



## Meeting Summary

Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2020

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

WebEx Video Conference Due to Covid-19 Pandemic

### I. ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm. Roll Call made.

**Members Present:** Brendan Addis, Michelle Girts, Matthew Jones, Marie LaManna, Sue Marshall, Justin Maynard, Michelle Maynard, Josh Seeds and Charlie Tumelty.

**Members Absent:** none

**Staff Present:** Jeff Schnabel, Eric Lambert, and Alice Millward

**Public Present:** none

Introductions and welcome of new and returning commissioners. Interim Clean Water Division Manager, Jeff Schnabel, thanked the commission for their work, time and dedication on behalf of Public Works Director, Ahmad Qayoumi.

### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None. No requests for access, comments and/or questions were received by staff as of 5pm on January 6, 2021. Current notification process clarified. Staff will update the website and agenda with additional verbiage which will better explain process.

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

#### Public Works - Clean Water Division

##### Clean Water Division Outreach - Eric Lambert, Clean Water Outreach Specialist.

- Currently 274 of the watershed signs have been installed. The Explore Your Watershed Story Map on the Stormwater Partners website has been very popular and has received significant user traffic. The LCFRB grant was completed in December. Now Clean Water is pivoting and will work towards replacing signs on the East and North Forks of the Lewis river, which weren't covered under the grant.
- The other LCFRB grant which focused Storm Water Facilities Maintenance received a one-year extension due to scheduling delays due to Covid. The videos are almost complete and Eric is focusing on the printed materials and the educational piece for landscape professionals and contractors.
- Eric has been working closely with the Oregon-based Clean Rivers Coalition. One of the more public facing educational endeavors is the Clean Water public service ads on Channel 12.



## CLEAN WATER COMMISSION

- The Stream Health Report was delayed due to Covid and is now expected to be released mid-2021. Outreach is working with the Monitoring group to create the final product. This report will be linked to the story map.
- We are participating in the Clean Water Coalition's new student video contest geared to high school students. There will be \$500 cash prizes which were donated and there are five categories.
- Eric and Andrea attended a workshop in December by Doug McKenzie which will be very valuable for the Behavioral Change messaging via social media and through social and normal media buys.
- The new permit requires Clark County to track the effectiveness of a behavioral change. We will be focusing on the Canines for Clean Water to target pet waste issues. They will be utilizing a community-based marketing model and one of the targeted populations is multifamily housing and veterinarians. As part of this study, they will be doing a "poop count" this weekend so that they will have a baseline measurement before the campaign.
- Due to Covid, there still won't be any in-person events and so they are being very creative in finding new ways to reach people.

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

- Clean Water is still working hard in a socially distant manner and have modified work processes in place.
- CWC Annual Report will need to be finalized and approved at March meeting.
- Staff are busy working on multiple grants, contracts and projects. Monitoring set up 8 sites (5 trend sites and 3 status sites) for Lower Columbia Urban Streams monitoring for the new permit and have been conducting various types of training. Included temperature loggers, water quality, and hydrology to name a few. Still there are many instances of code compliance issues and the private stormwater facility inspectors are also very busy.
- Alice gave her annual OPMA and record retention reminders.
- The CWC would like to continue with the Spring and Fall / March and October special meetings. The Spring Special Meeting will be March 31 and the Fall meeting will be October 6. Alice will schedule some presenters for the Spring meeting such as code enforcement, Growth Management and ways to elevate water quality impacts. It doesn't look like we will be able to have a fieldtrip any time soon. (Hopefully by Fall of 2021 this will be a possibility. Alice will look into alternative means since there is interest to have something in early Summer.)
- The NPDES Code and Manual update is moving along in the process. There will be a public comment period and Rod Swanson will present it to the Planning Commission in March and the Council in May.



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

All three Working Groups reported on their progress and member assignments.

- **Research Group** (M. Maynard-chair, Addis, Tumelty, Josh )
  - Commissioner Michelle Maynard reported the research group haven't had much ability to meet over the holidays. They sent out their contact list which they compiled over the past year.
    - Commissioner Addis has a 2021 project he would like the Research work group to take on. He has identified several local waterways (China Ditch and Shanghai Creek) that are worth looking into renaming. He is familiar with the process and thinks this would be a good project for the group.
- **Outreach & Education Group** (Jones-chair, LaManna, Sue-PT)
  - Commissioner LaManna indicated that they did not meet over the holidays. However, she recommended a virtual game on PBS Kids called "Don't Flood the Fidgets."
  - They are planning to work with Eric on his Canines for Clean Water behavioral change efforts.
- **Partnerships Group** (J. Maynard-chair, Girts, Marshall)
  - Commissioner J Maynard reported they are interested in working with the Watershed Alliance and the Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement group to look at removal of fish barriers in local waterways.

## **IV. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TIME**

- Discussion ensued on rural property owners with acreage and the target East Fork of the Lewis River fecal coliform issues. Ecology has sent mailers to residents regarding taking a pledge and the incentives.
- Commissioner Girts' had questions regarding Cougar Creek restoration grants and new grant opportunities. Discussion ensued. Jeff Schnabel noted that we will be starting a \$500,000 headwater wetlands restoration project on the Heritage Farm property. The 20-year capital planning process will identify new project opportunities. He plans to kickstart that process in February.
- Chair Addis encourages all of the Commissioners to look at what interests them and their skills to see if it is something that your workgroup could take on. Each Work Group should meet and develop their 2021 Action Plan before the next meeting.

## **VI. ADJOURN – 08:49 PM**

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

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