

Stillaguamish River Clean Water District Advisory Board

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Stillaguamish Drainage**
Dale Shelton (Chair)

**Single Family Ratepayer –
Skagit Drainage**
Vacant

**Single Family Ratepayer –
Port Susan Drainages**
Vacant

Single Family Ratepayer - Lakes
Miriam Lancaster

**Single Family Ratepayer –
Tulalip Drainage**
Vacant

Ratepayer – At-Large #1
Vacant

Ratepayer – At-Large #2
Dave Ridgeway

Ratepayer – At-Large #3
Bob Landles (Vice Chair)

Ratepayer – At-Large #4
Ray Brown

Farm Rate Payer
Kurt Strotz

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Ratepayer**
Kelly Wynn

**Diking, Drainage, and Flood Control
Districts**
Max Albert

Snohomish Conservation District
Steve Van Valkenburg

Snohomish Health District
Steve Rice

**Washington Department of
Ecology**
Vacant by agency choice

**Washington Department of Fish
and Wildlife**
Vacant by agency choice

Stillaguamish Tribe
Vacant by agency choice

Tulalip Tribes
Vacant by agency choice

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Meeting Summary

Thursday, September 22, 2016 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Peace Lutheran Church, Silvana

Attendance

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

Board Members Excused: Steve Rice, Dave Ridgeway

SWM Staff: Sean Edwards, Elisa Dawson, Gregg Farris

Guests: Colleen Crotty, Mak Kaufman

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 7/28/16 meeting summary was approved.**

Sean provided hard copy information packets including the following materials:

- CWDAB 9/22/16 preliminary meeting agenda
- CWDAB 7/28/16 meeting summary draft
- CWDAB Savvy Septic funding letter to SWM 8-22-16
- SWM Savvy Septic Response Letter 9-19-16
- Stillaguamish Shellfish Dinner Stanwood/Camano News article 8-16-16
- Shellfish Dinner Survey Results 2016
- Shellfish Dinner Pledge Campaign Results 2016
- Discretionary Fund Grant Application Review Results 8-24-16

Subcommittee reports

Stillaguamish Watershed Council (SWC): No report.

Lakes: Miriam Lancaster presented a series of photos of her Lake Ketchum shoreline property to illustrate the water quality benefits of healthy native plant buffers. She emphasized the visible benefits she has seen on her property after implementing techniques suggested by the LakeWise Program.

Snohomish-Stillaguamish Local Integrating Organization (LIO): Bob Landles reported that he attended the last meeting on August 25. The LIO draft Ecosystem Recovery Plan was submitted and approved by the Executive Committee on September 15 and will be sent to the Puget Sound Partnership before September 30. It is estimated that we will hear more about the funding for the Near Term Action (NTA) proposals in November. Sean Edwards noted that Snohomish County's NTA proposal for Lower Stillaguamish PIC Phase II is competing for funding.

Shellfish Protection: Sean Edwards reported on the Stanwood-Camano news article on the 8/1/16 Shellfish Dinner. Sean also reported on detailed feedback from the Shellfish Dinner Pledge Campaign results and the Evaluation Surveys from the Shellfish Dinner. He was pleased with the results, and highlighted the feedback from the community on wanting more information on septic systems at future outreach and education events in the CWD.

Finance: Steve Van Valkenburg reported that the Finance Subcommittee met twice since the last CWD Advisory Board meeting to discuss the financing of Savvy Septic using the Discretionary Fund. The first meeting was to write the letter to Surface Water Management requesting more information on budgeting for financing Savvy Septic. The Finance Committee met again with Surface Water Management staff to go over the Surface Water Management budget and discussed questions about the budgeting process. Snohomish County Surface Water Management replied to the letter the Finance Committee wrote on behalf of the CWD Advisory Board.

Discretionary Fund: Max Albert reported that the Discretionary Fund Subcommittee met on August 24th to review the Shelton Heavy Use Area and Waste Storage and Feller-Thoms Manure Pile Clean-up proposals. The Subcommittee endorsed both proposals for recommendation to the Board, for approval by Snohomish County Surface Water Management.

Lower Stillaguamish Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Advisory Committee: Dale Shelton reported that the final meeting of the Lower Stillaguamish Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Advisory Committee was on 9/7/16. The partners are discussing whether to continue the PIC Advisory Committee meetings in the future.

SWM response to CWD Advisory Board's letter regarding use of Discretionary Fund for Savvy Septic rebates and grants in the CWD for 2017

Gregg Farris reported on the response letter from Surface Water Management on Savvy Septic funding. The emphasis of the letter focused on the uncertainty Surface Water Management has on payments of CWD fees by several federal agencies. If the funds are collected, then there may be money to finance Savvy Septic. However, because of the uncertain timeline for the collection of these funds, Surface Water Management does not currently have money allocated within the proposed 2017 budget for Savvy Septic. Gregg was unsure of a timeline for when the delinquent CWD fees may be received, and said that Surface Water Management is currently in negotiations with the agencies and plans to pursue payment. In conclusion, the letter states that Snohomish County staff will continue to pursue other options over the next few months for possibly funding Savvy Septic, but does not know where the funds may come from at this moment.

CWD Advisory Board recommendations on Discretionary Fund grant applications received by 9/1/16

Sean distributed hard copies of the following Discretionary Fund (DF) grant applications and Max presented the DF Subcommittee's evaluation results and recommendations for the following applications:

- Feller-Thoms Manure Pile Clean-up
- Shelton Heavy Use Area and Waste Storage

After some discussion of the two projects the Board unanimously recommended both DF grant applications for approval by the SWM Director. Board Chair Dale Shelton recused herself from voting on her DF grant application. **Sean and Elisa will send the applications to Surface Water Management Director Will Hall for final approval.**

Begin preparing recommendations letter to Snohomish County Council and create subcommittee to draft letter

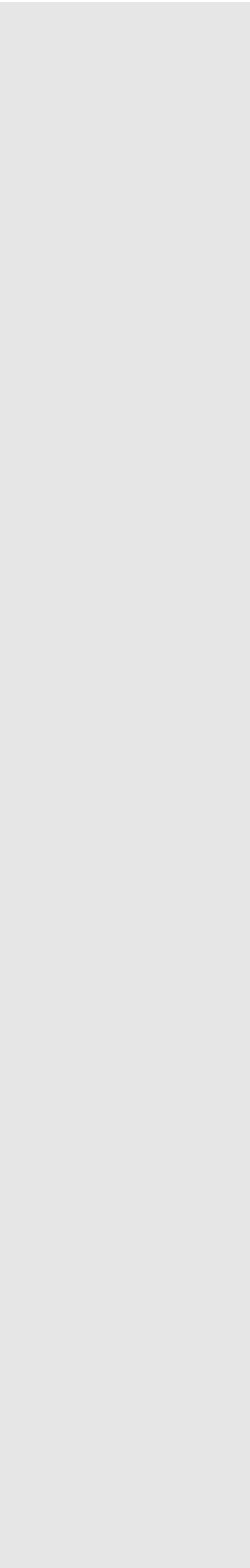
The Board's 2016 recommendations letter to the Snohomish County Council will be drafted by a subcommittee and then finalized by the Board at the 10/13/16 CWD Advisory Board meeting. Max Albert, Steve Van Valkenburg, Ray Brown, Miriam Lancaster, Bob Landles and Dale Shelton volunteered to serve on the letter writing subcommittee. **The Board agreed that all suggested topics for the letter should be emailed to SWM staff by Monday, 10/3/16.** Staff will compile all inputs received and forward that information to the subcommittee. **The Subcommittee will then draft the letter and send it out to the Board for review by Monday, 10/10/16.**

Meeting review, new business, and public comment

Chair Dale Shelton appointed Bob Landles to the Finance Subcommittee and thanked him for agreeing to serve.

Max Albert asked the CWD Advisory Board if a member of the Discretionary Fund Subcommittee is an applicant or sponsor of a Discretionary Fund application, should they participate in the matrix rating and voting of a Discretionary Fund application. **It was decided that if a member of the Discretionary Fund Subcommittee is an applicant or sponsor of an application, then they should not participate in either the matrix rating or voting of the application.** However, in the case that a member of the Discretionary Fund Subcommittee is an applicant or sponsor, they should still be able to participate in the Discretionary Fund Subcommittee meeting as a subcommittee member and a representative for the application.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Next meeting: Thursday, October 13, 2016, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church, Fireside Room.

This meeting summary was prepared by Sean Edwards and Elisa Dawson. Please direct any questions or comments to Elisa at 425-388-6466 or elisa.dawson@snoco.org. More information about the CWD is available at <http://cwd.surfacewater.info>.