



CLEAN WATER COMMISSION

For the Department of Environmental Services

Regular Meeting Summary
Wednesday, November 6, 2013
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Public Service Center, 6th Floor Training Room
1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver

Members Present: Jim Carlson, David Morgan, Nancy Olmsted, Brian Peck, Virginia van Breemen

Members Absent: Troy Maxcy, Don Moe, Art Stubbs

Staff Present: Earl Rowell, Bobbi Trusty, Ron Wierenga

Partner Agency Staff Present: None

Public Present: None

I ROLL CALL

The September 4, 2013 meeting summary was approved as submitted

II PUBLIC COMMENT – feedback

None

III Clean Water Commission – Communications with the Public

Mr. Morgan was involved in a discussion regarding the Ridgefield Elementary stormwater retrofit. The public is concerned about the size of the pond as it is taking away playground space. Mr. Wierenga said that the city of Ridgefield is not a NPDES Permittee and so it could be that they are correcting an infrastructure problem.

Mr. Carlson helped Mr. Stephenson, who was having a problem with water from a new housing development washing out his driveway in the Ridgefield area. Mr. Carlson was surprised that he could not find a stormwater conveyance or retention pond within the subdivision. The commissioners discussed how the city of Ridgefield is not covered by a municipal stormwater permit, but there are other regulations within the development codes they still have a duty to protect public health and property.

IV SAC/TAC updates

SAC – Mr. Wierenga reviewed the NPDES Stormwater Update FAQ. Attendance is low for now, but more detailed information is coming.

TAC – Ms. Olmsted said that the group is very participatory and well attended. The group is making progress on reviewing and updating the codes, specifically condensing the county's Stormwater Manual to be more useful to design engineers. A consultant put together the Low Impact Development (LID) barriers analysis for Clark County. This process is helping to identify the barriers as well as clarify what developers will be able to do. Mr. Wierenga gave examples of how this process will help to streamline development and eliminate conflict in the current code. The



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commissioners discussed ways of educating the public and helping them to navigate the new code. Through the SAC and the TAC committees, the county is trying to collect information. The county has to submit a draft of the code update and design manual to the Washington State Department of Ecology by July 1, 2014.

V PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

EPA Audit Discussion

Mr. Wierenga gave an overview of the audit by the EPA that occurred in September. The audit team spent four days between office and field visits and they focused on construction inspection, pollution source control, operations and maintenance, and Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) programs. The field visits consisted of a number of businesses, industrial sites and stormwater facilities. Mr. Wierenga said that he expects a range of recommendations or findings once the EPA report is released.

Project Plan for the Pilot Multiuse Regional Stormwater Facility Concept

Mr. Rowell questioned the intent of the direction given by the Board of County Commissioners. It is unclear if the Board wants a description of the process or a project built. The commissioners discussed that they were asked to develop a multi-use regional facility concept with stakeholders like state, county and local businesses. Mr. Carlson said that it is important to get all stakeholders involved in the process. The commissioners agreed to meet off site to discuss the process, philosophy, funding and the benefits to the community on December 4, 2013, 6:30 PM.

VI GENERAL BUSINESS

Replacement of Commissioners

Ms. Olmsted suggested that commissioners utilize a "common courtesy clause" when they are not going to show up for a meeting or are going to resign from the commission they need to notify the Chair of the commission and/or the Board of County Commissioners.

Motion 2013-08

Mr. Carlson moves that a common courtesy clause be put in the bylaws. The clause requires a commissioner to notify the Chair and/or county staff if he or she will not be present or is considering resignation. It was seconded by Mr. Morgan. All were in favor. Motion passed

Nominate and Elect 2014 Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Carlson is nominated for Chair.

Mr. Morgan is nominated for Vice Chair.

Paper election forms were passed around and all present voted. The 2014 Chair and Vice Chair are Mr. Carlson and Mr. Morgan

VII PUBLIC COMMENT – feedback

None

VIII ADJOURN – 08:30 PM

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