



# CLEAN WATER COMMISSION

For the Department of Environmental Services

## Regular Meeting Summary

**Wednesday, January 8, 2014**

**6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

**Public Service Center, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room  
1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver**

**Members Present:** Jim Carlson, Nancy Olmsted, Susan Rasmussen, Art Stubbs, Virginia van Breemen

**Members Absent:** David Morgan, Brian Peck

**Staff Present:** Earl Rowell, Bobbi Trusty

**Partner Agency Staff Present:** Kelly Uhacz, City of Battle Ground

**Public Present:** None

**I ROLL CALL**

The November 6, 2013 meeting summary was approved as submitted.

**II PUBLIC COMMENT – feedback**

The commissioners asked Mr. Uhacz questions about the significant wetland areas and stormwater drainage challenges within the city. Mr. Uhacz stated that he has been with the program just a short time but he does know that the storm systems drain to Mill Creek or Salmon Creek.

**III Clean Water Commission – Communications with the Public**

Ms. Olmsted reminded the commission of their commitment to collaborate with Clark County's Art Commission. The arts commission would like to promote stormwater art, and could be a strong partner with the stormwater multi use concept the commission is striving for. As the primary contact for the commission's effort with the arts commission, Ms. Olmsted would like to ensure a smooth hand off. It was agreed that Mr. Stubbs will become the new liaison with the arts commission.

Ms. Rasmussen received multiple phone calls from concerned citizens after the article came out regarding Don Benton and Ann Rivers. Commissioners discussed that newspaper and media attention for the county does not have anything to do with the charge of the commission. As commissioners, we can empathize with the comments from the citizens, but then need to redirect them to focus on what is important to the Clean Water Program.

**IV SAC/TAC Updates – *Clark County is updating the municipal code and stormwater design manual to comply with the Washington's NPDES Phase 1 Municipal Stormwater Permit. Public education and involvement is part of this effort, thus, the county created two public advisory committees: The Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) will ensure the interest and needs of the community are met and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will determine what stormwater management methods are feasible and reasonable to regulate.***



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**SAC** – Mr. Carlson reported that Clark County is trying to create one manual that is easier to understand than the multiple sources that currently need to be used.

**TAC** – Ms. Olmsted said that the group has a big job to do. The county and consultant are going through the manual chapter by chapter, looking at specific BMP's and reviewing what level of detail should be listed in the manual.

With Ms. Olmsted's departure, Mr. Carlson will become the commission representative at the TAC meetings. Mr. Stubbs, Ms. Rasmussen and Ms. Van Breemen will attend the next SAC meeting and one of them will become the new representative.

### V GENERAL BUSINESS

#### Stormwater Association Multiuse Projects (SWAMP)

Mr. Carlson described his concept idea of the SWAMP regional system and shared a draft letter he wrote to potential advisors / stakeholders. The commission discussed that a coalition of partners would help identify barriers to make this concept successful. This is an opportunity to change policy and save money. Mr. Carlson suggested that they start working with the county's Planning Commission, create a Survey Monkey tool and set up meetings with stakeholders. The meetings and survey will be structured to glean information to find out what the barriers are and what the opportunities are to remove the barriers (i.e. share the SWAMP concept with and solicit comments from the Planning Commission, and others). Mr. Carlson is interested in taking recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) by November 2014.

#### Start 2013 Annual Report outline

Mr. Rowell reminded the commission that they need to start their annual report. Mr. Carlson would like to review a draft report and spend some time getting input from the group at the next meeting. He said the commission will need to have it ready for approval at the May meeting. The commissioners present agreed they would like to have a work session with the BOCC by the end of May.

### VI PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

#### Potential Grants

Mr. Rowell provided two grant presentations and staff reports for the commission to consider for their concept of the Multiuse Regional Stormwater Facilities. The staff report provides guidance to the commissioners on what needs to be completed in order for grants to be applied for. Mr. Rowell recommends the commissioners finish their research and decide on a scope of work.

#### **MOTION 2014-01**

Mr. Stubbs asked the commission to accept and implement the staff reports as presented. Ms. Van Breemen seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed.

### VII PUBLIC COMMENT – feedback

None

### VIII ADJOURN – 08:25 PM

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