



## Meeting Summary

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

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

Commissioner Girts moved and Commissioner Marshal seconded the Nov. 4, 2020, meeting notes be approved as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Girts moved and Commissioner LaManna seconded the Jan. 6, 2021, meeting notes be approved as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None. No requests for access, comments and/or questions were received by staff as of 5pm on March 3, 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** – Jeff Schnabel, Clean Water Interim Manager.

- The Heritage Farms Project / Grant is getting final approval from Dept. of Ecology and the Council. They will be ramping up quickly to get this project ready by May 1<sup>st</sup>
- The Code and Manual update is progressing towards its final approval in May. Currently, we will have a Council Work Session with the Planning Commission tomorrow. The Planning Commission Hearing is slated for March 16. We will also present at a work session for the Council and finally a Hearing in April/May. We are moving along nicely in this process.
- The 20-Year Capital Plan will be getting kickstarted hopefully in the near future. There isn't very much bandwidth for staffing at this time to move forward as of yet. It has been listed by the department as one of our "top 5 priorities" for the year.



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

- Several Clean Water staff will be attending the virtual Muni-Con during the first week of April. It has several education and outreach, local source control and other tracks which many of the staff feel will be very helpful.
- We will not be applying for the final round of LCFRB grants. CW just doesn't have the staffing bandwidth to take on any more grant projects at this time.
- The watershed signs have been installed and they submitted their final report in February. Now Clean Water is pivoting and will work towards replacing signs on the East and North Forks of the Lewis river, which were not 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 and the RAC cards are complete. Eric is working on the printed materials and the in-person educational piece for landscape professionals and contractors to be held at the end of the year when safety protocols have hopefully been loosened.
- There is some discussion on how the culminating events will happen for the Fieldscope project and Student Watershed Congress. This brings up the question, of how to meet deliverables in a time of Covid. Currently, Rainey and CW staff are looking at creative alternatives.
- The Storm Water Partners' Don't Drip and Drive is currently on hold. It's too early for in person leak checks. Depending on how the pandemic is going, they will consider a workshop via Zoom or getting an extension through December 2022.
- 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. They have received an EPA grant for outreach work on pesticide reductions and impacts. They are partnering with OSU and will have alternative yard and lawn care videos available. The Latin-X populations will be targeted. The CWC members were very interesting in how they could help and utilize their knowledge in this project, especially helping with resources for small acreage, master gardeners, etc., and focusing on pollinator consciences and potential human health impacts.
- The 2020 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 the students can enter.
- 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. Eric just provided outreach at a school event via zoom
- The new 2019 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. There are two ideas for final test plans. One along various county trails and parks and the other was through several residential housing areas. The latter one was scrapped since it will be too difficult to monitor and implement the outreach plan. They will focus on the trails and will have a pilot project this summer. They will not focus as much at the trails with traditional outreach events but will work



with other groups and install informational kiosks at trail heads. They will be utilizing a community-based marketing model and one of the targeted populations is multifamily housing and veterinarians. Discussion ensued on various ways to creatively provide outreach to Latin-X and other target audiences.

**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 this meeting March meeting. She discussed several options for Work Shop dates with the Council to present the Annual Report.
- 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. There're many instances of code compliance issues and the private stormwater facility inspectors have been very busy.
- 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 has scheduled for the Spring meeting Clark County Vegetation Management to discuss their efforts regarding the milfoil management process at Vancouver Lake. She has scheduled the CW monitoring staff to discuss the new Lower Columbia Urban Streams (LCUS) program and the Local Source Control (LSC) to discuss their business pollution prevention efforts.
- 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 CW Manager position has been advertised but it will be several months before much traction is made.

### **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 met last week. They discussed their plans and background regarding the creek naming project. Duties have been divided. Various members will be contacting the Clark County Historical Society and Museum as well as local groups to see if these water ways are culturally appropriate or sensitive to Asian people.
- **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. They have a meeting scheduled this weekend (3/6\_ at 5:30 via zoom to discuss.



- **Outreach & Education Group** (Jones-chair, LaManna, Sue-PT)
  - Commissioner Jones indicated that they did not meet. However, they have offered to work with Eric on his Canines for Clean Water behavioral change efforts.
  - He has reached out to Parks regarding the Salmon Safe certification in parks but hasn't had any response from Parks yet. Alice will see if Jeff/CW staff reaching out to Galina Burley may have any effect. They are incredibly short staffed at this time.

#### IV. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TIME

- **2020 Annual Report**: Discussion ensued on various changes and corrections to the Annual Report, such as dates of addition public service and photos. Chair Addis moved and Commissioner M. Maynard I seconded the 2020 Clean Water Commission's Annual Report be approved as amended. Motion passed unanimously.
- Chair Addis noted that he attended a Salmon Safe Seminar in Vancouver B.C. and one of the effects scientists have found of tire particulates on salmonids. Dr. McIntyre analysis of the compounds have shown a marked/rapid die off of adult Coho salmon in the Seattle urban are. She has found that 90% of adult and juvenile Coho die off from this compound. It has not shown to affect eggs. She is currently working with industry to change the formulation of the rubber tire composition to lessen the negative effects on fish populations.

#### VI. ADJOURN – 08:17 PM

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