



CLEAN WATER COMMISSION

For the Department of Environmental Services

Meeting Summary
Wednesday, March 4, 2015
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Public Service Center, 6th Floor Training Room
1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver

Members Present: Jim Carlson, Rob McKinney, David Meyer, Susan Rasmussen, Dick Rylander, Gary Schaeffer, Virginia van Breemen,

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Earl Rowell, Bobbi Trusty, Chris Clifford

Partner Agency Staff Present: None

Public Present: Art Stubbs, NACCC

I ROLL CALL

The January 7, 2015 meeting summary was approved as submitted

II. PUBLIC COMMENT (4:48)

None

Virginia van Breemen discussed the length of her service, was prepared to step down, then decided against it and agreed to continue serving her community.

III. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

Debrief 2014 CC Clean Water Commission Annual Report (11:42)

Mr. Rylander and Ms. Rasmussen attended the meeting with the Board of County Councilors and the Acting County Manager regarding the commissions Annual Report. The councilors would like the commission to focus on some additional tasks in 2015:

- come up with one or two projects to apply for the upcoming available grant funding from the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board
- create collaboration with other groups like the Parks Advisory Board and other commissions to work towards common goals like removing fences from stormwater facilities to create amenities with trails and educational signs
- to have project status and clear information available on the county web site
- recruit volunteer groups to help implement new projects and help with maintenance and design (i.e.
- go on field trips to stormwater facilities to gain a better understanding of how to design them to be public friendly
- review the relevancy of the responsibilities of the commission as defined in 13.30A.040.



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Mr. Rylander encouraged the group to put their thinking caps on and come up with ideas for implementing the goals that were defined by the councilors.

13.30A.040 CWC Responsibilities (37:45)

Mr. Rylander reviewed page 6 from the Annual Report, Opportunities and asked the commission to consider if the code still effectively provides for the core responsibilities. The commissioners discussed member responsibilities and expectations and concluded that is covered in the bylaws.

Take Away Action: Mr. Rowell will send page 6 in Word format out to the commission. In two to four weeks please email your ideas on any updates, corrections to the ordinance to Mr. Rylander to incorporate.

Mr. Rylander confirmed that interviews were completed for two vacant commissioner positions.

CWP Polluter Fee Report Status (1:02:55)

Mr. Clifford shared a presentation regarding the fee study and explained there will be two parts to the study. The first report is an internal study to confirm that the fee as it stands today is fair and equitable. The second part addresses reviewing potential fee increases that might be necessary to sustain the department and pay for any new requirements in the upcoming permits. The second report will require public input. The Clean Water Commission Funding Task Force will work with Mr. Clifford to get the report ready for the councilor's consideration. The report is due to the councilors in July, to keep the 2014 approved fee increase from sun setting.

Special Project Working Group (1:38:03)

SWAMP (1:38:24)

Mr. Carlson discussed the meetings he had with Ridgefield and Battle Ground. He shared how Clark County is unique because the cities do not have to follow the same rules as the county as they are not Phase I Permittees. Mr. Carlson is finding that a good mutual partner would be Washington State Department of Transportation; they intersect with both rural county and city. Partnering to make multi use areas instead of multiple stormwater jails would be beneficial. The commission discussed the difference between NPDES Phase I and Phase II Permittees.

NPDES Permit: TAC Update (1:51:28)

Mr. Meyer attended the January 28, 2015 meeting and a bulk of the meeting reviewed the design manual and policy issues, and how standards should be applied across the county. The county is exploring the legal implications of that application.

2013 – 2018 NPDES PERMIT Review – (1:54:26)

Discussion tabled due to lack of time

Review appointment process for commissioners (1:54:34)

Mr. Rowell reviewed that the process changed on how members of commissions are appointed or re-appointed with the change to the Home Rule Charter. Members are now appointed by the County Manager.



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IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (1:55:50)

None

Ms. Rasmussen thanked Mr. Rylander for presenting the Annual Report.

V. ADJOURN – 08:30 PM

Summary provided by: Bobbi Trusty / 360-397-2121 x 5268

For more detailed information, an audio recording for this meeting is available through the county website at:
<http://www.clark.wa.gov/environment/stormwater/management/commission.html>