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To Our Clients and Friends,

Springtime is almost come and gone, and there have been some exciting developments at ESC - new projects and more. Read on for project updates and recent developments at ESC and around the country.

ESC News

Website update

Our website is now updated to provide more direct access to individual project pages. We also updated our services to indicate ESC's recent contracts with law firms and local NGOs. Through these partnerships, we provide expert testimony and third-party research papers on environmental concerns. Go to www.estewards.com to view the changes and as always, view the latest in environmental news, check out ESC's schedule, and read ESC reports and presentations!

Evolution of Virginia's view on water conservation?

In May, ESC contracted with the Virginia Chapter of the Sierra Club to develop and issue a report citing alternatives to the controversial King William Reservoir project in the Lower Peninsula of Virginia. The report, "A Survey of Sustainable Water Supplies in Virginia's Lower Peninsula: Alternatives to the King William Reservoir Project," was delivered to the Newport News City Council and the James City County Board of Supervisors. The report outlines feasible methods of saving almost 19.0 million gallons of water per day for potable use for over 400,000 utilities customers in the Lower Peninsula area.

Client Updates

Edison Wetlands Association

Peter travelled to New Jersey on June 4 to conduct a site visit with Bob Spiegel, Executive Director of EWA, and state environmental officials. The Edison site is located adjacent to the Raritan River in New Jersey; the sediments along the river have been seriously contaminated with chemicals from the Akzo/Nobel Chemical Company.

Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition

The Lower Duwamish Waterway group has released the draft Feasibility Study for the Duwamish River. Efforts are underway at both ESC and DRCC to review the document and compile comments for a mid-June comment period end date. As it is currently written, the FS strongly adheres to monitored natural recovery as a main means of remediation. ESC and DRCC stand united against MNR as a "do nothing" strategy and have presented an array of information countering its effectiveness.

Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network

The burn season is almost upon the greater Fort Ord community. FOEJN held two community meetings regarding burning at Fort Ord, which were attended by city councilmen. The Army also released an Air Monitoring Report indicating that prescribed burning at Fort Ord does exceed permissible air quality standards (PM10 over a 24-hour period). The Army did not, however, acknowledge this is an issue because only one site exceeded the limit. FOEJN is still working hard to promote the community's health and stop prescribed burning.

Olympic Environmental Council


Peter will be travelling to Washington State June 15 to present at a public forum. The forum will address the current status of the Rayonier site cleanup, how precedents set at the Duwamish River might influence cleanup alternatives across Washington, including Rayonier, and what the future of Port Angeles Harbor may look like.

Spring Valley

On June 10, Peter will attend a Congressional hearing regarding the final stages of the cleanup at Spring Valley. The question is whether or not cleanup has been sufficient to warrant the site safe for human health. Some proponents are calling for project completion by 2011, a date that has been refuted by others as being too soon for full remediation to occur.

As 2009 progresses, we at ESC look forward to assisting you in a collaborative effort for improved environmental quality and social wellbeing. Thank you for your continued support, and as always, feel free to contact the ESC office with any questions or concerns.

**Until next time,
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