



Meeting Summary

Wednesday, November 7, 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 (by telephone), David McDevitt, Mark Schneider, and Josh Seeds

**Members Absent:** Holly Norris

**Staff Present:** Eric Lambert, Andrea Logue, and Alice Millward

**Partner Agency Staff Present:** None

**Public Present:** Sue Marshall

**I. ROLL CALL**

No changes were proposed to the meeting summary for Sep. 5, 2018, and Commissioner McDevitt moved to approve as written. Commissioner Burnett seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**III. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION / ACTION**

New Clean Water Commission Staff Liaison, Alice Millward, introduced herself and explained her background.

**Clean Water Division Outreach**

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

- He just received word that our two grant proposals partnering with Stormwater Partners of SW Washington have been recommended for approval by the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board for Clark County Clean Water Restoration Fund grants.
  - Grant 1 – Stormwater Facility Maintenance Outreach will provide owners of private stormwater facilities and others a website in order to bridge the knowledge gap to make it easier for owners to learn how to properly maintain their stormwater facilities.
    - Create a portal / website of private stormwater facilities in the county.
    - Signs delineating who owns and maintains the facilities.
    - Another aspect will focus on training on best management practices for the landscapers and others who are doing these maintenance projects.
    - There will be a 360 degree visual tour of various types of stormwater facilities and videos, educational pamphlets and inspection “report cards”.
  - 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, stream health, land use, types of fish, impairments, and creative solutions with story-location pins (with date stamps to identify when the story has been updated) was suggested. Send additional topics and ideas to Eric Lambert.
- Don’t Drip and Drive program is active.
  - Held 8 events and checked 322 cars with 21 leaking cars (6.5% rate)
    - The rate fluctuates greatly depending on the location where it is held. The rate was very low at the organic brewpub event where the clientele is more affluent and ecologically orientated, but much greater at the event held during the Clark County Fair.
    - The recent event held at Corwin Beverage had a 10% rate.
  - Investigating ways to increase the sample size, expand the number of shops and the amount of data received from the auto shops.
- Watershed Festival was held at Salmon Creek Park on Sept. 27-28, 2018.
  - A number of organizations such as Clark County Public Utilities and the Master Composter organization were there to share their knowledge with about 500 fourth graders.
  - Still looking for volunteers to help with this educational program.
  - The Enviroscope was a big hit again. Eric plans to show a demonstration to the Clean Water Commission at the January meeting since it is currently checked out to a school.
- Green Schools Student Summit was 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 “clean water scavenger hunt” on Clark College’s campus to educate students and teachers about stormwater and where it goes.
- The Green Schools Teacher Training was held on Oct. 25, 2018. This is a great resource for these teachers and they really enjoy learning how to show their students about the watersheds and the impact they can have.
- Stormwater Partners of SW Washington ([www.stormwaterpartners.com](http://www.stormwaterpartners.com))
  - Meeting was Oct. 17, 2018 at the Heritage Farm. They are currently exploring who and what they are and how they can best meet the needs of the community since it is such a diverse group.
  - Looking at developing a “clean water award” for the annual Green Business Awards in the future. Eric would like to feature a company who is going above and beyond expectations, but needs to create the parameters first.
- Student Watershed Monitoring Network Teacher Training was conducted on Oct. 26, 2018. This focuses on how to connect the students with their impact on the watershed through data collection. The training also focuses on linking research with community behavior.
  - The teachers will directly input their findings into the FieldScope database and the Clean Water Division is looking for ways to better integrate this information into



other resources such as linking it with GIS and the development of estuary story maps.

- Eric showed the new Catch Basin Cleanup pamphlets. He just mailed them to 450 businesses and has an additional 100 copies for source control visits to give out, as needed. The pamphlets refer to the website where the participants fill out a form. The website emails the vendor(s) and Bob Patterson from the Clean Water Division. This program assists businesses in helping access a list of companies who have agreed to perform this service for a set fee and they will report their findings to the division for tracking. Bob Patterson will spot-check the work. All of the vendor(s) have good ratings for customer service and responsiveness.
- There will be crew leader training on Nov.10, 2018, for the Friends of Trees organization. The next Friends of Trees planting event will be on Dec. 8, 2018. They are always looking for volunteers and need a variety of skills and contributions.
  - The Blazers basketball team is also promoting a 3's for Trees campaign where they will purchase three trees for every three point shot made during home games.
- The Clean Water Division still has an active social media presence. Eric has a weekly Water Bottle Wednesday contest and a monthly First Photo Friday. In addition to being active on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter, the Clean Water Division has a strong presence on the Nextdoor website, which targets the whole county.  
[Instagram.com@clarkcowa\\_pw](https://www.instagram.com/clarkcowa_pw) [twitter.com@ClarkCoWa](https://twitter.com/ClarkCoWa)

## Working Group Goals and Objectives

Partnerships and Outreach Working Groups were able to meet and reported on their progress. Research Working Group did not meet but plan to meet soon to work on the bylaws update so that the Clean Water Commission, CWC, can approve it at the Jan. 2019 meeting.

## Working Group Updates: Research, Partnerships and Outreach

- **Partnerships Group**
  - Commissioner Girts reported that they met with Pat Lee from the Clark County Legacy Lands Program. The key takeaway from the meeting was that acquiring small acreage properties like Heritage Farm are a vital part of the overall watershed health and education. It will be very difficult and expensive to tie the various properties, and definitely worth working towards a watershed vision and potentially partnering with local businesses, homeowners' associations, universities, etc.
- **Outreach Group**
  - Chair LaManna met with Clean Water Division staff and discussed long-term goals. The focus was on how the CWC can help the mission. They will learn about the enviroscape and be able to make that presentation at public events to support Eric. They also will continue to support Cary and his work with homeowner associations.
- **Research Group**
  - Commissioner Schneider reported that they did not meet. However, they will have a draft of the bylaws ready to look at for the next meeting. During 2019, they are interested in taking on the water resource programs project Commissioner Addis proposed.



## Stormwater Facility Field Trip Debrief

Commissioners LaManna, Girts, McDevitt and Schneider attended the annual field trip on Oct. 15, 2018, with staff to see various stormwater facilities via two vehicles.

- Visited Curtin Springs Wildlife Habitat Area and the Gaddis Wetlands. Julie Christian, Parks and Lands Senior Engineering Technician, was very informative regarding the habitat restoration, creek rechanneling and the use of native plants for each of the various locations. The reason various types of native willow plantings are used is to help stabilize the banks and establish the tree canopy quickly so that the invasive grasses don't take over. The goal is to create diverse habitats and canopy spread, which encourages native birds and wildlife in the ecosystem.
- The stormwater facilities at Silver Oaks and Parkview Heights neighborhoods were also toured. The president of Silver Oaks HOA spent quite a bit of time showing the group both of their facilities and what they have been doing to get into compliance. The CWC would like to write a note of thanks. Staff will find the name and give it to the commission. There was good interaction and some private stormwater facility education with the residents of the Parkview Heights location, as well.
- Since there was a little extra time, Rod Swanson showed the group the stormwater monitoring facility on Highway 99.
- Although there was not a quorum present, the commissioners present would like to look into having a more watershed vision so that potentially a "Salmon Creek Corridor" could be created, which would link up the various stormwater mitigation properties in the area.

## IV. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TIME

- Commissioner Addis discussed the Clark Conservation District's recent public hearing with the Clark County Council regarding funding. Most of the comments during the two-hour public testimony were very positive and supportive of the Conservation District. Although the council is very supportive of the organization and their objectives, they are hesitant to go to the voters and ask for additional funding on top of the already expected requests for large transportation and infrastructure projects.
  - Due to comments made at this meeting, Commissioner Addis identified a project that the Research committee could work on next year. There is some confusion regarding the perceived overlap and reach of the various organizations, which have "water" and/or "fish" focused names / missions and how they are funded.
  - Commissioner Addis is willing to head up a "Water Resource Programs Study" to research to following points:
    - Identify all organizations working within the county on projects related, directly or indirectly, to water resource conservation.
    - Create a general outline of those organizations' services and roughly quantify their reach (areas, projects, number of public/community reached, etc.).
    - Look at financial viability and sources of funding for budgets and sustainable funding sources.
    - Outline the overlaps of program targets and competing financial sources.
  - CWC would like to have the Conservation District make a presentation at an upcoming meeting, if possible. They would like to see if there are ways to leverage the crossover between the two programs.
- Clark County's Planning Commission is reviewing the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad proposed freight-rail dependent overlay. Public comments were due Sept. 13, 2018,



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regarding the zoning proposal. In early September, Commissioner Seeds drafted comments for the commission, but they have not been submitted as of yet. Now that the official comment period is over, discussion ensued whether it made the most sense to still submit the CWC's thoughts to the planning commission or directly to the council. It was decided to send the CWC's questions regarding how the issues of stormwater management will be addressed through the permitting process to the Planning Commission directly (commission to commission). Commissioner LaManna will redraft the comments into more of a question format. For example, "Have you considered how stormwater will be addressed through the permitting process?" Then it will be sent to the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney's office for review prior to submission to the Planning Commission.

- Chair LaManna reminded the commissioners to please add to the annual report draft in Google Docs. This will greatly ease the creation of year end report. Included in the packet is the current draft and everyone is encouraged to read and suggest edits. She would like to have this complete by Nov. 26, 2018. Then Alice will update by adding photos and/or graphics and have it conform to the county's style guide.
- Commissioner Seeds reported that Andrea Logue and Linda O'Leary were able to direct him to the correct agency regarding the Zimmerly Quarry's water permits. Afterwards, he was contacted by a third party who had conducted public records request regarding the matter.
- **Nomination and Election of Chair & Vice Chair.** It was expressed by several members that they were happy with the current leadership and both individuals indicated their willingness to continue in their current roles.
  - Commissioner Girts nominated Commissioner LaManna as Chair of the Clean Water Commission. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. (No other nominations were made.) Votes were cast by voice and the appointment was unanimously approved.
  - Commissioner Burnett nominated Commissioner Addis as the Vice Chair of the Clean Water Commission. Commissioner Girts seconded the motion. (No other nominations were made.) Votes were cast by voice and the appointment was unanimously approved.
- There are quite a few applications already submitted for the three vacant Clean Water Commissioner positions. Applications will be accepted until Friday, Nov. 16, 2018, at 5pm. Chair LaManna and Commissioner Addis will work with Alice to review the applications and interview candidates. The goal is to have the new commissioners selected by mid-December. Commissioner Girts indicated that she is also available to cover interviews, if needed.
- Chair LaManna thanked Commissioners Burnett, Norris and Killion for their service on the Clean Water Commission. It has been a pleasure to work with them and she wished them well in their future endeavors.

Alice Millward, Clean Water Commission Staff Liaison, gave an update on several matters.

- Public Works Director, Ahmad Qayoumi, was named the County Engineer recently.
- The county would like to have the civil legal department review any public comments, documents, etc., that the CWC makes regarding the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad.
- The required Washington State Open Public Meetings Act, OPMA, training that has been previously discussed with the CWC will need to be completed by the January meeting. It is online and shouldn't take more than an hour or two. Staff will be sending



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out a link for the commissioners to use. Commissioner Seeds indicated that he has already had this training and will send his certification. The CWC was reminded that everything they do in conjunction with the commission is subject to a public records request.

- If there is a potential for a conflict of interest, the commissioner should disclose the conflict and abstain from discussion, participation and/or voting. Discussion ensued regarding their various roles and interactions. The specific instance brought up was where a third party credited Commissioner Seeds, without his knowledge or permission, when submitting their own comments on the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad proposed freight-rail dependent overlay. If possible, the CWC is interested in providing the Clean Water Division Manager detailed hypothetical issues / questions and having the county attorneys give them advice.
- The Jan. 2, 2019, meeting will be held in conference room 698 which is in the southwest corner to the building.

### V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Marshall introduced herself. She has applied for one of the open commissioner positions and wanted to observe a CWC meeting.

### VI. ADJOURN – 08:47 PM

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

*Due to technical difficulties there was not an audio recording of this meeting. Audio recordings of previous meetings are available through the county website at: <https://www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/clean-water-commission>.*