

Stillaguamish River Clean Water District Advisory Board

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Meeting Summary

Thursday, October 13, 2016 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Peace Lutheran Church, Silvana

Attendance

Board Members Present: Max Albert, Miriam Lancaster, Bob Landles, Steve Rice, Dale Shelton, Kurt Strotz,

Board Members Excused: Dave Ridgeway, Steve Van Valkenburg

Board Members Absent: Ray Brown, Kelly Wynn

SWM Staff: Elisa Dawson, Gregg Farris

Guests: Mak Kaufman, Graham Logan

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. Bob Landles moved to approve the 9/22/16 meeting summary. Miriam seconded the motion. **The 9/22/16 meeting summary was approved.**

Elisa provided hard copy information packets including the following materials:

- CWDAB 10/13/16 preliminary meeting agenda
- CWDAB 9/22/16 meeting summary draft
- 2017 SWM Projects in the CWD Based on the Executive Recommended 2017 SWM Budget
- CWDAB draft letter to Snohomish County Council
- CWDAB Savvy Septic funding letter to SWM 8-22-16

Subcommittee reports

Stillaguamish Watershed Council (SWC): No report.

Lakes: Miriam Lancaster reported that three lakes within the CWD are currently listed to have Toxic Algae: Armstrong, Howard, and Loma. Loma is newly listed. Miriam also reported that information can be found online for each lake at <http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/1109/Information-on-Your-Lake>.

Snohomish-Stillaguamish Local Integrating Organization (LIO): Bob Landles reported that he attended the last meeting on October 6, 2016. The meeting celebrated the completion of the LIO draft Ecosystem Recovery Plan. The members of the LIO then focused on how to use the \$100,000 for regional NTA implementation. The LIO was presented with High Priority and Medium Priority Project proposals and discussed whether to use the \$100,000 to fund multiple projects under \$100,000, one project at \$100,000 or a project greater than \$100,000 with the intention of funding the project in phases. In conclusion, the LIO decided to wait until the November 15th meeting to choose an NTA, by which time the Puget Sound Partnership will have selected the projects it will be funding. This way, the LIO will not select an NTA for funding which the Puget Sound Partnership may also choose. The LIO agreed to get additional information from NTA proposal applicants off of the High Priority list, and select a High Priority project which the Puget Sound Partnership does not fund at the November 15th meeting. Max suggested to Bob that the LIO consider funding of Savvy Septic as part of the "Financing Options for Healthy Onsite Sewage Systems" NTA, scored high on the LIO ratings. Bob shared the [LIO website](#). Once on the LIO website, click on LIO Current Priorities: the LIO Action Agenda page comes up: scroll to the bottom of the page, click on [Final Draft Ecosystem Recovery Plan](#), for the LIO's just completed 5 year Stillaguamish Recovery Plan (62 page pdf).

Shellfish Protection: Elisa Dawson reported on updates to the Clean Water District webpage and interactive map. Elisa displayed the CWD website to the Board, noting new additions to the website including adding links to the Discretionary Fund in order to make the information more accessible. She then brought up the Interactive Map for the CWD and presented new additions to the map including the new LiDAR layer, new symbology for projects, and the addition of the PIC Boundary to the map. She solicited the Board for any feedback or suggestions they may have. Miriam Lancaster asked if impaired lakes were represented along

with rivers under listed impaired water bodies. Elisa showed the CWD that the lakes listed under impaired water bodies are represented on the map.

Finance: Max Albert presented the 2017 SWM Projects in the CWD Based on the Executive Recommended 2017 SWM Budget. Max led the Board through the spreadsheet, pointing out specific projects related to the CWD. He noted that the septic Loan Grant Program (aka Savvy Septic) was left blank in the CWD. The Shellfish Protection Program was given the \$145,000 recommended by the Board. He also noted that some Lakes programs have more funding than last year, and others have less. Overall, the total Lakes budget has gone down from last year. It was noted that this was probably because of grants which have run out.

Discretionary Fund: Max Albert reported that there have been no new applications to the Discretionary Fund. Elisa Dawson reported that the Shelton Heavy Use Area and Waste Storage and Feller-Thoms Manure Pile Clean-up proposals which have been recommended by the Board are pending SWM Director approval.

Lower Stillaguamish Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Advisory Committee: Dale Shelton reported that there will be a Puget Sound Regional PIC Workshop on December 7, 2016. The meeting will be located at the Skagit Valley College in Mount Vernon from 10AM- 2:30PM. It has been a year since the last Puget Sound Regional PIC Workshop. Topics at this workshop will include new and evolving science and technologies, effective outreach strategies, and ways to gain voluntary compliance with regulatory backstops when voluntary compliance can't be reached.

SWM 2017 proposed budget and work program

Gregg Farris reported on the 2017 SWM Projects in the CWD Based on the Executive Recommended 2017 SWM Budget. Gregg went through the Budget with the Board, pointing out specific points of interest. He noted that within the Program Planning – Program 112, Shellfish Protection and the Snohomish Health District were allocated the funding recommended by the Board. Another point of Interest was SWM Project “Puget Sound Initiative,” a new project for 2017, which will focus on restoration of the Puget Sound which Executive Dave Somers is focusing. Gregg also noted 12 projects which are funded with the River Fund Balance within the CWD, as well as 5 projects that are funded with REET II revenues. Miriam Lancaster asked for clarification on several of the Resource Monitoring – Program 114 budgets, which Gregg addressed. There were no further questions.

Finalize CWDAB 2016 recommendations letter to Snohomish County Council

The Board's 2016 recommendations letter to the Snohomish County Council was drafted by the letter writing subcommittee, comprised of Max Albert, Steve Van Valkenburg, Ray Brown, Miriam Lancaster, Bob Landles and Dale Shelton. The Board reviewed the draft letter from the letter writing subcommittee. Miriam presented a new Lakes paragraph to the Board. Bob Landles suggested adding a sentence on Shellfish Protection, commending SWM for budgeting the \$145,000 for Shellfish Protection as the Board recommended. The Board agreed to add this into the letter. The letter was edited and finalized by the Board. Max Albert moved to approve the letter with all changes and additions. Bob Landles seconded the motion. **The CWDAB 2016 recommendations letter to Snohomish County Council was approved.** The letter will be sent to the CWDAB Chair and Vice Chair for signature. The signed letter will then be sent to County Council. The Council desk secretary will date stamp the letter and provide a copy for SWM to scan.

Meeting review, new business, and public comment

Elisa Dawson reported that the annual Board and Commission Appreciation Event will be December 6, 2016 from 6:00PM-8:00PM.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 17, 2016, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church, Fireside Room.

This meeting summary was prepared by 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>.