

Stillaguamish River Clean Water District Advisory Board

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Dale Shelton

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Sean Edwards

Meeting Summary – FINAL
Thursday, November 20, 2014 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Peace Lutheran Church, Silvana

Attendance

Board Members Present: Max Albert, Christine Betchley, Ray Brown, Kate Konoski, Miriam Lancaster, Dave Ridgeway, Dale Shelton, Herm van Lier, Steve Van Valkenburg

Board Members Excused: John Connolly, Kelly Wynn

SWM Staff: Sean Edwards

Guests: Carrie Brausieck, 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 and review of the meeting agenda. The draft agenda was approved with addition of a Lakes update by Miriam under Subcommittee Reports.

Sean provided hard copy packets including the following materials:

- CWDAB 11/20/14 Preliminary Meeting Agenda
- CWDAB 9/25/14 Meeting Summary – DRAFT #2
- CWDAB 10/13/14 final recommendations letter to Snohomish County Council
- Email correspondence between SWM and CWDAB Finance Subcommittee re: SWM response to CWD Finance Subcommittee Comments on the 2015 Executive Recommended SWM Budget
- SWM Director's resignation letter (11/7/14)
- Shellfish & the Environment Research Symposium flyer (from Washington Sea Grant for 12/8/14 event in Lacey, WA)
- CWDAB 2014 meeting schedule and priorities/focus topics

The 9/25/14 draft meeting summary was approved as amended. The 10/9/14 meeting summary will be reviewed at the next CWDAB meeting.

Elect new Vice Chair

With the departure of former Vice Chair Gina Gray, the Board unanimously elected Dale Shelton to complete the Vice Chair position for 2014.

Subcommittee Reports

Finance: Max referred to hard copy in packet of email response from Mike McGuiness to Finance Subcommittee's questions about the 2015 Executive Proposed Budget. First bullet points of concern. Max met with Council staff this morning and learned that Council is planning to restore shellfish protection revenue as recommended by CWDAB. The public hearing for this action is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 25th, at 10:30 a.m. Max urged people to attend and testify in support of proposed amendment. Max wants to call DF grant recipients and encourage them to add their support.

Discretionary Fund: Max reported that the DF Subcommittee will meet in early January to review any new DF grant applications. The DF Subcommittee also needs to define potential changes to the DF grant application guidelines that might be necessary to coordinate the DF Grant Program with the new Snohomish County Clean Water Loan and Grant Program that will be launched in March 2015. Board Members expressed support for the idea of steering CWD residents to the new program for septic repair assistance, while preserving the option to recommend septic repair DF grants for any CWD residents that are not eligible under the new program for either a loan (due to poor credit rating) or a grant (annual personal income > 60% of Snohomish County median income).

Shellfish Protection: Sean highlighted the upcoming Shellfish & the Environment Research Symposium scheduled for December 8th in Lacey for which a flyer was included in the meeting packets. He also noted that he would be following up soon with the Snohomish Health District regarding SWM's draft capacity building proposal for SHD's Wastewater Program.

Lower Stillaguamish Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Advisory Committee: Dale had nothing new to report since the PIC Advisory Committee had not met since the last CWDAB meeting on October 9th. Sean noted that the next PIC Advisory Committee meeting would probably be in January.

Stillaguamish Watershed Council (SWC): No report.

Snohomish-Stillaguamish Local Integrating Organization (LIO): Chris noted that the Sno-Stilly LIO had endorsed a proposal to EPA to change the way National Estuary Program (NEP) grant funds are allocated in the Puget Sound basin. The proposed approach is similar to the way salmon recovery funding is distributed to watersheds for high priority action items that are consistent with salmon recovery plans.

Lakes: Miriam reported that SWM's fall alum treatment for Lake Ketchum was postponed to next spring due to a thick non-toxic algae bloom followed by a cold snap. She also reported that cattle had recently been seen in the north field of the farm that originally caused the discharge of excessive phosphorous to Lake Ketchum due to improper use of chicken manure for fertilizing pasture land. The Ketchum Shores Improvement Club (KSIC) sent a letter to the farm owner warning them that running cattle in the north field was contrary to the farm's original agreement with KSIC for controlling nutrient loading of the lake. The cattle were promptly removed the next day.

Report on Septic Loan Program

Max reported that he and Kelly represented the CWDAB at a stakeholder meeting for the new Snohomish County Clean Water Loan and Grant Program.

Review list of unfinished business for 2014 and Discuss 2015 priorities

Steve led a brief discussion of the CWD Advisory Board's unfinished business for 2014 and priorities for 2015.

Nominations for 2015 Chair and Vice Chair

Steve and Dale were nominated to serve again as Chair and Vice Chair for 2015.

Meeting Review, New Business, and Public Comment

- SWM Director Debbie Terwilleger is resigning effective May 1, 2015.
- Max encouraged CWDAB Members and other interested parties to attend the Snohomish County Council public hearing on Monday, November 24 and testify in support of the proposed amendment to SCC Title 25A, which would restore some of the CWD shellfish protection revenue that was lost as a result of Ordinance 13-009. Herm, Dave, Steve and Ray offered to attend the hearing.
- Brett De Vries introduced the Snohomish Conservation District's new farm planner Carrie Brausieck.
- Brett also noted that he will be managing the Stillaguamish Biodigester grant project, which will include the formation of a steering committee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 22, 2015, 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>.