
Memorialization

TO: Clark County Clean Water Commission; File

FROM: Earl Rowell, DES Clean Water Program and Dick Rylander, Chair

DATE: February 24, 2015

SUBJECT: **February 18, 2015 Clark County Manager/Board of County Council Work Session: Memorialization: 2014 Clark County Clean Water Commission Annual Report**

Clark County Clean Water Commissioners (commission) Dick Rylander and Susan Rasmussen attended the work session. Mr. Rylander presented to the Board of Clark County Councilors (Board) the *2014 Clark County Clean Water Commission Annual Report*.

The Board heard that the commission is interested in doing the following:

- Review and comment on the Clean Water Program Fee study on stormwater polluters (i.e. ensure everyone is heard and consider their input)
- Continue working on the Stormwater Association Multiuse Program (SWAMP)
- Continue educating the community about the Clean Water Program
- Making meaningful recommendations on Clean Water Program policy issues to the Board

The Board thanked the commission for their service and commitment to the Clean Water Program, and made the following recommendations to the commission:

Major Takeaway: The Board wants projects that are beneficial but can be cited as examples of activity and value. They want action.

- The commission should submit a project to the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board (who will receive from \$500,000 in June from the Clean Water Program) to get projects completed.
- The commission should work with the Parks advisory board to turn the *storm water jails* (fenced in stormwater facilities) into amenities with trails and educational signs.
- Find ways to get volunteers, including property owners, WSU-Vancouver students involved to help maintain facilities (adopt a stormwater facility and stream program).
- Have field trips to facilities to stimulate ideas and conversation (visit Parkside Manor Stormwater Facility (SWF) Retrofit and Glenwood SWF).
- Create specific goals that have tasks and action items to move projects along and make sure the information is posted on the website so the public can see what is being accomplished.
- Review the relevancy of the responsibilities of the Clean Water commission as defined in 13.30A.040.