

Attachment 3

Goals

- Increase transparency of decision-making process
- Additional opportunity for public input
- Forum for open discussion and decisions (policy and technical)
- Restore public trust
- Certainty and consistency in D-M process
- Institutionalize equally - acceptable so it lasts
- Forum for policy direction and emerging issues
- Educational forum
- Discussion of controversial issue in public forum
- Provide advice and counsel

Plus

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- Alternative appeal before courts

- Normative: Insulate decision from politics
- Single point of access, but inappropriate funneling
- Sees emerging issues – can't run and hide from public comment

Minus

- Delay
- Reduces accountability
- Increases potential that decision will not be made on law and facts
- Excuse to seek more information
- Less “knowledgeable” (insufficient study)
- Centralized decision-making – limits access
- Difficulties of appropriate “representation”
- Appointment of Director
 - Lack of accountability
 - Bipartisan