

**CLARK COUNTY
CLEAN WATER COMMISSION**

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Public Service Center, 6th Floor Training Room
1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Present

Dave Darby, Robert Nichols, Susan Rasmussen, Virginia van Breemen, David Morgan, Don Moe, Nancy Olmsted, Patty Page

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Absent

Art Stubbs

Clark County Staff

Earl Rowell, Bobbi Trusty, Ron Wierenga

Public

None

Quorum.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Agenda and material review

1. Agenda
2. April 7, 2010 Meeting Notes
3. Notice from Department of Ecology
4. Clean Water Program April E-News letter
5. Corrected version of Attachment G
6. Overview of the program presentation

Approval

The April 7 notes were approved as submitted.

Communications with the Public

Mr. Morgan spoke with Mr. Gray (Department of Environmental Services Director) regarding the Mud Lake property trade and discussed how the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is looking desperately for fish projects that they can do this fall. He brought up Vancouver Lake as a possible opportunity for one of their fish projects.

Mr. Wierenga stated that the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved a contract on May 4 for a third party Project Manager for the Vancouver Lake Partnership (VLP). The VLP includes the City of Vancouver, the Port of Vancouver, and Clark County along with a steering and technical group. The contract is with PC Trask as Project Manager who will coordinate studies, develop funding, facilitate meetings, complete public involvement and raise awareness. The VLP knows about the project and funding opportunity with BPA. The Clean Water Commission (CWC) asked if there was staff available at the county versus using a consultant. Mr. Wierenga said that the county does



have qualified staff, but the staff does not have the capacity to do the work, as this will be a three to five year project.

Public Comments

None

Action Items

Updates from Subcommittees

Outreach

The Outreach subcommittee did not meet during the previous month. Ms. Page is still trying to package their presentation. She believes there should be a canned speech to memorize until they get more comfortable with their message.

On April 8, the Outreach subcommittee completed a presentation at the Salmon Creek Watershed Council (SCWC) and felt the audience was engaged and asked many questions. Ms. Rasmussen stated the SCWC completed a presentation after the subcommittee that was also very informative. The SCWC presentation showed how the Boy Scouts are really putting in some effort to help clean up the water and she would like to recognize them for their efforts. Mr. Wierenga stated that the dumpsite was found during a Clean Water Program (Program) stream walk and the Program coordinated the clean up efforts with the SCWC. The Boy Scouts picked up the trash and placed it near the road then Waste Management assisted in the effort by hauling it all away. Ms. Stienbarger is working on a press release that will capture the efforts, recognizing each of the group's who participated.

Ms. Rasmussen also feels that it is unfortunate that the 4H groups are not engaged, she is going to try to contact them and see if they are interested in becoming involved.

Effectiveness

The Effectiveness subcommittee did not meet during the previous month. Ms. Olmsted feels that she has good information and has started organizing it by water quality, NPDES Permit and the new effectiveness monitoring. Mr. Moe indicated he would like to receive that information. Ms. Olmsted will forward the materials to the rest of the group.

Mr. Wierenga said the new stormwater monitoring sites are up and running. There are three land use characterization sites - commercial, high-density residential and low-density residential. The Program is also working on a stream health report that is updated every five years. The Program looks at all of the data collected to assess a stream's health. This effort should be completed by July. There was discussion amongst the group about doing site visits to see the new monitoring sites. The CWC asked if the county monitors its own property, such as, Public Works (PW) Operation Center on 78th Street. Mr. Wierenga said no but that the county implements best management practices (BMPs) at the Center.

Mr. Nichols met with Mr. Wierenga and Mr. Rowell about the Maintenance Management System (MMS) that is being developed to work with the current Public Works Asset Management Software. The MMS will be able to track stormwater facilities, inspection records, condition, maintenance and used as a tool for planning and budgeting. Mr. Wierenga will give a presentation to demonstrate its capabilities around August.

The CWC spoke about private facilities and how their maintenance is enforced. Mr. Wierenga stated the Program is ramping up facility inspections by dedicating more time for technical assistance on how to maintain a facility. Also, the Citizen Involvement Grant (a coordinated effort between the cities and county) will raise awareness of private stormwater facilities owners that they are responsible maintaining their facilities. In addition, the grant will provide owners technical assistance. Some suggestions from the CWC include a certification process for private facilities on how to maintain their facility and signage.

2009 CWC Annual Report

Ms. Olmsted suggested a deadline to get the information to Mr. Stubbs. Each CWC member agreed to submit their paragraph to Mr. Stubbs by the May 14. The paragraph should include CWC accomplishments in 2009, what it wants to accomplish in 2010, and recommendations to the BOCC. Mr. Morgan agreed to work with Mr. Stubbs on putting the Annual Report together.

2009 Budget Overview

Mr. Rowell handed out a corrected version of Attachment G and asked that further questions regarding the budget be asked by next week so we can complete the 2009 budget overview.

Clean Water Program Updates

The CWC asked for a Program overview presentation at their April meeting. Mr. Rowell gave the overview and there was some discussion from the group on how to make it easier to discuss with others.

Public Comments

None

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbi Trusty

Action Items

- Updates from subcommittees
- Ms. Rasmussen will contact the 4H groups
- 2009 CWC Annual Report