

# Stillaguamish River Clean Water District Advisory Board

## BOARD MEMBERS

*Single Family-North  
Fork Stillaguamish*  
Dale Shelton

*Single Family-South  
Fork Stillaguamish*  
Vacant

*Single Family-Main  
Stem Stillaguamish*  
Ray Brown

*Single Family-Lakes*  
Vacant

*Single Family-UGA*  
Vacant

*Single Family-At-Large*  
Herm van Lier

*Single Family-At-Large*  
Dave Ridgeway

*Single Family-At-Large*  
Christine Betchley

*Farm Rate Payer*  
John Connolly

*Retail, Industrial, Other  
Rate Payer*  
Kelly Wynn

*Stillaguamish Flood  
Control District*  
Max Albert

*Snohomish  
Conservation  
District*  
Steve Van Valkenburg  
(Chair)

*Snohomish Health  
District*  
Rich Ollivier

*Wash. Department of  
Ecology*  
Vacant by agency choice

*Wash. Department of  
Fish and Wildlife*  
Vacant by agency choice

*Stillaguamish  
Tribe*  
Gina Gray

*Tulalip Tribes*  
Vacant by agency choice

*Surface Water  
Management Staff*  
Sean Edwards

## Meeting Summary – FINAL Thursday, January 23, 2014 5:30 – 7:30 PM Peace Lutheran Church, Silvana

### Attendance

Board Members Present: Max Albert, Christine Betchley, Ray Brown, Gina Gray, Rich Ollivier, Dave Ridgeway, Dale Shelton, Herm van Lier, Steve Van Valkenburg, Kelly Wynn

Board Members Excused: John Connolly

SWM Staff: Sean Edwards, Gregg Farris, Michael Sheehan

Guests: Kevin Hushagen, Brett de Vries

### Welcome, introductions, agenda review, and meeting summary

Clean Water District Advisory Board (CWDAB) Chair Steve Van Valkenburg opened the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Sean Edwards provided hard copy packets including the following materials:

- CWDAB 1/23/14 Preliminary Meeting Agenda
- CWDAB 11/21/13 Meeting Summary - DRAFT
- SWM Service Charges in CWD 2007-2014
- Title 25A Snohomish County Code (SCC)
- CWD Discretionary Fund 2013 Year-End Report – DRAFT
- Lower Stillaguamish PIC Program Advisory Committee 1/14/14 Meeting Agenda – DRAFT
- Lower Stillaguamish PIC Status Report 1/14/14
- 2014 Motion for CWDAB Reappointments by Snohomish County Council 1/16/14
- CWDAB Recruitment Advertisement for Stanwood-Camano News and Arlington Times
- 2014 SWM Projects Receiving CWD Revenues - Council Approved Budget 1/13/14
- CWDAB 2014 Schedule – DRAFT 1/3/14

Sean provided the 11/21/13 draft meeting summary for review by the Board. Max Albert reported that he was unable to attend the public hearing regarding the 2014 budget as originally planned and authorized by the CWDAB. **The meeting summary was approved as written.**

### Subcommittee Reports

#### **Finance:**

Max Albert reported that the Finance Subcommittee will be meeting on January 30, 2014 with Snohomish County Council Members Dave Somers and Brian Sullivan to discuss adjusting the ratio of RCW 90.72 (shellfish protection) and RCW 36.89 (stormwater) funding for the CWD. Max explained the handout, "SWM Service Charges in CWD 2007-2014" that will be the basis of the planned discussion.

Max also introduced the latest version of Title 25A SCC that implements Ordinance 13-009.

#### **Discretionary Fund:**

Sean reported that SWM staff did not receive any new DF grant applications prior to this meeting.

Sean presented the draft CWD Discretionary Fund 2013 Year-End Report and opened the floor to discussion. Max had questions in regard to SWM's usage of the terms, "Revenue" and "Fund Balance" as related to categories within the report between different tables. Sean stated that SWM staff would offer clarification on the subject by the next CWDAB meeting and that the Finance Subcommittee would be emailed such clarification in advance of the meeting.

#### **Shellfish Protection:**

Sean provided copies of the draft Lower Stillaguamish PIC Program Advisory Committee 1/14/14 meeting agenda and Lower Stillaguamish PIC Status Report of 1/14/14. Sean invited the CWDAB to consider participating in and seeking representation on the PIC Advisory Committee.

### **Stillaguamish Watershed Council:**

Gina Gray reported that she attended the Stillaguamish Watershed Council meeting on 1/22/14, which featured a presentation on Monitoring and Adaptive Management (M & AM) that is intended to create a consistent framework across watersheds.

Gina also announced a change to the procedure for awarding SRFB grants going forward. Rather than the Washington State Legislature allocating a set dollar figure for distribution by the SRFB, now all projects are to be presented in a list for funding ahead of any allocation. This will effectively tighten deadlines for full development of project proposals, instead of providing the usual amount of time project proponents are accustomed to in assembling all project details.

Gina reported that Mike Crewson gave a Salish Sea Marine Survival Project presentation at the SWC meeting. Due to the complexity of the subject matter, she encouraged the CWDAB and attendees to use an internet search to locate and view the entire presentation online, rather than have her attempt to paraphrase the topics he covered.

### **Status of CWDAB Reappointments and Recruitment**

Sean provided copies of a motion prepared by SWM staff that is being routed to Snohomish County Council for confirmation of the reappointments of Dale Shelton, Herm van Lier, Dave Ridgeway, Max Albert, Steve Van Valkenburg, and Ragina (Gina) Gray to the CWDAB.

Sean also provided copies of a recruitment advertisement that is to run in the Stanwood-Camano News and the Arlington Times for two weeks in February, 2014. Sean requested the board members to help recruit new members to fill the vacant single family ratepayer positions through word-of-mouth and personal contacts because direct recruitment has been the most effective method of finding good candidates.

### **Snohomish County 2014 Council Approved Budget**

Sean provided copies of the 2014 Snohomish County Council approved budget for the CWDAB to review. Sean and Gregg Farris opened the floor to questions.

Max questioned the usage of the term, "fund balance" in project WO535 (SCD Farm Outreach). Max asserted that there should be additional money designated as "fund balance" and that it appeared to be an inaccurate depiction of unspent money from previous budgets. Gregg stated his belief that the budget does not fully depict all fund balances.

Max also asked about project WO442 (NPDES), but before the question was fully articulated, Herm van Lier suggested that the Finance Subcommittee undertake a review of the budget and compile a list of questions in need of clarification. The Chair agreed to postpone any further questions until the subcommittee had completed its review.

### **CWD Fee Assessment for Snohomish County Park Properties**

Sean reported that SWM staff were not able to obtain the information requested from the Assessor's Office in time to address this agenda topic at this meeting. Kelly Wynn made a motion to postpone this item to the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion was seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Review and Adopt 2014 CWDAB Schedule and Focus Topics**

Sean provided copies of a proposed schedule for 2014 CWDAB meetings, along with focus topics. After review, discussion ensued. The following additions were made to specific meeting agendas:

- The Snohomish County Park Properties Fee Assessment topic was added to the February 27<sup>th</sup> agenda.
- A report by SWM Management on the Service District Reassessment Study was added to the June 26<sup>th</sup> agenda.
- A report on the progress of the Lake Ketchum Algae Control project was added to the September 25<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Kelly motioned that the schedule be adopted as amended. The motion was seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Meeting Review, New Business, and Public Comment**

Max noted proposed changes to Title 25A SCC that he did not point out in his report earlier in the meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn, and motion was seconded. **Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.**

**Next meeting:** Thursday, February 27, 2014, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall.

This meeting summary was prepared by Michael Sheehan and Sean Edwards. Please direct any questions or comments to Sean Edwards at 425-388-3024 or [sean.edwards@snoco.org](mailto:sean.edwards@snoco.org). More information about the CWD is also available at <http://cwd.surfacewater.info>.