

# 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*  
Miriam Lancaster

*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  
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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, June 26, 2014 5:30 – 7:30 PM Peace Lutheran Church, Silvana

### Attendance

Board Members Present: Max Albert, Ray Brown, John Connolly, Gina Gray, Miriam Lancaster, Herm van Lier, Dave Ridgeway, Dale Shelton, Steve Van Valkenburg

Board Members Excused: Chris Betchley, Rich Ollivier, Kelly Wynn

SWM Staff: Sean Edwards, Dawn Martinez, Debbie Terwilleger, Alyssa Thompson

Guests: Mak Kaufman, Andrew Funk, Bobbi Lindemulder, Brett de Vries

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

Clean Water District Advisory Board (CWDAB) Chair Steve Van Valkenburg opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. with introductions of all meeting participants. Sean Edwards welcomed Alyssa Thompson as the new SWM Shellfish Protection Intern.

Sean Edwards provided hard copy packets including the following materials:

- CWDAB 6/26/14 Preliminary Meeting Agenda
- CWDAB 5/22/14 Meeting Summary – DRAFT #2
- CWD Revenue Changes chart – Provided to Sean by Max
- Port Susan Marine Stewardship news release 5/30/2014
- Snohomish County Council Resolution No. 14-010 Designating Port Susan as a Marine Stewardship Area
- CWD options for participation in the SnoCo OSS Loan Program
- CWDAB Snohomish Health District letter 6/25/2014 – Draft #6
- 2014/2015 Action Agenda for Puget Sound

*The 5/22/14 draft meeting summary was approved as written.*

### Subcommittee Reports

**Finance:** John Connolly summarized the Finance Subcommittee work. He presented an update from the Finance Committee's 6/21/2014 meeting, detailing the impact of Snohomish County Ordinance 13-009 on CWD 90.72 (shellfish protection) revenue, and reported that Debbie has decided not to support the Board's recommendation for restoring revenue to 90.72 programs..

**Shellfish Protection:** Sean gave updates on Lower Stilly PIC grant sub award contract with the SCD, water quality monitoring coordination meeting, and introduced Alyssa as the new SWM Intern.

**Lower Stillaguamish Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Advisory Committee:** Dale reported that the PIC Advisory Committee had not met since the last CWDAB meeting. Mak introduced WDOE's new nonpoint water quality inspector, Andrew Funk.

**Stillaguamish Watershed Council:** Dave reported that the SWC meeting that was scheduled for 6/25/2014 was cancelled.

In response to Herm's request, Miriam provided an update on the Lake Ketchum algae project. A report from the SWM Lakes Program is in the works. The alum treatment was not completed in May due to a fish kill. Although the water clarity has improved, an issue of increased filamentous algae overgrowth is now present. From the perspective of the Lake Ketchum residents, the alum treatment was not successful.

### Snohomish County Surface Water Management 2015 Budget Scoping

Debbie Terwilleger provided a hardcopy of the issues defining the balance between the RCW 36.89 and RCW 90.72 revenues with an email sent to Council by the Finance Subcommittee on the back. Debbie and Dawn discussed the

process and status of the 2015 budget. They presented an Excel version of the draft budget and explained that the RCW 36.89 (stormwater) budget fund balance is difficult to draw from. The current RCW 90.72 fund balance for SWM's shellfish protection/water quality work is about \$48,000 and the RCW 90.72 SCD fund balance is approximately \$200,000. Debbie stated that SWM has been aggressive toward alternative fund raising. Debbie is concerned about creating an adversarial relationship with the CWDAB over restoration of the RCW 90.72 shellfish protection revenue and is interested in developing a solution for this problem with the CWDAB. This solution should address the interests of both Debbie and the CWDAB and will hopefully create a balanced 2015 budget proposal. Debbie reviewed the draft budget with the CWDAB and pointed out where the revenues from both RCW 36.89 and RCW 90.72 are allocated in all SWM programs. The CWDAB's recommended Title 25A amendment to restore the RCW 90.72 revenue would require cutting \$229,000 from the RCW 36.89 budget. Debbie asked the Board what should be cut? In response to questions about the Sustainable Lands Strategy (SLS) budget item, Debbie offered to provide an SLS briefing to the CWDAB. ***Sean and Steve will work with Debbie to schedule her SLS briefing for a future CWDAB meeting. The Finance Subcommittee will meet with SWM to continue this conversation and report back to the CWDAB as soon as possible.***

**Recommendations to SWM on the Use of Discretionary Fund Revenue for Snohomish County's Clean Water Loan and Grant Program**

Max reviewed the three options that were evaluated by the Discretionary Fund Subcommittee (Max, John, and Gina) in consultation with Lisa Dulude from the Snohomish County Executive's Office. A handout of these three options was provided in the meeting packet and is represented in the following table:

Option 1: DF Status Quo	Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loan program county-wide</li> <li>• Continued DF administration by CWDAB</li> <li>• DF grants to those not eligible for loans</li> <li>• No DF contribution to loan loss reserve</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No fund contribution from DF</li> <li>• CWDAB retains local control over DF funds</li> <li>• Means test if desired to match reduction in funds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uncertain match for Ecology grant</li> <li>• Two parallel programs means an extra step for CWD grant applicants</li> </ul>
Option 2: DF Grants through SnoCo	Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DF contribution to loan loss reserve which allows CWD participation in SnoCo grant program</li> <li>• CWDAB no longer administers OSS grants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Singular streamlined OSS grant program</li> <li>• Match for loan loss reserve Ecology grant is certain</li> <li>• Means test (loan qualification) in place</li> <li>• CWD representative on SnoCo advisory board</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DF fund contribution</li> <li>• SnoCo grant portion only certain for three years</li> <li>• Annual funding is only \$48,000 for SnoCo grants county-wide</li> </ul>
Option 3: Hybrid	Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DF OSS criteria and rating matrix tailored to be consistent with new SnoCo program &amp; vice versa</li> <li>• No DF contribution to loan loss reserve.</li> <li>• DF grants to those not eligible for loans</li> <li>• CWD applicants begin with County loan/grant application</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CWDAB retains local control over DF funds</li> <li>• No fund contribution from DF</li> <li>• Means test (loan qualification) still done thru SnoCo</li> <li>• CWD OSS grant program can continue regardless of SnoCo grant funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two parallel grant programs means an extra step for CWD grant applicants</li> <li>• Potentially bouncing applicants around</li> <li>• Uncertain match for Ecology grant</li> </ul>

Max and John prefer Option 3 and Gina prefers Option 2. ***The Board asked the DF Subcommittee clarify the options in consultation with Lisa Dulude and SWM and agreed to continue this discussion at the next CWDAB meeting.***

***Herm moved to extend the meeting by fifteen minutes and the motion was approved.***

**Snohomish Health District Recommendations Letter**

Miriam led the Board through the final review and editing of its annual recommendations letter to SHD

***John moved to extend the meeting by fifteen minutes and the motion was approved.***

***John moved to accept the letter as edited, Dale seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. Sean will work with the Chair and Vice Chair to get the letter signed and delivered.***

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

Max stated that the Snohomish County Council Public Works Committee will be meeting July 1<sup>st</sup>, and is expected to ask Debbie to provide options for restoring 90.72 revenue. Max asked the Board if it wanted the Finance Subcommittee to continue to lobby Council for the Board's recommended amendment to Title 25A, and received an affirmative consensus. Max and possibly other members of the Finance Subcommittee will attend the July 1<sup>st</sup> Public Works Committee meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.**

**Next meeting:** Thursday, July 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](mailto:sean.edwards@snoco.org). More information about the CWD is also available at <http://cwd.surfacewater.info>.