

Stillaguamish River Clean Water District Advisory Board

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Sean Edwards

Meeting Summary – Final Thursday, February 27, 2014 5:30 – 7:30 PM Peace Lutheran Church, Silvana

Attendance

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

Board Members Excused: Gina Gray

SWM Staff: Sean Edwards, Mike McGuinness, Debbie Terwilliger

Guests: Bill Best, Brett de Vries

Welcome, introductions, agenda review, and meeting summary

Clean Water District Advisory Board (CWDAB) Chair Steve Van Valkenburg opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Sean Edwards provided hard copy packets including the following materials:

- CWDAB 2/27/14 Preliminary Meeting Agenda
- CWDAB 1/23/14 Meeting Summary - DRAFT
- CWDAB By-laws Updated June 28, 2012
- Email from Lisa Dulude announcing Ecology's acceptance of Centennial Grant application for the Snohomish County Clean Water Loan and Grant Program
- Surface Water Management 2013 Highlights and 2014 Work Program Report to the Stillaguamish CWD
- SWM 2013 Highlights and 2014 New Initiatives for the Stillaguamish Clean Water District (PowerPoint)
- Spreadsheet listing the 2014 SWM Projects Receiving CWD Revenues Based on Council Approved 2014 SWM Budget (Revised 1/13/2014)
- Email from Mike McGuinness explaining the spreadsheet summary of 2014 CWD SWM Service Charges for County Park Parcels in the Stillaguamish Clean Water District
- Spreadsheet listing the 2014 CWD SWM Service Charges for County Park Parcels in the Stillaguamish Clean Water District
- Email from Mike McGuinness providing status update on the 2014 annual scope of work for Snohomish County's interlocal agreement with the Snohomish Conservation District

The 1/23/14 draft meeting summary was approved as written.

Subcommittee Reports

Finance:

Max reported that the Finance Subcommittee met with Snohomish County Council Members Dave Somers and Terry Ryan to discuss adjusting the ratio of RCW 90.72 (shellfish protection) and RCW 36.89 (stormwater) funding for the CWD. Steve also met with Councilman Ken Klein. A meeting with Council Members Stephanie Wright and Brian Sullivan is scheduled for March 14th. The Finance Subcommittee is waiting for information from SWM regarding projected revenues if a code amendment is passed to adjust the 90.72/36.89 ratios.

Discretionary Fund:

Sean reported that SWM staff did not receive any new DF grant applications prior to this meeting, but that several DF grant applications are reportedly in development for the 2nd Quarter deadline of April 1st. He also noted that he was scheduled to promote the DF Grant Program at the Septic Issues Committee meeting the next morning at the Snohomish Health District.

Sean explained several corrections to the draft CWD Discretionary Fund 2013 Year-End Report, which was presented at the last meeting. The Snohomish Conservation District's DF budget allocation and payment of \$16,536.80 for 2013 were not accounted for in Sean's DF Projects List spreadsheet. SCD's 1st Quarter billing for DF reimbursement was also incorrectly charged to WO535 (Farm Services) rather than WO539 (DF). The 1st Quarter billing error is being corrected for 2013 year end expenditures.

Steve clarified that SCD's 2013 DF budget allocation was a carryover of unspent funds from a couple years ago, which were originally recommended by the CWDAB for SCD to help horse stable owners pay for disposal of large horse manure piles. SCD was not able to find any commercial horse stable owners to cooperate on this issue. So SCD shifted its effort to smaller recreational horse owners who have been much more cooperative. SCD also used some of the DF money to purchase the manure spreader, which is now available to livestock owners in the CWD. Max and other Board Members observed that the lack of voluntary compliance by commercial horse stable owners highlights the need for Snohomish County and other regulatory agencies to have a better referral and compliance process, which is currently being developed through the Lower Stillaguamish PIC Program.

Staff note: The corrected total amount disbursed to DF grant recipients in 2013 was \$172,510.36. The remaining unspent DF 2013 budget of \$81,293.64 will be available in the future as unallocated fund balance. The Council-approved 2014 DF budget is \$146,702. However, \$1,916.79 has already been billed to the 2014 DF budget for final payment to Sound Salmon Solutions for the Be the Solution Phase II project and \$40,000 is encumbered for the Lake Ketchum Algae Control Project. That leaves \$104,785.21 available for new DF projects in 2014.

Shellfish Protection:

Sean reported that the Washington Department of Ecology accepted the Centennial Grant application for the Snohomish County Clean Water Loan and Grant Program. In 2014 the County will begin developing the new loan and grant program for on-site septic system repairs within all three of the SWM watershed management areas. The new program will be launched in 2015. It was noted that the Board will need to coordinate with SWM on how to align the Discretionary Fund Grant Program with the new county-wide loan and grant program for septic system repairs.

Sean also provided an update on the Lower Stillaguamish Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Program. The water quality monitoring plan, referral and compliance process flowchart, and outreach strategy are all under development. The monitoring plan is a couple weeks behind schedule and the outreach strategy is about four weeks behind schedule. The referral and compliance flowchart is targeted for completion by the end of March.

Sean also reported that he was expecting to soon receive the final "letter health consultation" from Toxicologist Amy Leang at the Washington Department of Health on their human health risk interpretation of the chemical contaminant data from the Warm Beach Mussel Watch Pilot Expansion Project sample site. WDOH's preliminary finding was that the chemical contaminants detected in the mussel sample posed no threat to human health, but this cannot be extrapolated to clams. As such, Sean is planning to work with Amy and SWM's shellfish protection intern this summer to collect and analyze a softshell clam sample from Warm Beach.

Stillaguamish Watershed Council:

The February SWC meeting was cancelled, so there was nothing to report.

Review and Update CWD Advisory Board Bylaws

Chris proposed several changes to the bylaws, including the extension of courtesy and respect by CWDAB Members to staff and visitors. Steve requested that Chris and anyone else email their proposed changes to Sean within two weeks. **The Board appointed Max, Herm, and Steve to serve on a special committee to assemble and review any proposed changes to the bylaws for action at the next Board meeting.**

SWM 2013 Accomplishments and 2014 Work Plan

Debbie presented a PowerPoint overview of SWM's 26-page 2013 Accomplishments and 2014 Work Plan report to the CWDAB. Hard copies of the report and the spreadsheet of 2014 SWM Projects Receiving CWD Revenues Based on Council Approved 2014 SWM Budget were provided in the meeting packets. Debbie's presentation addressed the following topics:

- Comparison between 2013 and 2014 Budgets
- Status Updates
 - NPDES credit effects on revenue
 - Service District Reassessment Study
 - Sustainable Lands Strategy
- 2013 Highlights

- 2014 New Initiatives

Debbie has scheduled two workshops with the Snohomish County Council in March/April to discuss various policy options in relation to the SWM Service District Reassessment Study proposal for draft code changes that SWM will make to Council in June. The next Council workshop is scheduled for March 18th. Debbie wants to get feedback from the Council and then meet with the CWDAB Finance Subcommittee to discuss these policy options sometime in the next 1 – 2 months. **Debbie agreed to give the March 18th Council briefing materials to Max before that meeting.** Max, John, and Herm agreed that they would like to meet with Debbie before April 1st.

For the Sustainable Lands Strategy update Debbie noted that The Nature Conservancy was successful in lobbying the Washington State Legislature for appropriation of \$4.3M for the Stillaguamish Tribe to administer for evaluating the feasibility of six projects in the Lower Stillaguamish floodplain and estuary and construction of the Gold Basin landslide stabilization project. Max expressed concern about using so much of the appropriation for feasibility studies, including ~\$200K for the DD7 sea dike improvement, which he thinks would be better spent on construction work for much-needed repairs. **Debbie agreed to revisit the DD7 project scope with Max.**

CWD Fee Assessment for Snohomish County Park Properties

Debbie referred to the spreadsheet provided in the meeting packets, which listed all of the Snohomish County Parks Department parcels within the CWD and the 2014 SWM fee calculated for each of those parcels. Bill expressed his satisfaction that errors in an earlier version of the spreadsheet had been corrected. He requested that a column be added showing the actual amount billed for each parcel in 2013. Bill also expressed concern about SWM's calculation of percent impervious surface for the Whitehorse Trail parcels.

At 7:30 p.m. Max moved to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. It was seconded by Chris and approved unanimously.

Snohomish Conservation District Contract

Mike reported that the draft scope of work for the 2014 farm services agreement with the Snohomish Conservation District is almost finished and it will hopefully be approved by Council by the end of May. Hard copies of an email status update for the 2014 scope of work was provided in the meeting packet. The total amount of the 2014 contract is \$323,629.

Snohomish Health District Contract

Sean reported that he met with Randy Darst, Kevin Plemel, and Rich Ollivier at the Snohomish Health District on 2/13/14 to discuss the draft scope of work for the 2014 sanitarian services agreement for the CWD. The 2014 scope will maintain SHD's involvement with the CWDAB, but it will not include any new initiatives because SHD does not have the budget nor staffing capacity to do anything more. Sean reminded the CWDAB that SHD's priorities are set by Public Health Officer Gary Goldbaum and the SHD Board of Health, which includes all five Snohomish County Council Members. Max and Steve noted that they have addressed this issue in their recent meetings with Snohomish County Council Members.

Meeting Review, New Business, and Public Comment

The Snohomish County Council sent reappointment confirmation letters to the following CWDAB Members: Dale Shelton, Herm van Lier, Dave Ridgeway, Max Albert, Steve Van Valkenburg, and Gina Gray.

Dale Shelton was unanimously approved to represent the CWDAB on the Lower Stillaguamish PIC Advisory Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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

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