

**CLARK COUNTY
CLEAN WATER COMMISSION
Meeting Notes**

Wednesday, September 5, 2012
6:30 – 8:30 P.M.
Public Service Center, 6th Floor Training Room
1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Present

Jim Carlson, Troy Maxcy, Don Moe, David Morgan, Nancy Olmsted, Brian Peck, Susan Rasmussen, Art Stubbs

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Absent

Virginia van Breemen

Clark County Staff

Tom Donovan, Kevin Gray, Earl Rowell, Bobbi Trusty, Ron Wierenga

Public

Noelani Penney (AmeriCorps Volunteer), WSU Extension

Quorum

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Agenda and material review

1. Agenda
2. August 1, 2012, Meeting Notes
3. Letter to BOCC

Approval

The August 1, 2012, notes were approved as submitted.

Clean Water Commissioners: Communications with the Public

Mr. Maxcy commended the Clean Water Program regarding a sign that was placed on a construction project. He felt it was a very informative colored banner, neighborhood friendly and described what was going on. Mr. Wierenga thanked him for his comment and stated that banners would be placed on some upcoming projects as well.

Mr. Stubbs asked when the project will be done at NE Padden and Andresen and how it will work. Mr. Wierenga said that the project is being built as a wet pond and will provide more stormwater storage. It should be completed within the next few weeks.

Mr. Carlson spoke with Doug Lasher, Clark County Treasurer, while attending the Clark County Fair and asked his opinion of the current Clean Water Fee. Mr. Lasher said that if it were up to him he would increase fees to let the fund stand alone without supplemental help from other funds.

Mr. Carlson was discussing the improvements on Highway 503 and asked why the developers do not build bigger facilities and partner with other developers in the area to build regional facilities. Mr. Wierenga said regional facilities will not work and are often not practical in all areas based on gravity, soil conditions, code or financial requirements. But there is nothing precluding partnerships, both public and private, for facilities that serve multiple projects or properties. Mr. Wierenga also noted that with the anticipated increase in low impact development that regional facilities are becoming obsolete.

Public Comments

Ms. Penney from WSU Extension provided some literature regarding the upcoming Watershed Stewards activities, including information about rain barrel workshops.

Action Items

Letter to the BOCC regarding Clean Water Program budget concerns

The CWC discussed the updated letter regarding the program budget and decided that it should be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners.

Motion 2012-09-01

It was moved and seconded to submit the letter as written. All were in favor. Motion Passed. Ms. Olmsted will sign the letter and staff will submit the letter to the Board of County Commissioners on September 6, 2012.

Clean Water Program Update

Draft 2013-14 Clean Water Program Budget

Mr. Wierenga presented the Clean Water Program Budget (attached). The CWC discussed the specifics of using a fund transfer, legislative issues, the NPDES Permit requirements and levels of service to the community. Mr. Gray pointed out that one of the principal drivers of the budget cost is for maintaining and improving public stormwater infrastructure. It is aging (requiring maintenance and repairs), and the county has 60 percent more stormwater facilities than in 2000.

Some CWC members recommended that a definition of economic sustainability be determined when discussing the Clean Water Fund.

Public Comments

None

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbi Trusty

Action Items

- Staff to submit the Commission's letter to the BOCC on Thursday, September 6, 2012

Clark County

Clean Water Commission

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2013-14 Clean Water Budget Development



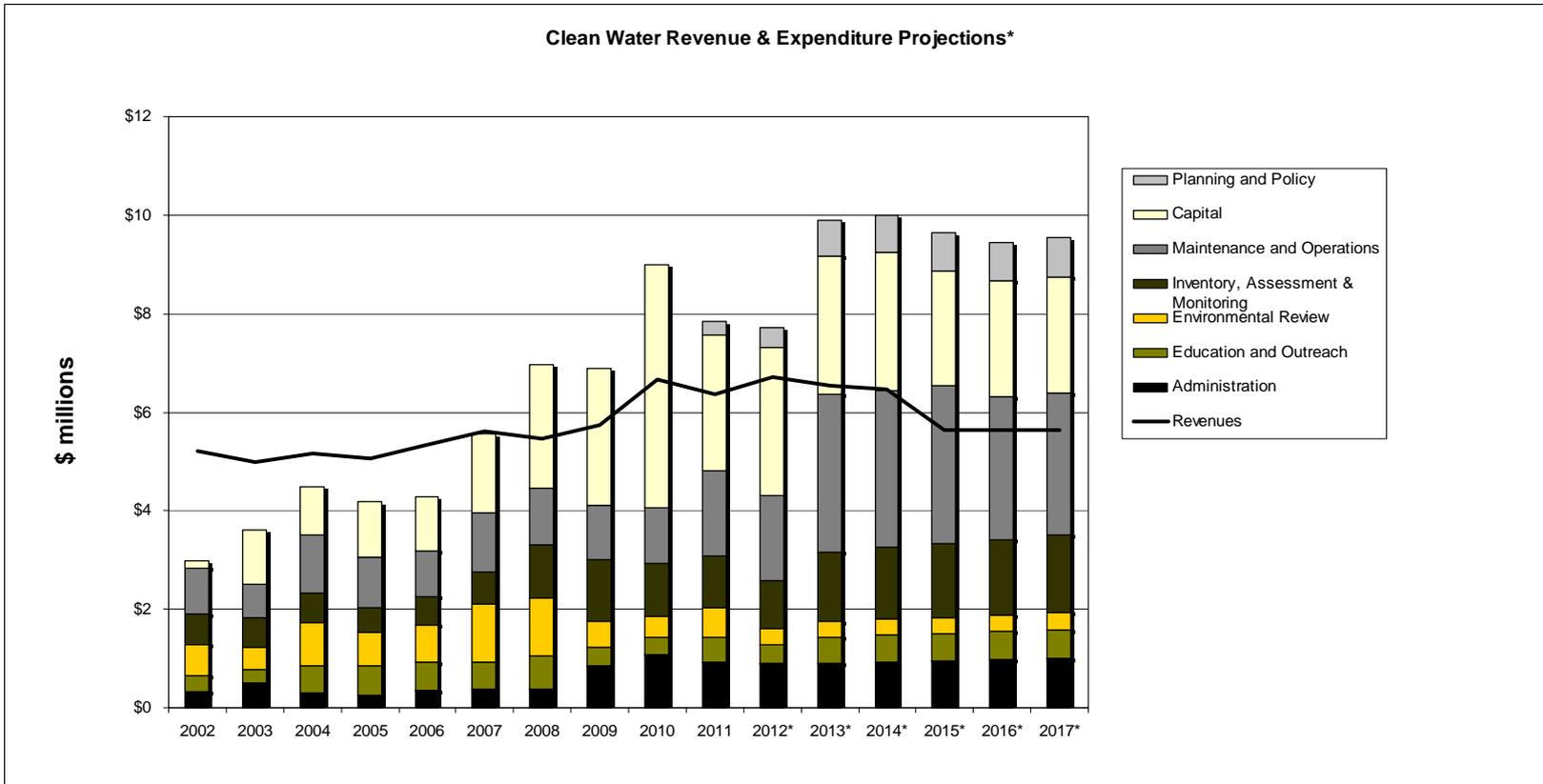
Clean Water Commission Role

- CCC 13.30a
- “The commission shall make recommendations to the board of county commissioners on such matters as the focus of the SWMP, program service levels, financing, and policies on surface and stormwater issues.”

Budget Process and Timeline

- Clean Water is an enterprise fund
- Budget developed by function and expense type
- Budget Office provides a baseline budget to departments in May
- Budgets submitted by departments in July
- Increases or decreases in baseline budget require BOCC approval
- Department budget request published in October
- County Administrator recommended budget published in November
- Public hearings held in December
- Budget adopted by BOCC in December

What's the Issue?

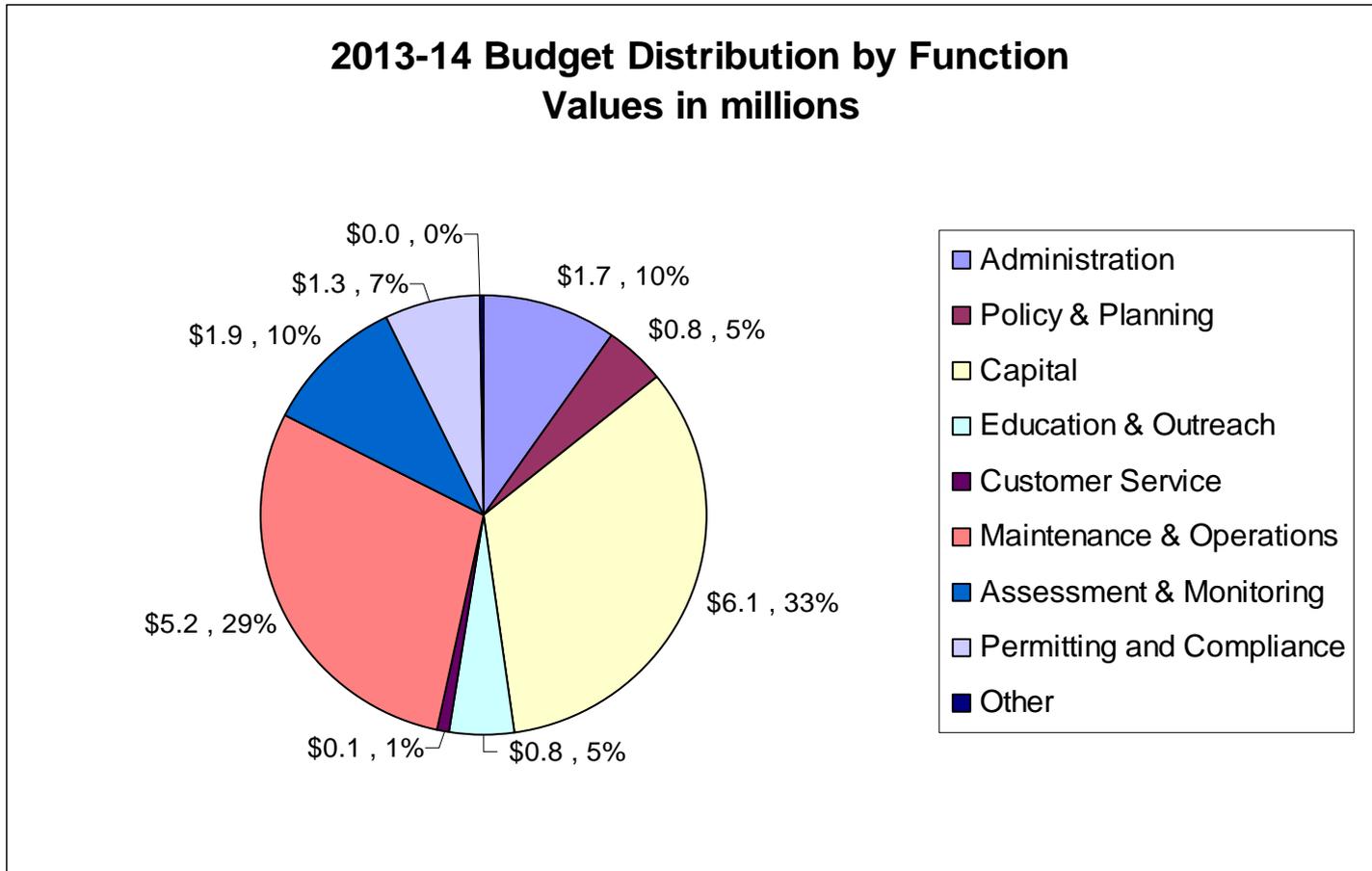


2013-14 Budget

Revenue and Expenditures

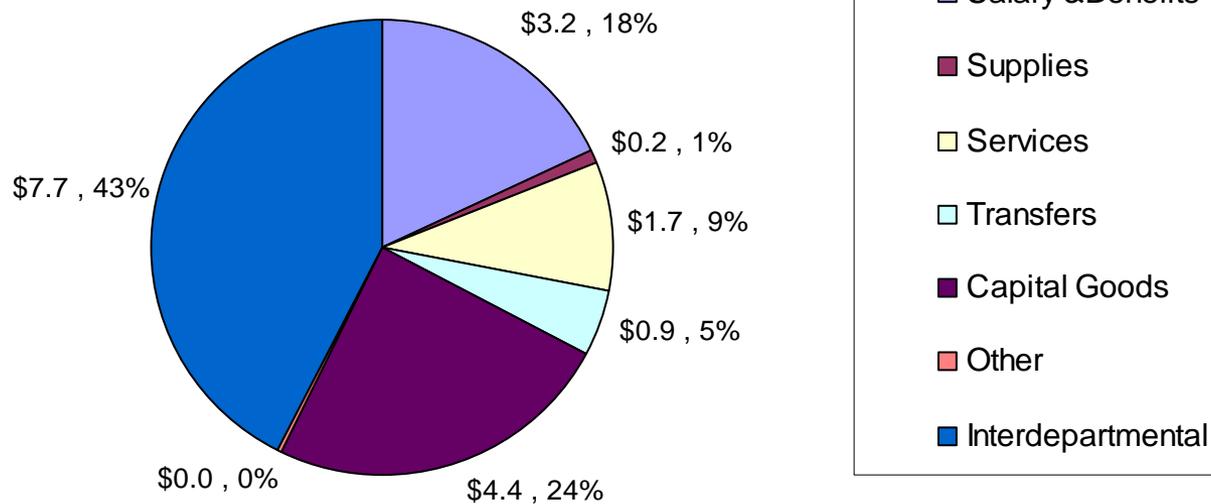
- Clean Water Fund Balance: \$2 million
- Revenue: \$16 million
 - Clean Water Fees: \$9.9 million
 - Anticipated Grants: \$2 million
 - Road Fund Transfer: \$3.8 million
 - Other: \$318 thousand
- Expenditures: \$18 million

2013-14 Budget by Function



2013-14 Budget by Expense Type

2013-14 Budget Distribution by Expense Type
Values in millions



Service Level-Basic Compliance

- Appropriate facility maintenance to meet Permit requirements
- Maintains status quo for Capital investment, including:
 - \$800,000/year to build 1-2 new or to retrofit 3-6 existing facilities, annually.
 - \$1 - \$1.7 million/year to support a moderate level of development through targeted Flow Restoration and reforestation projects.
 - \$400,000/year to provide major capital repairs for 6-10 facilities, annually.
- Permit compliance activities including development codes/manuals, monitoring, education & outreach, code enforcement, inspections.

Service Level-Enhanced Program

- Gray to Green programs, e.g. street trees, rain gardens
- Watershed and stream restoration projects
- Landowner incentives to reduce runoff
- Watershed planning
- Education and outreach activities
- Better asset management



Clean Water Commission Input

- Are funds being appropriately proportioned among functional areas?
- Should budget be increased or reduced in particular areas, along with adjustments in service level?
- Comments on revenue sources?
- Is there a need to report additional budget detail to the Commission?
- Questions?