



**Clean Water Commission Special Meeting Summary**

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024

5:30 pm 00 pm

Hybrid Meeting via WebEx and in the PSC Conference Room 698

**I. ROLL CALL**

The meeting started at 5:30 but was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chair Jones. Roll Call was made.

**Members Present:** Matthew Jones, Alejandra Cortes(v), Kate Perkins(v), Rudy Salakory(v), and Phil Struck(v)

**Members Absent:** Ted Gathe, Jeff Kessenich, Sandra Martin-Boehm, and Bob Trost

**Staff Present:** Devan Rostorfer, Jeff Schnabel, Rod Swanson, Eric Lambert, and Alice Millward

**Public Present:** none

*(v) indicates appeared via video conference*

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None. No requests for access, comments and/or questions were received by staff.

**Approval Meeting Minutes:** No minutes to be approved since this is not meant as a business meeting, but as a new commissioner training meeting.

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

**Clean Water Division Overview – Devan Rostorfer, Clean Water Division Manager**

- Devan gave a summary about the 18 CW staff members; the service agreements CW has with 9 other divisions and what work they do to keep in compliance with NPDES Permit. She gave an overview of the 2024 Clean Water priorities and the challenges facing the division. Devan gave a brief overview of the need for a rate study to update Clean Water’s fees and the draft timeline. She highlighted some of the exciting new funding sources that will be available in 2024. [See attached presentation for details.](#)

**NPDES Phase 1 Permit Presentation – Rod Swanson, NPDES Manager.**

- Rod gave a general overview of the NPDES Phase 1 Municipal Stormwater Permit and a more detailed discussion of the 11 primary permit sections. He explained that the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) is and the county code which prohibits the discharge of contaminants to the MS4 and the waters in Clark County and requires all stormwater control facilities to be maintained to county standards. The other areas covered were MS4 mapping, coordination efforts, public involvement, development, planning, structural controls which includes the capital plan, pollution source controls,



illicit discharge detection and elimination (IDDE), operation and maintenance, reporting and education and outreach. [See linked presentation for details.](#)

**Monitoring Program** – Jeff Schable, Infrastructure and Monitoring Manager.

- Jeff highlighted some of the major annual projects and programs the monitoring group handles such as the Lower Columbia Urban Streams (LCUS), Wadeable Streams, Hydrology, Microbial Source Tracking, and Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE). He outlined how this information is used and disseminated to various agencies, consultants, partner groups, internal and partner groups. [See presentation for details.](#)

**Infrastructure Program** – Jeff Schable, Infrastructure and Monitoring Manager.

- Jeff reviewed the six-year Stormwater Capital Plan which is updated annually. The 2024-29 plan has 29 projects and a budget of \$13.6 million. The goals are to protect and enhance streams and wetlands; minimize stormwater impacts to receiving waters; and maximize public benefits of county-owned lands. He went through the various types of projects and how the funding is comprised. Another aspect of the infrastructure program is the stormwater asset mapping component. The final group is the inspection and maintenance of public facilities. [See presentation for details.](#)

**Education and Community Engagement** – Eric Lambert, Educational Outreach Specialist.

- Eric highlighted how Clean Water meets the education and outreach program requirements of the Permit. It centers around building awareness, effecting behavior change, and creating stewardship opportunities. He explained current and past projects that have met each of these requirements and the service area and target audiences. [See presentation for details.](#)

**CW Staff Liaison Report** – Alice Millward, CW Program Assistant.

- Alice went over the general expectations, training and commitments for all Clean Water Commissioners. She reviewed the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) training requirements and the CWC's mission, vision, values and bylaws. [See presentation for details.](#)

**Roundtable Discussion:**

- None.

## VI. ADJOURN – 7:50 PM

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

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