

Stillaguamish River Clean Water District Advisory Board

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Meeting Summary – FINAL Thursday, July 24, 2014 5:30 – 7:30 PM Peace Lutheran Church, Silvana

Attendance

Board Members Present: Max Albert, Christine Betchley, Ray Brown, John Connolly, Miriam Lancaster, Rich Ollivier, Dave Ridgeway, Dale Shelton, Herm van Lier, Steve Van Valkenburg, Kelly Wynn

Board Members Excused: Gina Gray

SWM Staff: Sean Edwards, Debbie Terwilleger Alyssa Thompson

Guests: Andrew Funk, Dave Garland, Robert Marion, Maggie Taylor

Welcome, introductions, agenda review, and meeting summary

Clean Water District Advisory Board (CWDAB) Chair, Steve Van Valkenburg opened the meeting at 5:38 p.m. with introductions and a review of the meeting agenda. Review of the 6/26/2014 meeting summary was postponed until Sean Edwards arrived with the copies. The Board moved on to the subcommittee reports.

Sean provided hard copy packets including the following materials:

- CWDAB 7/24/14 Preliminary Meeting Agenda
- CWDAB 6/26/14 Meeting Summary – DRAFT #2
- Ocean Acidification Fact Sheet with email replies from Max Albert and experts
- Pacific Oyster research report (Barton *et al.* 2012)
- Shellfish Stewards Workshop flyer for 8/3/2014
- Discretionary Fund Grant Application Review Results as of 7/14/2014
- Marion OSS Repair Discretionary Fund Grant Application received on 6/18/2014

The 6/26/14 draft meeting summary was approved as amended.

Subcommittee Reports

Finance: John Connolly reported that the Finance Subcommittee met with SWM staff on Monday July 14, 2014 to discuss the RCW 36.89 (stormwater) and 90.72 (shellfish protection) budgets. The Finance Subcommittee proposed that SWM remove 13% of the 36.89 budget and place that amount into the 90.72 budget. Debbie Terwilleger presented the subcommittee with draft budget spreadsheets and explained that a large portion of the amount of 36.89 spending is mandated by the legislation or the County Executives. The amount of funds has also decreased in the 36.89 budget causing the amount that was originally 13% of the total budget to rise to 26%. Debbie explained that removing this amount from the budget would be extremely difficult or impossible to accomplish. John made the observation that, from his perspective, the overcharging of NPDES permit holders needs to stop. He also believes that the County Executive will not change or alter their mandate so the 13% removal of 36.89 funds will no longer be feasible. However, John did request that other offers be made.

Max Albert provided the remainder of the finance meeting summary. Max stated that the RPPT money that is usually allocated to SWM has been placed in the general fund for the use of river expenses. Debbie wants the CWDAB to bring this concern to the County Executive's attention. She believes that this concern will have more behind it if the Board were to bring it up. Steve suggested that the CWDAB will "battle" for the RPTT money if Debbie agrees to the increase in 90.72 funds in return. Max and Dave want to act quickly and the board would like to draft a letter to both the Executive and the Council.

Discretionary Fund: Max reported on that the DF Subcommittee review of the Marion on-site septic system (OSS) repair DF grant application. Chris moved to have the Board recommend this application for approval by the SWM Director. Dave seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Shellfish Protection: Sean reported on the issue of the Ocean Acidification Fact Sheet that was sent out to the Board and all interested parties. Sean asked the Board how they would like to see the emails being sent out and

how they would like to be able to provide their feedback on any future topics. The Board agreed on a blind CC to all individuals included in the email and suggested that any responses would be sent to Sean directly and he can then send the response to the appropriate individuals. The Board also requested that Sean forward the information on Port Townsend to all members.

Lower Stillaguamish Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Advisory Committee: Sean reported that SWM hosted an inter-agency water quality monitoring coordination meeting with the Washington State Department of Agriculture's Dairy Nutrient Management Program on 7/15/2014. A hotspot that was found by DNMP upstream of the Stangeland Dairy on Pioneer Highway is being investigated by the Washington Department of Ecology (WDOE). Sean also reviewed the status of other monthly water quality monitoring sites. Sean also noted that WDOE is investigating a large horse manure pile near Silvana Terrace Road, unpermitted dredging of Miller Creek, and a grass-fed beef operation along Pioneer Highway. All of these sites have been identified as potential sources of bacterial pollution that require verification and may require corrective actions.

Marion OSS Repair

Max reviewed the DF Subcommittee's findings on the DF grant application for the Marion on-site septic system (OSS) repair at Martha Lake. Chris moved to have the Board recommend this application for approval by the SWM Director. Dave seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Snohomish County Clean Water Loan and Grant Program

Max reviewed the discussion that the DF Subcommittee had with SWM staff on the status of the Snohomish County Clean Water Loan and Grant program on 7/14/2014. Max presented the Board with a question about the amount of earmark that the Board should recommend as Snohomish County's match toward the WDOE grant. Max suggested the Board wait for more information before they make a decision. Steve called for volunteers to represent the CWDAB on the loan and grant committee. Max will be the lead and Kelly will be the second representative.

Lakes Update

Miriam reported on the progress of the alum treatment in Lake Ketchum and provided a hardcopy of the updated report. There is no longer any sign of toxic algae in the lake and the community seems to be a lot happier with the long term results of the treatment. They are expecting to finish the treatment on the remaining lake area. Sean suggested that Miriam provide a regular lake update as the need arises.

Draft Letter to the Snohomish County Council

Steve requested volunteers for developing the draft recommendations letter to the Snohomish County Council. Max, John, Steve, and Herm all volunteered to draft the letter. The letter will include recommendations regarding allocation of RPTT funds, and funding for the Snohomish Health District. The letter will be finalized at the October 9th CWDAB meeting. The volunteers requested that all comments be sent to Sean by 8/15/2014 so they can be forwarded to the volunteers for review. A draft of the letter will be presented at the 9/25/14 CWDAB meeting.

Meeting Review, New Business, and Public Comment

Herm requested some clarification on the previously presented finance committee report. Sean gave a hardcopy of information on the Oso slide to the board members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 25, 2014, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall.

This meeting summary was prepared by Sean Edwards. Please direct any questions or comments to Sean Edwards at 425-388-3024 or sean.edwards@snoco.org. More information about the CWD is also available at <http://cwd.surfacewater.info>.