

# Stillaguamish River Clean Water District Advisory Board

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Meeting Summary – FINAL  
Thursday, July 28, 2016 5:30 – 7:30 PM  
Peace Lutheran Church, Silvana

## Attendance

Board Members Present: Max Albert, Ray Brown, Miriam Lancaster, Bob Landles, Steve Rice, Dave Ridgeway, Dale Shelton, Steve Van Valkenburg, Kelly Wynn

Board Members Absent: Kurt Strotz

SWM Staff: Sean Edwards, Elisa Dawson, Gregg Farris

Guests: Lisa Dulude, Chuck Hazleton, Mak Kaufman, Eric Schuh

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

Clean Water District Advisory Board (CWDAB) Chair Dale Shelton opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. with introductions and review of the meeting agenda. *The 6/23/16 meeting summary was approved.*

Sean provided hard copy information packets including the following materials:

- CWDAB 7/28/16 preliminary meeting agenda
- CWDAB 6/23/16 meeting summary draft
- Stillaguamish Watershed Council Meeting Agenda for July 27, 2016
- PowerPoint slides of Lakes Report
- Snohomish County Council staff report on Intergovernmental Agreement between Snohomish County and Snohomish Health District (SHD)
- Council approval form for Intergovernmental Agreement between Snohomish County and SHD
- County Council motion for Intergovernmental Agreement between Snohomish County and SHD
- Discretionary Fund grant application guidelines
- SWM response to CWD Advisory Board 2016 recommendations
- PowerPoint slides of Savvy Septic presentation by Lisa Dulude
- CWD Advisory Board letter of support for Snohomish Conservation District (SCD) grant application to the Regional Conservation Partnership Program
- SCD response to CWD Advisory Board 2016 recommendations

## Subcommittee reports

**Stillaguamish Watershed Council (SWC):** Dave Ridgeway reported that the SWC met on 7/27/16. The meeting focused on a proposal from the Technical Advisory Group to have the Technical Advisory Group and Stillaguamish Watershed Council function as the LIO committees for the Stillaguamish, with the goal of separating the Stillaguamish from the Snohomish LIO. This was a continuation of the June meeting. He also reported that the Treaty Tribes of Washington 2016 State of Our Watersheds report for 2016 was available. The report can be found online at: <https://nwifc.org/publications/state-of-our-watersheds/>.

**Lakes:** Miriam Lancaster presented a brief PowerPoint overview of the 12 lakes in the Clean Water District with a focus on Sunday Lake. Miriam also noted the following more detailed information:

- Crabapple Lake has a toxic algae bloom caution sign posted, although the phosphorus level does not exceed 20 parts per million (ppm). 20 ppm is used as a threshold for indicating an excessive amount of phosphorus in the water which can lead to the proliferation of algae and toxic algae blooms.
- Lake Howard has a toxic algae bloom caution sign posted, although the phosphorus level does not exceed 20 ppm
- Sunday Lake phosphorus levels exceed 20 ppm. She noted that Sunday Lake is a shallow lake with a lot of aquatic plant growth and heavy seasonal use by waterfowl
- Miriam also presented best management practices for dealing with waterfowl along lakefront property

**Snohomish-Stillaguamish Local Integrating Organization (LIO):** Bob Landles reported that he and Sean

attended a WebEx on-line meeting to define strategies for addressing the prioritized vital signs and pressures. The Snohomish-Stillaguamish LIO Implementation Committee is continuing to work on prioritizing local "vital signs" and "pressures" for the Puget Sound Ecosystem Recovery Plan, which is due in September to the Puget Sound Partnership.

**Shellfish Protection:** Sean passed around hardcopies of the Shellfish Dinner invitation postcard, which was sent out to nearly 15,000 CWD ratepayers, and the Lower Stilly PIC update mailing, which was sent to 1,600 area residents. On-line registration for the Shellfish Dinner is filling up and he expects the mailing of invitation postcards to increase the number of registered CWD ratepayers. Sean reported that the Intergovernmental Agreement between Snohomish County and SHD went to General Legislative Session of the Snohomish County Council on July 27, 2016 where it passed unanimously. The Intergovernmental Agreement will be finalized within a few days once it is signed by the County Executive. Materials, including a scope of work for the Intergovernmental Agreement, were provided to the CWD Advisory Board. Sean also presented a letter of support from the CWD Advisory Board for the SCD grant application to the Regional Conservation Partnership Program. ***A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to provide the letter to the SCD for the RCPP grant.***

**Finance:** Max Albert reported that he is continuing to work with SWM to ensure that actual CWD revenues are included in financial reports to the CWD Advisory Board. The Finance Subcommittee also needs another CWD Advisory Board Member to replace Herm van Lier. ***Max will set up a Finance Subcommittee Meeting.***

**Discretionary Fund:** Max reported that there is one new grant application which was received and will be reviewed. Sean noted that it is from Dale Shelton. Sean added that a second application may be for the rehabilitation of the pasture at the Feller property where the Lervick horse stable waste pile is being removed. Sean also reported that he received a phone call from a ratepayer in the CWD who raised concerns about Discretionary Fund grants being given to wealthy people. This ratepayer contacted County Council member Ken Klein. Klein's office has set up a briefing meeting on the Discretionary Fund to discuss this concern further with SWM.

**Lower Stillaguamish Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Advisory Committee:** Dale Shelton reported that there was not a Lower Stillaguamish Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Advisory Committee last month.

#### **SWM response to CWD Advisory Board's 5/2/16 recommendations letter**

Gregg Farris reported to the CWD on the SWM response letter to the CWD. Gregg gave an overview of the letter which can be found on the CWD website. Gregg then opened the discussion up for questions. Max asked about an inventory that SWM started in the past on private property, which Gregg responded was just an inventory of dikes and not the inventory of drainage infrastructure that the Stillaguamish Flood Control District and Drainage District 12 are seeking.

#### **Savvy Septic Program Update and funding needs for 2017**

Lisa Dulude presented an overview of the Savvy Septic Program which offers Snohomish County homeowners with a variety of financing options to repair, replace and maintain their septic systems. The program has completed 340 projects since April 2015. Lisa reported that the Savvy Septic Program is changing lenders, and is now working with Craft3. For funding within the Stillaguamish watershed, Lisa mentioned that starting in 2017 there will not be enough funding to support rebates or grants within the CWD service area. She made a request from the CWD Advisory Board for \$25,000 from the Discretionary Fund for 2017. A motion was made to table a decision on this until further information was gathered from Gregg Farris and SWM about alternate funding sources. The motion was seconded and passed in a roll call vote. ***The Chair directed the Finance Committee, currently comprised of Max Albert and Steve Van Valkenburg, to draft a letter to Gregg Farris requesting further information on SWM budgeting. Bob Landles also volunteered to help.***

#### **Stillaguamish Shellfish Protection Program update and annual report to WDOH**

Sean reported that he and Elisa are working on the Stillaguamish Shellfish Protection Program annual report to the Washington Department of Health. Much of the information needed for the report has been collected.

The Washington Department of Ecology has been contacted, but we are still awaiting their input. The annual report will be finalized and submitted to the Washington Department of Health once all the required information has been collected. ***Sean will present the report at the next board meeting.***

**Meeting review, new business, and public comment**

Mak Kaufman requested to be on the September agenda to introduce Ecology's new non-point source pollution inspector, Colleen Crotty. There were no other public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, September 22, 2016, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church, Fireside Room.

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