



## Meeting Summary

**Wednesday, September 5, 2018**

**6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Public Service Center, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room  
1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver**

**Members Present:** Marie LaManna, Brendan Addis, Jeremy Burnett, Michelle Girts, Janice Killion-6:37 pm, David McDevitt, Holly Norris - telephonically, Mark Schneider, and Josh Seeds

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Andrea Logue, Eric Lambert

**Partner Agency Staff Present:** None

**Public Present:** None

### I. ROLL CALL

No changes were proposed to the meeting summary for Jul. 11, 2018, and Commissioner Addis moved to approve. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### III. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

#### Clean Water Division Outreach

Eric Lambert, Clean Water Outreach Specialist, gave an update on outreach events:

- Clean Water had a static table at the Clark County Fair due to staffing challenges and received 30 pledges which is actually pretty good response for the self service offering.
- Don't Drip and Drive program is active.
  - Held 6 events and checked 248 cars with a 6% leak rate which is lower than expected
    - Leak check event at Clark County Fair – tested 70 vehicles with a 10% rate which is more in line with expectations.
  - Two upcoming 2018 events will be held at Corwin Beverage and the Unitarian Church.
  - Investigating ways to increase the sample size, expand the number of shops and the amount of data received from the auto shops.
    - Art Morse Auto Repair in Battle Ground is keeping logs and sending the data they've tracked.
    - Looking to partner with more shops.
- Watershed Festival hosted by Columbia Springs at Salmon Creek Park on Sept. 27-28, 2018.
  - 500 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will attend and a favorite activity is the "salmon obstacle course".
  - Still looking for volunteers to help with this educational program.
- Green Schools Student Summit will be held Oct. 4, 2018 at Clark College.
  - It focuses on solid waste and water quality issues in SW Washington and topics covered are driven by teacher preference.
  - Eric and Andrea designed a scavenger hunt on a portion of Clark College's campus to educate students and teachers about stormwater and where it goes.
- Stormwater Partners of SW Washington is proposing two project applications for Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board's (LCFRB) Clark County Clean Water Restoration Fund grants. The total amount available is \$150,000 which is up \$50,000 from last year.



- Grant 1 – Stormwater Facility Maintenance Outreach to reach out to the owners of private stormwater facilities in order to bridge the knowledge gap to make it easier for owners to learn what they need to do and how.
  - Create a database or web portal of private stormwater facilities in the county.
  - Signs delineating who owns and maintains facilities.
  - Goal is for an owner to go online and see, “What did my inspection say?” and “What to do we need to do to fix any issues that were found?”
  - Another aspect will focus on training on best management practices for the landscapers and others who are doing these maintenance projects.
  - Highlight and recognize the top performers.
  - This grant can’t fulfill the county’s stormwater permit requirements. It will augment what we currently do to meet the requirements.
  - One of the challenges will be to integrate the various partners’ technology and methods into a cohesive piece.
  - Staff is looking for ways to leverage this information and create synergy for future grant and outreach opportunities.
- Grant 2 – Watershed Sign Revitalization and Outreach focused on signs originally installed in the mid-1990s. Many are missing or damaged and this grant would be fixing and replacing these signs, coupled with outreach to help raise awareness
  - Social media links and increased social marketing.
  - Interactive watershed map. Staff envisions access to information covering some of these questions: “What are primary/secondary watersheds?” “What are the characteristics of this watershed (i.e., types of fish)?” “What are the stream’s water quality indicators from the stream health report?”
  - Interactive story map about problem areas and creative solutions with story-location pins (with date stamps to identify when the story has been updated) was suggested.
  - Eric is looking for contractors to help install the signs. The challenge with using volunteer groups (college kids, Eagle Scouts) is quality control and liability concerns. Amazon’s Mechanical Turk was offered as an option. It was suggested that a Friends of Trees type event could be a good option for volunteer help.
- Stormwater Partners of SW Washington ([www.stormwaterpartners.com](http://www.stormwaterpartners.com))
  - Meetings are the third Wednesday of the first month of the quarter and next will be at the Heritage Farm on Oct. 17, 2018.
  - Discussed stormwater cleanout assistance program
    - Next steps to issue request for proposals (RFP) for contractors to pump out storm drains at a predetermined price
- The next Friends of Trees planting event will be on Dec. 8, 2018.

### Working Group Goals and Objectives

All three groups, Research, Partnerships and Outreach Working Groups were not able to meet over the summer. They plan to meet soon to work on their goals, mission and objectives.

### Working Group Updates: Research, Partnerships and Outreach

- **Partnerships Group**
  - Did not have time to meet during the summer. They will have more at the next meeting.
- **Outreach Group**
  - It was a very busy summer and weren’t able to meet. They plan to continue to work on their goals soon.
  - Chair LaManna attended the Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County (NACCC) meeting in Aug. on partnering with the schools’ resources and Sept. will be home safety and emergency preparedness.



- **Research Group**
  - Was not able to meet. However, they will have a review of the Bylaws ready to look at for the next meeting. They will be reassigning responsibilities according to the new priorities.

### **Stormwater Facility Field Trip**

It is time to schedule the annual field trip to see various stormwater facilities.

- Planning to visit Curtin Wildlife Springs Habitat Area and Gaddis Wetlands (north of Padden Parkway)
- Other stormwater facilities and a site near Grove Airfield and the East County Fire and Rescue Station 91 were also suggested
- It will be an afternoon in early to mid-October. Andrea will send out dates in about week.

## **IV. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TIME**

- Discussion on Clark Conservation District objectives crossover with Clean Water continued from previous meetings. Many states continue to use the original federal name: Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Following the devastation of the Dust Bowl in the 1930s, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt recommended the Standard State Soil Conservation Districts Act be signed into law by all state governors. These programs are units of local government designed to help citizens conserve their soil, water, and other renewable natural resources.
  - Discussion regarding Spokane's successful Conservation District which has a dedicated revenue stream and how they have partnered to provide valuable resources for farmers to reduce soil erosion, improve soil health and water quality.
  - There will be a public hearing on Sept. 11, 2018, regarding Clark Conservation District's continued funding.
  - The \$5 fee per parcel would be a new levy and not an already existing fee that just hasn't been collected. They are currently funded by grants.
  - The commissioners wonder if they should support the Conservation District as private individuals or if it would be appropriate to support as the Clean Water Commission.
  - CWC would like to have the Conservation District make a presentation at an upcoming meeting. They would like to see if there are ways to leverage the crossover between the two.
  - Andrea will find send out the May Conservation District information to the CWC.
- Clark County's Planning Commission is reviewing several new large industrial developments including the Chelatchie Prairie Rail Development transportation project. Public comment is due Sept. 13, 2018, on the zoning proposals. (Impacts or concerns need to be thoughtfully addressed.) Discussion ensued whether they should go on the record of asking the stormwater questions as a concerned citizen or as the Clean Water Commission. The CWC's mission is stormwater and these concerns need to be raised so that they will be addressed through the permitting process. Individuals may make their own statements, but as a commission the impact will be stronger. Commissioner Seed will do the research and send it to the rest of the commission so that a comment can be made before the due date.
- Bioretention cells: bioengineering the filters and maintenance which are better to alleviate costs. Although more costly to construct, structured bio-filter models work better over the long haul because of the ease of maintenance.
- Commissioners whose terms are expiring at the end of the year, Andrea will send an email asking if they'd like to continue for another term. Commissioner Norris will finish out her current term but will not renew for a new three-year term.
- Chair LaManna reminded the commissioners to please add to the annual report draft in Google Docs. This will greatly ease the creation of next year's report.
- Zimmerman Quarry recently been reopened East of Washougal and there have been questions regarding their water permits. Andrea will research if Linda O'Leary is still the correct Clark County contact for quarries.



## CLEAN WATER COMMISSION

Andrea Logue, Clean Water Commission Staff Liaison, gave an update on several matters.

- Personnel changes of note:
  - New County Manager, Shawn Hennessee, started at end of July.
  - Newly hired Public Works Deputy Director, Ahmad Qayoumi, was named Interim Director because Heath Henderson is leaving.
  - Clean Water Division will be hiring a new commercial Environmental Operations Specialist to assist Cary Armstrong.
  - Andrea has been promoted to Jane Kleiner's vacant position and will be Outreach and Education lead. She will still have a hand in the financial and budget aspects of the division. The Program Assistant position is currently open and first review was yesterday. They will be the staff liaison for the CWC. The CWC members expressed their appreciation of Andrea's work and will miss working with her.

### V. ADJOURN – 08:15 PM

Summary provided by: Alice Millward, Clark County Staff Liaison / 564.397.5267

*For more detailed information, an audio recording for this meeting is available through the county website at:*  
<https://www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/clean-water-commission>.