

Stillaguamish River Clean Water District Advisory Board

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**Surface Water
Management Staff**
Sean Edwards

Meeting Summary – APPROVED Thursday, September 24, 2015 5:30 – 7:30 PM Peace Lutheran Church, Silvana

Attendance

Board Members Present: Max Albert, Dave Ridgeway, Kate Konoski, Dale Shelton, Herm van Lier, Steve Van Valkenburg, Kelly Wynn

Board Members Excused: Miriam Lancaster, Dave Ridgeway

SWM Staff: Sean Edwards, Gregg Farris

Guests: Mak Kaufman, Bob Landles, Bobbi Lindemulder, Pam McMahon, Bobbi Partridge, Tania Partridge, Alex Pittman, Brad Riehle, Kurt Strotz, Dennis Wigren, Tag...

Welcome, introductions, agenda review, and meeting summary

Clean Water District Advisory Board (CWDAB) Vice Chair Dale Shelton opened the meeting at 5:32 p.m. with introductions and review of the meeting agenda. The draft agenda was revised as follows: Discretionary Fund (DF) Subcommittee report moved to last item for subcommittee reports so Chair Steve Van Valkenburg arriving late from work could participate. The DF grant applications review topic was also moved up to immediately follow subcommittee reports.

Sean provided hard copy information packets including the following materials:

- CWDAB 9/24/15 preliminary meeting agenda
- CWDAB 7/23/15 meeting summary – DRAFT #1
- Resignation letter from CWDAB Member Chris Betchley (9/16/15)
- Financial reports from SWM:
 - 2014 CWD Year End Fund Balance Summary, 2014 CWD Revenue Summary, and 2015 CWD Budget and Expenditures Summary through 6/30/15
 - Projected 2016 Service Charges Collected Under the Authority of RCW 90.72 and RCW 36.89 (Contingent on SWM Service Area Expansion County-wide) (revised 9/8/15)
- Proposed motion to bring the DF allocation (\$20,000) for the Clean Water Loan and Grant Program, “Savvy Septic,” into compliance with T25A and the DF Guidelines, which require that any use of funds from the DF must be recommended by the Advisory Board (prepared by Max Albert)
- WSU Snohomish County Extension Beach Watchers Meeting and Program (one page summary by Pacific Shellfish Institute, 9/14/15)
- Response to Questions on Potential Use of Motorized Boats on Small Lakes (email from Miriam Lancaster to Sean Edwards, 9/17/15)
- Stillaguamish Shellfish Protection Program Annual Report Draft (9/15/15)
- CWD Discretionary Fund Application Review (summary of DF Subcommittee review scores for DF grant applications received by SWM, 8/19/15)
- DF grant applications submitted to SWM by 8/1/15 deadline:
 - Ballard Livestock Exclusion Fencing
 - Cayford Livestock Exclusion Fencing
 - Eagle Ridge Equestrian Center Waste Storage
 - Lervick Waste Storage
 - Partridge Family Farm Heavy Use Area, Fencing, and Waste Storage
- Topics for 2015 Letter to Council (draft CWDAB letter to Council)

The 7/23/15 draft meeting summary was approved as written.

Subcommittee reports

Finance: Max Albert reviewed two attachments that the Finance Subcommittee had prepared for the 2015 CWDAB recommendations letter to Snohomish County Council: Attachment A (CWD revenue in 1994 dollars, 1994 – 2015) and Attachment B (CWD Projected Collections for 2016 compared to 2015).

Shellfish Protection: Sean Edwards reported that the 8/29/15 Shellfish Dinner event in Stanwood was a big success despite the windstorm, which caused power outage and traffic problems in many parts of Snohomish County. The event was attended by 134 people, including CWDAB Members Chris Betchley, Ray Brown, Dale Shelton, and Herm Van Lier. Attendance would have likely been 200 if the windstorm had not prevented people from driving to Stanwood. Sean also reported that the Pacific Shellfish Institute (PSI) gave an educational presentation about the CWD and Stilly shellfish protection to the WSU Snohomish

County Beach Watchers on 9/14/15. PSI's presentation included some preliminary results from the July 30 -31 Kayak Point clam population survey.

Lower Stillaguamish Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Advisory Committee: Dale Shelton reported that the PIC Advisory Committee met on 8/5/15. Sean noted that the next PIC Advisory Committee meeting will be on 11/4/15. At that meeting the PIC Advisory Committee will prepare for the Lower Stilly PIC Public Meeting, which is being organized by SWM and the Snohomish Conservation District. Ecology and WSDA Dairy Nutrient Management Program will also play key roles in the public meeting.

Stillaguamish Watershed Council (SWC): No report.

Snohomish-Stillaguamish Local Integrating Organization (LIO): Sean reported that Chris Betchley resigned effective 9/16/15, so the CWDAB will need to designate a new primary representative on the Snohomish-Stillaguamish Local Integrating Organization (LIO) Implementation Committee. *Kelly agreed to attend the next LIO Implementation Committee meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for 10/27/15. Sean and Kelly agreed to work together to identify another CWDAB member to replace Chris as the CWDAB's primary representative.*

Lakes: Sean noted the meeting packet item related to the use of motorized boats on Snohomish County lakes for aquatic weed control work, which Miriam requested to be shared with the CWDAB in her absence.

Discretionary Fund: Max made a motion to bring the DF allocation (\$20,000) for the Clean Water Loan and Grant Program, "Savvy Septic," into compliance with Snohomish County Code (SCC) Title 25A and the DF Guidelines, which require that any use of funds from the DF must be recommended by the Advisory Board. Kate Konsoski moved to amend the motion, which was accepted by Max and approved unanimously as follows: "The CWD Advisory Board recommends that a total of \$20,000 in Discretionary Fund monies be allocated to the Savvy Septic program, for Centennial Clean Water Grant match, to be expended over the two-year period of 2015 and 2016."

Review and make recommendations on Discretionary Fund grant applications received by SWM by August 1st

Max presented the DF Subcommittee's review of five DF grant applications received by SWM by 8/1/15. Copies of the applications and the DF Subcommittee's review scores were provided in the meeting packet. All five applications were recommended by the CWDAB for approval by SWM as follows:

1. Ballard Livestock Exclusion Fencing (DF grant request \$3,600, total project cost \$4,800)
CWDAB Recommendation: Approve as proposed.

2. Cayford Livestock Exclusion Fencing (DF grant request \$2,250, total project cost \$3,000)
CWDAB Recommendation: Approve as proposed.

3. Eagle Ridge Equestrian Center Waste Storage Facility (DF grant request \$15,000, total project cost \$19,972)
CWDAB Recommendation: Approve as amended at 9/24/15 CWDAB meeting. SCD Farm Planner Brad Riehle provided copies of the proposed amendment to this project, which reduced the total project cost from ~\$60,000 by removing the proposed roof structure. This was necessary due to a \$12,500 limit on the agricultural BMP grant funding available from Ecology. Instead of a roof, the proposed manure storage area will be covered using a tarp system. Mak Kaufman confirmed that Ecology supports this amendment. Sean thanked Pam McMahon for cooperating with the Snohomish Conservation District, Ecology, and Snohomish County to implement corrective actions to control bacterial pollution from the large horse stable waste pile located at the headwaters of Kackman Creek, north of Arlington.

4. Partridge Family Farm Heavy Use Area, Fencing, and Waste Storage (DF grant request \$4,523, total project cost \$18,093)
CWDAB Recommendation: Approve as proposed.

5. Lervick Waste Storage (DF grant request \$8,700, total project cost \$11,600)
CWDAB Recommendation: Approve as proposed. R.O. Lervick Arabians stable manager Dennis Wigren noted that he wants the Lervick stables operation to serve as a model for other horse stable operators. Sean thanked Dennis for cooperating with the Snohomish Conservation District, Ecology, and Snohomish County to implement corrective actions to control bacterial pollution from the large horse stable waste pile in the vicinity of Silvana Terrace Road, west of Silvana.

Sean will forward the DF grant application materials and the CWDAB's recommendations to SWM Interim Co-Director Gregg Farris. Sean noted that SWM will need to develop contracts for any DF grant projects approved by SWM during Sean's vacation. However, Sean also noted that as per the DF Guidelines, any projects approved by SWM may begin construction before the contracts are finalized. This may be essential for the projects that involve pouring cement due to the impending wet season.

SWM Updates

SWM Interim Co-Director Gregg Farris reported that SWM is working with the Snohomish Health District (SHD) to develop a scope of work for how SHD will use the \$100,000 proposed by SWM in 2016 to hire a new full time employee for sanitation services in the CWD and the rest of Snohomish County. The goal is to develop an inter-governmental services agreement by December so the Snohomish County Council can approve it early enough for SHD to hire the new staff person as soon as possible in 2016.

Gregg also provided copies of SWM's proposed code changes to SCC Title 25A related to composition of the CWDAB. Gregg explained that the proposed changes are partly intended to make it easier to fill vacant positions.

Gregg also reiterated that the CWDAB will be able to review and comment on the proposed changes to Title 25A after they are presented in the form of a proposed ordinance to the Snohomish County Council's Public Works Committee on Tuesday, 9/29/15. At that meeting the proposed ordinance will be scheduled for legislative action. Prior to Council approval of the proposed ordinance there will be a public hearing where the CWDAB will be able to provide comments to Council. *Gregg assured that SWM will notify the CWDAB when the public hearing is scheduled.*

Stillaguamish Shellfish Protection Program annual report to WDOH

Sean noted that the 9/15/15 draft of the Stillaguamish Shellfish Protection Program annual report to WDOH was included in the meeting packet for CWDAB Members to read and provide feedback on by the end of October. WDOH agreed to accept a final version of the report in November after SWM receives any comments from the CWDAB. The draft annual report was prepared by SWM with inputs from various partner agencies and in consultation with the CWDAB Shellfish Protection Subcommittee, which included Chris Betchley, Dale Shelton, and Ray Brown.

Review and edit draft recommendations letter to Snohomish County Council

Max reviewed the draft recommendations letter to Snohomish County Council, which was developed by Max, Steve, and Herm Van Lier. The draft letter will be finalized at the 10/8/15 CWDAB meeting after the Snohomish County Executive presents the proposed 2016 budget.

Meeting review, new business, and public comment

Sean will be on vacation starting 9/28/15 and will return to work on Monday, 10/26/15. Michael Sheehan will provide staff support for the 10/8/15 CWDAB meeting. While Sean is out of the office, any CWD, Stilly Shellfish Protection Program, or Lower Stilly PIC Program questions or concerns should be directed to Ann Bylin at 425.388.3876 or ann.bylin@snoco.org.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 8, 2015, 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 at 425-388-3024 or sean.edwards@snoco.org. More information about the CWD is also available at <http://cwd.surfacewater.info>.