

Stillaguamish River Clean Water District Advisory Board

Meeting Summary – FINAL
Thursday, March 26, 2015 5:30 – 7:45 PM
Peace Lutheran Church, Silvana

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
Andrew Funk*

*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*

Attendance

Board Members Present: Max Albert, Christine Betchley, Ray Brown, John Connolly, Andrew Funk, Miriam Lancaster, Dale Shelton, Maggie Taylor (for Kate Konoski), Herm van Lier, Steve Van Valkenburg, Kelly Wynn

Board Members Excused: Dave Ridgeway

SWM Staff: Sean Edwards, Gregg Farris

Guests: Brett de Vries, Jim Fletcher, Nancy Fletcher, Mak Kaufman, Jean Snyder, Kathryn Wells

Welcome, introductions, agenda review, and meeting summary

Clean Water District Advisory Board (CWDAB) Vice Chair Dale Shelton opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m. with introductions and review of the meeting agenda. The draft agenda was accepted as written.

Sean provided hard copy information packets including the following materials:

- CWDAB 3/26/15 preliminary meeting agenda
- CWDAB 2/26/15 meeting summary – DRAFT
- Stillaguamish River Clean Water District Advisory Board Bylaws (Updated 4/24/14)
- 2015 Budget Revision Summary: March Update
- Lake Ketchum Update for 3/26/15 CWD Advisory Board Meeting
- Lake Ketchum Alum Treatment Update to the Lake Ketchum Community
- Stillaguamish River Clean Water District
- Discretionary Fund Grant Application Guidelines (Effective January 2015)
- CWD Discretionary Fund Application Review Results (3/12/2015)
- 2014 Snohomish Conservation District Completed Work Plan (PowerPoint handout)
- 2014 CWD Year End Fund Balance Summary, 2014 CWD Revenue Summary, and 2014 CWD Budget and Expenditures Summary through 12/31/2014 - Revised 3/18/2015
- SWM 2014 Budget versus Actuals for Programs and Projects in the Stillaguamish Clean Water District (3/25/15)
- 2015 SWM Projects Receiving CWD Revenues Based on Council Approved 2015 SWM Budget (2015 Budget Condition in Section 9, A(4) - revised 3/23/2015)

The 2/26/15 draft meeting summary was approved with minor corrections.

Subcommittee reports

Finance: Max reported that the Finance Subcommittee had received quarterly financial reports from SWM and that the Subcommittee will review them for the next CWDAB meeting. Max also reviewed his summary of the 2015 SWM Budget revisions that SWM prepared in response to the Snohomish County Council.

Discretionary Fund: Max discussed SCD Manager Monte Marti's suggestion to change the DF grant application review schedule by moving the quarterly reviews forward by one month (i.e., to February, April, August, and November). Kelly made a motion that the CWDAB accept this change pending approval by SWM. Chris seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Shellfish Protection: Sean reported that he had met with Chris, Dale, and Ray to develop draft CWDAB recommendations on the level of service for the Stillaguamish Shellfish Protection Program. Sean also noted that his primary focus for shellfish protection continues to be on implementing the Lower Stillaguamish Pollution Identification and Correction Program, which has been quite successful in terms of fostering inter-agency cooperation on working effectively with landowners to clean up identified sources of bacterial pollution using technical assistance, cost share incentives, and enforcement of existing water quality regulations.

Lower Stillaguamish Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Advisory Committee: Dale reported that the PIC Advisory Committee had not met since the last CWD Advisory Board meeting.

Stillaguamish Watershed Council (SWC): No report

Snohomish-Stillaguamish Local Integrating Organization (LIO): Chris reported that the process for allocating National

Estuary Program (NEP) funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for implementation of the Puget Sound Recovery Plan appears likely to change. The Sno-Stilly LIO Implementation Committee will be focusing on this at its next meeting, which will be scheduled soon.

Lakes: Miriam referred to two handouts in the meeting packet regarding the Lake Ketchum alum treatment for the toxic algae problem, which was conducted March 4 – 5. The Stanwood/Camano News published a story about this project on March 17th. Lake Howard has experienced an early algae bloom, but it is non-toxic. Miriam noted that SWM Lakes Program staff is seeing a trend of earlier and bigger algae blooms in Snohomish County lakes.

Review Discretionary Fund grant applications received and make funding recommendations to SWM Director

Max reviewed the following four DF grant applications, which the DF Subcommittee evaluated at its meeting on March 12th:

- Foster On-site Septic System (OSS) Repair
- Lee OSS Repair
- Fletcher OSS Repair
- Rosgaard Horse Stable Compost Bins

After discussion of each application, the CWDAB unanimously recommended each one for approval by the SWM Director.

Snohomish Conservation District 2014 accomplishments and 2015 work plan

SCD Lead Farm Planner Bobbi Lindemulder presented a PowerPoint report on the SCD 2014 accomplishments and 2015 work plan. Her presentation of accomplishments focused on work completed compared to the requirements of the 2014 Snohomish County/SCD contract, with photos a few examples of projects completed in the CWD. The information from this presentation will be a useful point of reference for the CWDAB's 2015 recommendations letter to the SCD, which is scheduled to be finalized at the 5/28/15 CWDAB meeting.

Stillaguamish Shellfish Protection Program level of service

Sean provided a 2-page handout showing the draft level of service (a.k.a., work plan) recommendations prepared by the Shellfish Protection Subcommittee for the Stillaguamish Shellfish Protection Program. Sean also provided a handout summarizing the SWM 2015 Budget allocations broken down by revenue type for projects within the CWD. Sean noted that of the \$635,477 of CWD 2015 revenue allocated for the purpose of shellfish protection, approximately \$150,000 is allocated to various projects that are not specifically identified in the draft level of service recommendations. While those projects might have some kind of nexus with shellfish protection, that has not been clearly articulated for each of those projects. For the SWM 2016 Budget Proposal, SWM will take a closer look at this issue. SWM Interim Co-Director Gregg Farris noted that the County is requesting these shellfish protection level of service recommendations from the CWDAB to help inform the SWM 2016 budget proposal, which will be developed over the next couple of months.

Snohomish Health District Wastewater Program staffing capacity issue

Gregg reported that he had scheduled a meeting with Kevin Plemel on March 31st to discuss coordination between SWM and the Snohomish Health District.

Begin preparing recommendations letter to SWM and create subcommittee to draft letter for 4/23/15 meeting

Max, Dale, and Steve volunteered for the subcommittee to draft the 2015 recommendations letter to SWM regarding the County's CWD work program and funding levels per Snohomish County Code Title 25A. Steve requested that CWDAB Members email any suggested topics for the letter to Sean by April 10th.

Meeting review, new business, and public comment

There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 23, 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 at 425-388-3024 or sean.edwards@snoco.org. More information about the CWD is also available at <http://cwd.surfacewater.info>.