

Columbia River Channel Improvement Project

Technical Review of Revised Cost and Benefit Analysis

5th Avenue Suites Hotel
Portland, Oregon

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OVERVIEW OF PROCESS

- Purpose
- Scope of the Process
- Outcome
- How the Reviewers were Selected
- How the Process will Work

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PURPOSE

- To Evaluate
 - (1) Whether Assumptions, Methodology, Interpretations of Analysis, and Conclusions Based on Analysis of the Benefits and Costs of the 43' Channel Are Reasonable
 - (2) Whether Data Were Used Properly in the Overall Analysis

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SCOPE OF THE PROCESS

- Individual Opinions and Views on the Benefits or Cost Analysis
- Identify and Evaluate Key Assumptions
- Review and Comment on Any Aspect of the Analysis

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SCOPE OF THE PROCESS

- Reviewers Not Judging or Recommending Whether Project Should or Should Not Be Implemented
- Focus on Revised Cost and Benefit Analysis
- Other Forums to Comment on the Technical Review Process or the Project

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OUTCOME

Written Summary, Documenting --

- Topics Discussed
- Areas of Agreement and Disagreement, if any, and Reasons
- Significance of Any Problems with Analysis to Overall Decision

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Written Summary, Documenting --

- Materials and Information Made Available to Reviewers
- Contacts with Others During Working Sessions

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HOW THE REVIEWERS WERE SELECTED

- Reviewers Selected by the Corps Based on Expertise, Experience, Availability
- Reviewers Indicated They Would Be Objective

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HOW THE PROCESS WILL WORK

- Two Panels -- Costs and Benefits
- Public Sessions -- Today and Friday
- Working Sessions
- Public Input Today on Technical Aspects of the Revised Analysis

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- Written Questions from Audience for Panelists
- Working Sessions -- Reviewers and RESOLVE
- Request Additional Information

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HOW THE PROCESS WILL WORK

- Results of the Technical Review Presented to Everyone on Friday Morning
- Open Questions and Plan
- Q & A Session on Friday
- Summary Prepared by RESOLVE with the Reviewers

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