

# 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  
Conservation  
District*  
Steve Van Valkenburg  
(Chair)

*Snohomish Health  
District*  
Vacant by agency choice

*Wash. Department of  
Ecology*  
Vacant by agency choice

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

*Stillaguamish  
Tribe*  
Kate Konoski

*Tulalip Tribes*  
Vacant by agency choice

*Surface Water  
Management Staff*  
Sean Edwards

## Meeting Summary – FINAL Thursday, October 9, 2014 5:30 – 7:30 PM Peace Lutheran Church, Silvana

### Attendance

Board Members Present: Max Albert, Christine Betchley, Miriam Lancaster, Dave Ridgeway, Dale Shelton, Herm van Lier, Steve Van Valkenburg, Kelly Wynn

Board Members Excused: Ray Brown, John Connolly, Kate Konoski

SWM Staff: Sean Edwards

Guests: Brett De Vries, Chuck Hazleton, Kathy Miley, Ken Miley

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

Clean Water District Advisory Board (CWDAB) Chair, Steve Van Valkenburg opened the meeting at 5:38 p.m. with introductions and a review of the meeting agenda. Review of the 9/25/2014 meeting summary was postponed until the 11/20/14 meeting.

Sean provided hard copy packets including the following materials:

- CWDAB 10/9/14 Preliminary Meeting Agenda
- 2013 CWD Year End Fund Balance Summary, 2013 CWD Revenue Summary, and 2014 CWD Budget and Expenditures Summary through 6/30/2014 (SWM spreadsheet, revised 10/7/14)
- 2015 SWM Projects Receiving CWD Revenues Based on Executive Recommended 2015 SWM Budget (SWM spreadsheet, revised 10/7/14)
- Projected 2015 Service Charges Collected Under the Authority of RCW 90.72 and RCW 36.89 (Revenue Amounts Reflect County Ordinance 13-009)
- SWM 2014 Budget versus Actual through June 30, 2014 (revised 10/7/2014)
- Lower Stillaguamish Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Advisory Committee 10/8/14 meeting agenda
- "Puget Sound Septic Finance Project" PowerPoint presentation prepared by Kelly Cooper and Stuart Glasoe, Washington Department of Health (10/8/14)
- "Taking Action to Protect Puget Sound -- Sustainable Funding for On-site Sewage Systems" (flyer prepared by WDOH, September 2013)
- "Regional Septic Loan Program" – Puget Sound Septic Financing Project, WDOH, December 2013 (one-page problem statement and background)
- "Regional Financing for Local Septic Management Programs" – Puget Sound Septic Financing Project, WDOH, December 2013 (one-page problem statement and background)
- "Estimated Number of On-site Sewage Systems in Puget Sound" (map prepared by WDOH, 10/8/14)
- "Septic Financing Advisory Committee Final Recommendations"

### Subcommittee Reports

**Shellfish Protection:** Sean reported that he and his colleague Allan Wahl attended a Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) workshop in Tacoma earlier in the day, which was organized by the Washington Department of Health, Office of Water and Shellfish Protection. Sean also noted that he is developing a capacity building proposal, including scope of work and potential funding sources, for discussion with the Snohomish Health District.

**Lower Stillaguamish Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Advisory Committee:** Dale reported that the PIC Advisory Committee met the previous day on 10/8/14. She reviewed the meeting agenda and noted that it was a constructive meeting.

**Stillaguamish Watershed Council:** No report.

**Snohomish-Stillaguamish Local Integrating Organization (LIO):** Chris reported that the LIO had been asked to respond to a survey that will help the Puget Sound Partnership respond to a request from the Washington State

Legislature for findings and recommendations on local watershed and salmon recovery groups, for the purpose of streamlining and strengthening Puget Sound recovery efforts. *Sean will forward the survey by email to the CWD Advisory Board.*

**Finance:** Max reviewed financial reporting materials that were provided by SWM. Max also noted that the Finance Subcommittee needs a new CWD Advisory Board Member to replace John Connolly, who has resigned from the subcommittee due to other priorities.

**Discretionary Fund:** Max reported that Lisa Dulude from the Snohomish County Executive's Office has scheduled a stakeholder group meeting on 10/30/14 to get input for scoping the new Clean Water Loan and Grant Program. *With consent from the Board, Steve designated Max and Kelly to represent the CWD Advisory Board at the stakeholder meeting.*

**Review and make recommendations on new Discretionary Fund grant applications received by October 1st**  
Max reviewed the DF Subcommittee's findings on the DF grant application for the Miley on-site septic system (OSS) repair at McKees Beach. Ken and Kathleen Miley answered questions about the project from the Board. *Chris made a motion for the Board to recommend this application for approval by the SWM Director, Dave seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Sean or Michael Sheehan will forward this recommendation to the SWM Director and, if it is approved, develop the DF grant contract.*

### **Washington Department of Health Septic Financing Assessment Project Results**

Washington Department of Health Wastewater Program Manager Stuart Glasoe presented a PowerPoint overview of the results of the "Septic Financing Assessment Project", which he coordinated over the past year. A final report of the project will be posted soon on the WDOH web site. The Septic Financing Assessment Project had two main parts: 1) regional OSS repair loan program, and 2) local health jurisdiction OSS management program funding. For the regional low interest loan program, a lending organization would be the "store front." Washington Department of Ecology would administer funding through the lending organization. For the local health jurisdiction OSS management program funding, a dedicated funding source is needed, but it is challenging because there is great variability amongst local health jurisdictions. WDOH identified seven foundational services that should be part of each local health jurisdiction's OSS management plan. The estimated cost to provide these services throughout the Puget Sound region is approximately \$24M. Existing state authority allows local health jurisdictions to charge local annual fees to help fund OSS management programs (e.g., Whatcom County charges \$19 per year to each OSS owner). However, most local health jurisdictions have not used this authority. WDOH has sent a proposed bill to the Governor, which would require each local health jurisdiction to charge \$30 per year to each OSS owner. This would help ensure even application of the law.

### **Proposed amendments to Snohomish County Code Title 25A**

Max provided the following summary based on his earlier conversation with SWM Director Debbie Terwilleger about proposed amendments to Snohomish County Code Title 25A:

- Expand CWD and the two WMAs to include main stem floodplains; for the CWD this would include the Stillaguamish River Flood Control District and a portion of the Sauk River watershed within Snohomish County.
- Lower farm rate
- Raise the condo fee from \$81/year to \$90/year
- Increase aquatic fee for lakes Goodwin and Shoecraft as requested by those communities
- Provide more flexibility for use of UGA fees
- Alignment of language in titles 25A and 25

Debbie provided an outline of the proposed amendments to Council. Debbie could not attend tonight's CWDAB meeting. *Sean will ask Debbie about the title and/or date of her presentation to Council.*

### **Finalize Recommendations Letter to the Snohomish County Council**

A draft recommendations letter to the Snohomish County Council was prepared in advance by the letter writing subcommittee, including Max, John, Steve, and Herm. *After a brief discussion, Kelly made a motion for the Board to approve the letter as written, it was seconded by Herm, and approved unanimously. Sean will work*

*with the Chair and Vice Chair to get the letter signed and delivered to Council by early next week.*

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

- Max noted that any amendments to Title 25A will require a public hearing, which might be in December, but could be sooner.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.**

**Next meeting:** Thursday, November 20, 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>.