel Conduit

A. BCWMC Flood Control Project system

Improvements/refinements to the system

- Improvements or refinements to structures built as part of the original flood control project, excluding improvements to private property (e.g. floodproofing of homes), should be constructed and funded on the same basis as the original flood control project.
- Projects designed to fine-tune the overall flood control system (e.g. features that would have probably been constructed as part of the original project if more information had been known initially) should also be funded on the same basis as the original flood control project.
- Homes proposed to be floodproofed as part of the original Corps flood control project and those along the trunk system that do not have 100-year flood protection should receive funding assistance from the Commission.

Maintenance, cleaning, and repair of the system

- Maintenance and repair of structures that were part of the original flood control project should be financed on the same basis as the original project.
- Cleaning of structures to be the responsibility of the city the structure is located in.

B. Creek/Streambank Maintenance and Repair

Maintenance and repair projects are sorted into two categories – “volume” and “non-volume.”

The volume category includes maintenance and repair projects needed to restore an area to maintain the current level of flood protection, while the non-volume category includes primarily aesthetic improvements not needed to maintain the current flood protection level. In addition, the

Commission should evaluate the overall public benefit of a project to determine the level of the Commission's involvement and financial responsibility for the project.

Volume

- Maintenance and repairs needed to restore an area to the designed flow rate are to be funded by the Commission.
- Work needed to restore an area that has either resulted in damage to a structure, or where structural damage is imminent, is to be funded by the Commission, based on an assessment of benefits.
- The Commission should fund the portion of a project that provides a regional public benefit; the property owner or city where the project is located should fund the remainder of the project. Public benefits include reduced potential for flooding, mitigation of water quality impairment, or minimizing the potential for water quality impairment.

Non-volume

- Maintenance and repairs that are primarily aesthetic improvements are to be financed by the cities.

C. Water Quality Improvement Projects

2. Water Bodies

A. Water Quality Improvement Projects

Cost Sharing

The existing cost sharing formula in the joint powers agreement requires that the cost of a project undertaken by the Commission be split, 50% on valuation in the watershed and 50% on land area in the watershed. In most cases, the cost sharing formula presented in the Joint Powers Agreement is preferred, except for unique situations where funding will be negotiated.

3. Maintenance Fund

The Commission should establish an annual fund for maintenance projects similar to the maintenance funds set up by watershed districts. The fund could be used to finance the Commission's share of maintenance projects to be applied for by the cities that have a regional benefit, or be used to partially fund smaller, localized projects that cities wish to undertake.

Other Recommendations

1. Technical Advisors

The Commission should change their bylaws to allow each member city to appoint a technical advisor to the Commission, to maintain continuity as the Commission transitions to citizen leadership. Technical members would be allowed to ask questions regarding projects and express opinions, but would not be allowed to vote. The Commission should also consider developing a policy (at a later date) regarding the creation of a permanent Technical Advisory Committee, with the roles and responsibilities further defined.