



Meeting Summary

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

6:30 pm - 9:05 pm

**Public Service Center, 6th Floor Conference Room 698
1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver**

Members Present: Marie LaManna, Brendan Addis, Christy Dunbar, Michelle Girts, Sue Marshall, Justin Maynard, Michelle Maynard and Josh Seeds

Members Absent: David McDevitt

Staff Present: Ben Joner, Eric Lambert and Alice Millward

Public Present: None

I. ROLL CALL

Several changes were made to the March 6, 2019, meeting notes to correct scrivener errors, clarify updates to the annual report and which Work Groups Commissioner Marshall is a member of. Commissioner Addis moved to approve as amended. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

III. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

Public Works - Clean Water Division

Clean Water Division Monitoring Program

Ben Joner, Natural Resources Specialist, gave an overview and answered many questions regarding the Clark County Monitoring Program including the wadeable streams assessment project, the hydrology monitoring project, the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) program, the low-impact development at McCords Toyota stormwater monitoring project and the 2019-2024 Lower Columbia urban streams monitoring project. Monitoring uses these testing programs remain in compliance with our stormwater permit and to help describe the status and trends for stream health in Clark County through the Stream Health Report. The next report is scheduled to be complete in 2020.

Clean Water Division Outreach

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

- The two new Clean Water Restoration Fund grant contracts through the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board were recently signed and the work is proceeding for both projects.
- The final Friends of Trees street tree planting event of this grant cycle was Saturday, March 9th. They planted over 100 street trees in the Felida neighborhood.
- The Don't Drip and Drive campaign currently has eight events scheduled for 2019. The literature and website were translated into Spanish.
- Multnomah County and the city of Gresham contacted several SW Washington jurisdictions to partner on a media buy with KPTV – Fox Channel 12. A meteorologist will talk about



stormwater issues and good practices as part of a public service announcement. It's slated to start this summer and will go 6-7 months.

- Kline Line Fish Derby was held on April 12-13. Alice and Chair LaManna volunteered at the booth. The new Clean Water wheel was very popular.
- Eric gave a presentation entitled "Sustainable Small Acreage Living" at the WSU Extension Office's Small Acreage Expo on April 13.
- Clark Public Utilities Earth Day Fest was April 20. Chair LaManna helped in the booth.
- Eric explained the Backyard Habitat Challenge program which will be expanding into rural Clark County from Multnomah County. The commission would like to explore how to give support to this project.
- Eric presented at the Watershed Stewards Association. There are many volunteer opportunities with this organization.
- On June 3, there is an Open House for the East Fork of the Lewis River TMDL Advisory Group. Eric will share some of the mailers he received.
- Andrea and Eric recently attended Muni-Con and found it very helpful. It reaffirmed Clean Water's approach to education, outreach and marketing via social media. They were able to connect with other agency partners and gather insightful strategies to better bring our message to the public.

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

- Alice explained the status of the transition to the new county Clean Water google account.
- The transition to the county's new financial management software WorkDay has still been dominating much of the staff's focus.
- The commission decided not to change their July meeting and is not going to have a clean water division staff presentation.

Working Group Updates: Research, Partnerships and Outreach

All three Working Groups reported on their progress.

- **Partnerships Group**
 - Commissioner Girts reported they are revising their mission statement and annual action plan and is saved on the shared file as a draft.
 - In mid-March, Commissioner Girts sent the CWC comments for the Heritage Farm's Master Plan. There is a meeting tomorrow regarding all comments they've received.
 - Commissioner Marshall interviewed Devin, a water quality specialist focusing on TMDLs in the Burnt Bridge Creek / Lacamas Lake areas, and met with Department of Ecology.
 - Commissioner J Maynard interviewed Washington Department Fish and Wildlife regarding fish passage, fresh groundwater and creating flood plains by design.
 - Commissioner Girts met with Glen Lamb from the Columbia Land Trust.
 - Commissioner Seeds has been contacted by several citizens regarding the impact development has on water quality, NPDES permits for quarries and where to find information if they have a concern.



CLEAN WATER COMMISSION

- **Outreach & Education Group**
 - Chair LaManna noted that March and April has been very busy months with a lot of outreach events as outlined in Eric's report.
 - The next NACCA meeting is May 13 and will feature the WS-DOT presentation. Please see their website for more details.
- **Research Group**
 - The group has met and Commissioner Addis explained progress on the "Water Resource Programs Project":
 - Discussed scope, targeted list of organizations and created a shared file to keep data
 - Narrowed list of questions and developed a script to use when interviewing each partner agency

IV. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TIME

- The commissioners gave their impressions of the 2010 Stream Health report which reported stream data gathered from 2005-2009.
- Chair LaManna would like to start working towards creating a 5-6 year mission oriented Strategic Plan for the commission. It will be the primary topic for the July meeting. She will send a preliminary outline for the commission to review.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. ADJOURN – 09:05 PM

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

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<https://www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/clean-water-commission>.