

# Stillaguamish River Clean Water District Advisory Board

## BOARD MEMBERS

*Single Family-North  
Fork Stillaguamish  
Dale Shelton (Chair)*

*Single Family-South  
Fork Stillaguamish  
Vacant*

*Single Family-Main  
Stem Stillaguamish  
Ray Brown*

*Single Family-Lakes  
Miriam Lancaster*

*Single Family-UGA  
Vacant*

*Single Family-At-Large  
Herm van Lier (Vice  
Chair)*

*Single Family-At-Large  
Dave Ridgeway*

*Single Family-At-Large  
Bob Landles*

*Farm Rate Payer  
Vacant*

*Retail, Industrial, Other  
Rate Payer  
Kelly Wynn*

*Stillaguamish Flood  
Control District  
Max Albert*

*Snohomish  
Conservation  
District  
Steve Van Valkenburg*

*Snohomish Health  
District  
Vacant by agency choice*

*Wash. Department of  
Ecology  
Vacant by agency choice*

*Wash. Department of  
Fish and Wildlife  
Vacant by agency choice*

*Stillaguamish Tribe  
Vacant by agency choice*

*Tulalip Tribes  
Vacant by agency choice*

*Surface Water  
Management Staff  
Sean Edwards*

## Meeting Summary – FINAL Thursday, April 28, 2016 5:30 – 7:45 PM Peace Lutheran Church, Silvana

### Attendance

Board Members Present: Max Albert, Ray Brown, Miriam Lancaster, Bob Landles, Dave Ridgeway, Dale Shelton, Steve Van Valkenburg, Kelly Wynn

Board Members Excused: Herm van Lier

SWM Staff: Sean Edwards, Gregg Farris

Guests: Chuck Hazleton, Mak Kaufman, Kevin Plemel, Steve Rice, Shawn Smith

### Welcome, introductions, agenda review, and meeting summary

Clean Water District Advisory Board (CWDAB) Chair Dale Shelton opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. with introductions and review of the meeting agenda. The 3/24/16 meeting summary was approved as written.

Sean provided hard copy information packets including the following materials:

- CWDAB 4/28/16 preliminary meeting agenda
- CWDAB 3/24/16 meeting summary draft
- Press release: "Snohomish County Executive Targets Puget Sound Recovery Efforts" (4/21/16)
- SWM memo to Ag Advisory Board RE: NPDES Pollution Source Control-Animal Handling Facilities (4/12/16)
- WDOH letter to SWM Director RE: Annual review of commercial shellfish growing areas (4/15/16)
- SWM Service Charges Billed to Federal Lands (2011 - 2015) (4/28/16)
- SWM 2015 Year End Fund Balance and Fund Balance Available for 2017 Budget (4/28/16)
- CWDAB 2016 recommendations letter to SWM draft #2
- CWDAB 2016 Appointments Roster (4/18/16)

### SHD 2015 accomplishments and 2016 work plan

Kevin Plemel presented an overview of the Snohomish Health District's 2015 accomplishments and 2016 work plan, including a two-page summary memo covering the entire county and a one-page summary of SHD's 2015 activities in the CWD.

SHD 2015 activities county-wide:

- Reviewed 953 applications for on-site sewage (OSS) disposal permits
- Issued 231 permits for repair of OSS disposal systems
- Inspected 210 OSS repair installations
- Investigated 247 reported/suspected OSS failures
- Confirmed 137 OSS failure violations
- Corrected/abated 124 OSS failures
- 13 OSS failures continue to be under ongoing enforcement actions

For 2016, SHD's work plan will include the following activities that are in the scope of work for the intergovernmental agreement between Snohomish County and SHD, which is currently in the approval process:

- Participate in the CWD Advisory Board meetings
- Participate in the County's annual review and update process for the Stillaguamish Shellfish Protection Program
- Investigate OSS complaints referred to SHD by Snohomish County SWM and correct OSS failures
- Investigate human health considerations of manure management complaints referred to SHD by SWM
- Evaluate SHD's existing on-line OSS operation and maintenance (O&M) reporting system and O&M service provider certification
- Evaluate feasibility and cost of creating a time of sale verification program to ensure compliance of OSS

- with operation and maintenance guidelines
- Participate in OSS education and outreach activities led by the County and/or partner organizations
- Participate in Snohomish-Stillaguamish Local Integrating Organization (LIO) Implementation Committee meetings and efforts to develop and implement local strategies and near term actions for the Puget Sound Action Agenda
- Collaborate with SWM on water quality efforts as they relate to SHD's authority and responsibility
- Evaluate, in consultation with the CWD Advisory Board and SWM, SHD's existing OSS Management Plan for potential revision/update
- Evaluate long-term funding options for SHD activities, including the option an annual septic fee as allowed for under RCW 70.05.190
- Participate in the final wrap-up phase of the Lower Stillaguamish Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Program
- Develop a methodology for identifying high-priority areas of likely OSS failures

Because the intergovernmental agreement was delayed, it will cover one year from the date of approval. The scope of work is responsive to recommendations from the CWD Advisory Board and the needs of Snohomish County and SWM.

Kevin also noted that SHD is working on the following additional efforts:

- Developing a pharmaceutical take-back program that will help keep those chemicals out of surface water and ground water.
- Launching a new on-line information management system that will streamline SHD's permitting processes
- Hired a couple of new staff members paid for by SHD's existing permit fee revenue
- Planning to inspect exempt solid waste handling facilities, including composting and recycling facilities that take material from outside of Snohomish County
- Increase public education and outreach to reduce household use of toxic chemicals
- Evaluate blood lead levels in children
- Increase public education to improve the handling of solid and toxic waste

#### **Create subcommittee to draft annual recommendations letter to SHD for 5/26/16 meeting**

Dale, Miriam, Max, and Ray volunteered to draft the next recommendations letter to SHD, which the Board will finalize at the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. ***Suggestions for the draft letter should be sent to Sean by 5/12/16, which he will forward to the subcommittee.***

#### **Subcommittee reports**

**Stillaguamish Watershed Council (SWC):** Dave Ridgeway reported that the SWC met on 4/27/16. One of the main agenda items was discussion of the Floodplains by Design proposal, which includes several significant projects led by various local partners including the City of Stanwood, Stillaguamish Tribe, Stillaguamish Flood Control District, and Drainage and Diking Improvement District 7. ***Dave will send a link to the Floodplains by Design proposal to Sean so he can forward it to the CWD Advisory Board.***

**Lakes:** Miriam Lancaster reported that she had received her copy of the Lake Ketchum LakeWise newsletter that was recently sent out to all Lake Ketchum residents. SWM also recently completed the second annual maintenance treatment of Lake Ketchum with alum to control phosphorous and toxic algae. Miriam shared photos of the alum treatment operation that she took from her home.

**Snohomish-Stillaguamish Local Integrating Organization (LIO):** Bob Landles reported that the Sno-Stilly LIO Implementation Committee's next meeting will be on 5/5/16.

**Shellfish Protection:** Sean reported that the Stillaguamish Shellfish Dinner has been scheduled for 8/13/16, 3 – 7 p.m., in Stanwood and that Executive Dave Somers and SWM Director Will Hall are planning to speak at the event. Although this date falls within the weekend of the Stillaguamish Tribe's Festival of the River, it is not a conflict and offers the county and the tribe to cross-promote both events, which are complementary in nature.

**Finance:** Max Albert reported that he met with SWM's Mike McGuinness and Gregg Farris on 4/26/16 to discuss the

financial issues raised by the lack of payment of SWM/CWD fees by federal agencies over the past five years, which have resulted in a decrease in CWD fund balances. Max reviewed two financial documents provided by SWM that summarize the amount owed and the projected impacts on existing fund balances if that revenue is not collected. SWM Director Will Hall is going to address this problem by first contacting the federal agencies directly and if that is not successful, then the County will consider other options.

**Discretionary Fund:** Max had nothing new to report. Sean noted that the next application deadline is 5/1/16 and that the Partridge Family Farm DF project work has been completed. Sean will conduct the final inspection for the Partridge project with the Snohomish Conservation District and the landowner within the next couple weeks.

**Lower Stillaguamish Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Advisory Committee:** Dale Shelton reported that the PIC Advisory Committee had not met since the last CWD Advisory Board meeting. Sean noted that the next meeting is being rescheduled from 5/4/16 to early June.

#### **Finalize CWD Advisory Board's 2016 recommendations letter to SWM**

Max presented the draft letter that was prepared by the subcommittee consisting of Max, Dale, and Steve. The letter was approved with one minor change. *Sean will prepare the letter for signature by the Chair and deliver the signed letter to the SWM Director and post it on the CWD web site within the next few days.*

#### **Meeting review, new business, and public comment**

No public comments. Sean referenced an updated version of the CWD Advisory Board membership roster that was included in the meeting packet. After the Snohomish County Council approves the reappointment of Miriam Lancaster, Ray Brown, and Kelly Wynn and the appointment of Steve Rice and Kurt Strotz, SWM will begin advertising for the recruitment of candidates to fill the vacant Single Family Ratepayer positions for the Skagit, Port Susan, and Tulalip drainage basins.

#### **Executive Session**

The Board conducted an executive session for Council-appointed Board Members only to discuss a personnel issue and no formal action was taken.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

**Next meeting:** Thursday, May 26, 2016, 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](mailto:sean.edwards@snoco.org). More information about the CWD is also available at <http://cwd.surfacewater.info>.