

Stillaguamish River Clean Water District Advisory Board

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Maria Calvi (Vice Chair)

*Surface Water
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Sean Edwards
Jake Jacobson

Meeting Summary - FINAL Wednesday, October 22, 2009 5:30 – 7:30 PM Peace Lutheran Church, Silvana

Attendance

Board Members Present: Max Albert, Bill Best, Chris Betchley, Jody Brown, John Connolly, Tammy Edmonds (for Bobbi Lindemulder), Dave Ridgeway, Cathy Stanley (for Maria Calvi), Herm van Lier, Jennifer Whitney, Kelly Wynn

Board Members Excused: Mike Wolanek

SWM Staff: Sean Edwards, Mike McGuinness, Debbie Terwilleger

Welcome, introductions, agenda review, and meeting summary

Clean Water District (CWD) Advisory Board Chair Herm van Lier opened the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Sean provided hard copies of the CWD Advisory Board's 10/8/09 final recommendations letter to Council.

Surface Water Management (SWM) Acting Director Debbie Terwilleger provided an update on the Snohomish County 2010 budget. The Public Works Department recently presented its part of the budget to the Snohomish County Council. The SWM 2010 proposed budget is about \$8.9 million less than the 2009 budget. It includes fewer capital projects and assumes the Marysville annexation will happen, which would decrease SWM revenues. The SWM 2010 proposed budget addresses many of the Board's recommendations, including a focus on shellfish, treating the Stillaguamish Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) implementation plan as if it was already adopted by the Washington Department of Ecology (except for business inspections), and funding for Phase 2 of the SWM Rate Study.

SWM Acting Supervisor Mike McGuinness provided hard copies of a new CWD Discretionary Fund project application from SWM Stillaguamish Watershed Steward Jake Jacobson. **The Board tabled its review of the application until after SWM and the Board have updated the Discretionary Fund guidelines and application template.**

The October 8, 2009 CWD Advisory Board meeting summary was approved as written. Bill asked for more discussion with SWM at a future Board meeting on detailed project allocations for the 2010 budget.

Following up on the Board's 10/8/09 discussion about travel reimbursement for Board members, Mike McGuinness clarified that Snohomish County does not reimburse Board members for travel to and from regular Board meetings. However, the County does reimburse Board members for special meetings, as approved by the County Executive, which require expenses for travel and overnight accommodations, such as conferences and training events.

CWD Advisory Board spokesperson for Snohomish County 2010 budget hearing

Per its bylaws, the Board designated Bill Best as its spokesperson for the Snohomish County 2010 budget hearing in November. At the hearing, Bill will provide a copy of the Board's recommendations letter to Council as part of the public hearing record and highlight some of the Board's top priorities, including shellfish protection and spending CWD revenues within the CWD.

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CWD Discretionary Fund application and guidelines

The Board reviewed additional changes to its proposed application template and guidelines for the CWD Discretionary Fund. Sean provided hard copies of the latest revised draft that Bill and Max created with input from the Board. Bill recapped the process of developing the current draft. The Board discussed project eligibility criteria, with some Board members wanting to limit it to on-the-ground projects and others recognizing that some studies and outreach can help to develop new opportunities for on-the-ground projects. Another view was for the Board to keep its options open by allowing studies and outreach projects with the recognition that the Board can always reject proposed projects and/or refer them to other funding sources. **The Board edited the revised draft and agreed to include outreach, but not studies, in the list of eligible project types. Sean agreed to finalize the revised draft and send it out for final review by the Board.**

CWD Advisory Board 2010 work program

Sean provided hard copies of Maria Calvi's draft document listing the Board's 2009 focus topics with an initial list of potential 2010 focus topics. The Board reviewed Maria's draft and briefly discussed 2010 priorities, including the following:

- SWM and the Snohomish Conservation District 2010 work plans
- CWD Shellfish Protection Program
- CWD Discretionary Fund project development and implementation
- Lakes and toxic algae
- SWM Rate Study Phase 2, including equity issues, interlocal agreements (ILAs), coverage of citizen advisory board, and shellfish protection
- On-site septic systems
- Use the CWD Advisory Board's 2009 letter to Snohomish County Council as a framework for 2010

The Board also discussed its concerns about the annual contract that SWM negotiates each year with the Snohomish Conservation District (SCD) for farm planning work in the CWD. Concerns include the following:

- Progress reporting for SCD is onerous
- The final contract is approved late in the fiscal year
- The negotiation consumes a lot of staff time

Sean will work with the Chair and Vice Chair to develop the Board's draft 2010 schedule/work program for further discussion at the next Board meeting.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The Board elected John Connolly to serve as Chair for 2010. None of the Board members present at this meeting volunteered for the Vice Chair position, so it was postponed until the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 28, 2009, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall.