

Stillaguamish River Clean Water District Advisory Board

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

Attendance

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

Board Members Excused: Herm van Lier

SWM Staff: Sean Edwards, Debbie Terwilliger

Guests: Brett de Vries, Miriam Lancaster, Bobbi Lindemulder, Emmett Wild

Welcome, introductions, agenda review, and meeting summary

Clean Water District Advisory Board (CWDAB) Vice Chair Gina Gray opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m. with a moment of silence for the people affected by the landslide near Oso on SR530.

Sean Edwards provided hard copy packets including the following materials:

- CWDAB 3/27/14 Preliminary Meeting Agenda
- CWDAB 2/27/14 Meeting Summary – DRAFT
- CWD Discretionary Fund Grant Program 2013 Year-End Report – DRAFT #3
- Washington Department of Health Evaluation of Environmental Monitoring Data from Mussels (Warm Beach)
- CWDAB By-laws Proposed Changes from Chris Betchley
- Spreadsheet listing the 2013 CWD Year End Fund Balance Summary, CWD Revenue Summary, and CWD Budget and Expenditures Summary (3/26/14)
- Spreadsheet listing the SWM 2013 Budget versus Actuals for Programs and Projects in the Stillaguamish Clean Water District

The 2/27/14 draft meeting summary was approved with one correction pertaining to Gina Gray being excused from that meeting rather than present.

Debbie noted that the 3/18/14 Snohomish County Council workshop referenced in the 2/27/14 CWDAB meeting summary was cut short. SWM will be providing reports at Council's Public Works Committee meetings beginning 4/1/14 at 9 a.m. SWM is seeking direction from Council for a proposed ordinance that will address the SWM service area, rate structure, etc. The next Public Works Committee meeting will be on 4/15/14. **Debbie would like to meet with the CWDAB Finance Subcommittee after 4/15/14, which Sean agreed to schedule at Debbie's request.**

Subcommittee Reports

Finance:

John reported that the Finance Subcommittee met with Snohomish County Councilman Brian Sullivan on 3/15/14 to discuss the CWDAB's recommended change to Snohomish County Code Title 25A regarding the percentage split between CWD fees collected under RCW 36.89 (stormwater) and RCW 90.72 (shellfish protection). Max also attended the 3/18/14 Public Works Committee workshop. At Councilman Ken Klein's request, Max and Steve had a follow up meeting with the Councilman.

Discretionary Fund:

Max reported that SWM Planner Michael Sheehan is scheduling the next DF Subcommittee meeting. Sean noted that there may be two DF grant applications for on-site septic system repair projects and one application for an education and outreach project by the April 1st deadline for the 2nd Quarter of 2014. Sean also noted that the revised draft of the 2013 year-end report was reviewed and verified as correct by SWM Financial Services Supervisor Dawn Martinez.

Shellfish Protection:

Sean provided an update on the Lower Stillaguamish Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Program with a focus on the ten water quality monitoring sites that will be sampled by Snohomish County and additional sites in the Miller Creek drainage area that will be sampled by the Washington State Department of Agriculture's Dairy Nutrient Management Program.

Stillaguamish Watershed Council:

Gina reported that the 3/26/14 SWC meeting focused on the Oso Slide with a good discussion with SWM Director Debbie Terwilliger and Bob Aldrich about the long term environmental and salmon recovery impacts due to sediment and possibly toxic chemicals.

Sean noted that he had contacted Franchesca Perez at the Stillaguamish Tribe and the Washington Department of Health (WDOH) regarding marine water quality sampling in the Port Susan and South Skagit Bay commercial shellfish growing areas. Franny sampled Port Susan on 3/26/14 and WDOH is scheduled to sample South Skagit Bay on 4/7/14.

Debbie noted that SWM has some resources to study the environmental impact of the Oso Slide. SWM is helping with damage assessment and documenting the new configuration of the river channel. SWM will need to follow up with the CWDAB after the rescue/recovery effort is complete to discuss budget implications of the slide.

Snohomish Conservation District 2013 Accomplishments and 2014 Work Plan

Bobbi Lindemulder presented a PowerPoint overview of SCD's 11-page 2013 Report of Accomplishments per the SCD contract with Snohomish County. Bobbi provided hard copies of the report and the PowerPoint presentation. Bobbi's presentation addressed the following topics:

- Comparison of 2013 work requirements and actual work accomplished in the CWD.
- Review of 2013 CWD work plan for site visits and technical assistance to landowners.
- 2013 cost-share using \$16,536.80 of the Discretionary Fund for fencing, riparian planting, removal of invasive species, waste storage slab, and gutters.
- Examples with photos of cost-share projects completed in the CWD.
- Information and education activities conducted in the CWD.
- Media and public recognition activities in the CWD.
- 2013 planning issues.
- 2014 priorities for the CWD work program:
 - New Washington Department of Ecology grants – Church Creek Riparian Restoration and Skagit Flats Riparian and BMP Implementation
 - Sound Horse Keeping
 - Clarifying roles between Snohomish County, WDOE, and SCD
 - Lower Stillaguamish PIC Program
 - Education (workshops, farm tours, outreach, and youth)
 - Continued acknowledgement of CWD funding

Evaluation of toxic chemicals in local shellfish: Mussel Watch Pilot Expansion Project data from Warm Beach

Sean noted that the meeting packet included the final "letter health consultation" from Toxicologist Amy Leang at WDOH on their human health risk interpretation of the chemical contaminant data from the Warm Beach Mussel Watch Pilot Expansion Project sample site. WDOH found that the chemical contaminants detected in the mussel sample posed no threat to human health, but this cannot be extrapolated to clams because the mussels were not exposed to chemicals that might be present in the sediment. 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, which will be more representative of any contaminants in the sediment.

Review and Update CWD Advisory Board Bylaws

Max and Steve reported that they worked with Herm to review the changes to the bylaws, which were proposed by Chris Betchley. They had no objections to the proposed changes. However, they noted that the CWDAB should appoint special representatives to the Snohomish-Stillaguamish Local Integrating Organization, Lower Stillaguamish

PIC Program Advisory Committee, and the Stillaguamish Watershed Council. Max made a motion to accept the changes as recommended. Steve tabled the motion for consideration at the 4/24/14 CWDAB meeting.

Begin preparing recommendations letter to SWM and create subcommittee to draft letter for 4/24/14 meeting

Max, Steve, and John volunteered for the subcommittee to draft the recommendations letter to SWM. Steve requested the Board Members send any topics for the letter to Sean by April 10th. **Sean agreed to email the Board's 2013 SWM recommendations letter in MS Word format to the subcommittee for use as a template.**

Meeting Review, New Business, and Public Comment

Miriam Lancaster reported that SWM will be receiving bids from contractors for the Lake Ketchum Algae Control project by April 8th. The initial alum treatment is scheduled to be done in May 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 24, 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>.