



Rescheduled Meeting Summary

Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

WebEx Video Conference Due to Covid-19 Pandemic

I. ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm. Roll Call was made, and all the staff and commissioners introduced themselves and a short biography.

Members Present: Brendan Addis, Michelle Girts, Rodger Hauge, Matthew Jones, Jeff Kessenich, Marie LaManna, Sandra Martin-Boehm, Josh Seeds and Bob Trost.

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Justin Maynard and Eric Lambert

Public Present: Michelle Maynard

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None. No requests for access, comments and/or questions were received by staff on Jan. 19, 2022.

III. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

Public Works - Clean Water Division

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

- Eric has been working on the Storm Water Facilities Maintenance resources. We have completed the deliverables of this grant and he's finishing the final report. It is great to see all those educational materials (videos and printed materials) upon on the Stormwater Partners webpage. With the very limited resources we had, it will be very nice to have these resources utilized in the next year of inspections
- The Clean Rivers Coalition's videos and website feature the "Connect the Drops" campaign which will feature videos of the Columbia River and local watersheds.
- The Storm Water Partners' 2022 Students for Clean Water Video Contest officially launched last week. Local students from 6th to 12th grade are invited to make a video about one of the themes on the website. There are \$500 and \$100 cash prizes which are donated by some local engineering firms, because public agencies can't give away money like that. It is great to have this kind of public, private partnership. We're excited to see the videos that the students create and hopefully we'll have more opportunities to display them publicly.



- Clean Water also created a story map of “Explore Your Watershed”. Last year, Eric gave a presentation for Odyssey Middle School on the story map to their students and so they asked him back this year. It felt good to be back in the schools.
- We'll start planning for the next phase of our Pet Waste Behavior Change Program with our partners in Battleground Canvas and Washougal.
- Last year, we finished replacing a lot of our watershed signs that had been out on the streets for over 20 years. They were looking in rough shape if they were even still standing. Due to the grant parameters, we replaced those signs in almost all our watersheds, except for the East and North Forks of the Lewis River. We intend to continue the watershed sign replacement in those areas. In the coming weeks, Eric is starting to inventory the signs in those two watersheds so that we can replace those signs this year as well.
- Eric has been serving on the Steering Committee for the Clean Rivers Coalition which is primarily an Oregon-based group of jurisdictions and agencies working in the clean water / stormwater world. They received an EPA grant two years ago to target reduction of pesticide use on lawns. He has been working on a website and videos, which are nearly finished. We are very excited about it because they are going to be very good. The easiest way to access them is through the Stormwater Partners website.
- For those of you who don't know, Stormwater Partners group is composed of the local NPDES Permittees (cities of Vancouver, Canvas, Washougal and Battleground, and Clark County). In addition to the governmental agencies, Stormwater Partners also incorporates a broader scope of local nonprofits, agencies and organizations that work in this field as well. One of the goals is to have consistent materials and messaging throughout all the different local jurisdictions. Stormwater Partners is a great way to do that, so a lot of our education outreach material really goes through that website.

Justin Maynard, Clean Water Division Manager gave a general overview of the Clean Water Division which comprises the Clean Water / Stormwater side and the Wastewater Treatment Plant side. Justin also showed the current organization chart which just recently had a reorganization. Some of our staff, like Eric, have moved to Public Works Department Support even though he is still 100% involved in Clean Water.

Many of you know Jeff Schnabel. He was the Interim Division Manager for over a year and comes to these meeting regularly. Jeff manages our infrastructure and monitoring groups. Our NPDES permit has a lot of requirements regarding capital improvement, programming and completing projects. Jeff also coordinates heavily with our operations crews to keep our publicly owned stormwater facilities well-maintained. While those staff are not actually in our division, we have water quality, a drainage and another “roads” crew that perform work for us. The other side of Jeff’s responsibility is the monitoring crew who collect the samples to meet other permit requirements. They also collect enormous amounts of data which Marlee and puts



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together into our stream health report. We are working to update and are shooting to present to the Council in an April work session. Bob Hutton does a lot of the statistical modeling needed for the permit compliance.

Rod Swanson is responsible for managing the permit compliance and inspections. The privately owned facilities are all inspected by Carey and Rich, with some help from Bob Patterson. Bob also heads up our business pollution prevention / local source control efforts. He visits various businesses and inspects them to see their source control programs. He also responds to complaints to Ecology about spills.

Rod is also responsible for putting together the annual report to Ecology, which we're in the thick of right now. Under the permit, the annual report needs to be done and submitted by March 31st. This includes reporting from across the county and our Stormwater Management Plan. Justin won't go too much into detail except to say it is a large and complicated undertaking each year. Rod was primarily responsible for also putting together our newly updated 2021 stormwater manual.

Alice is the program assistant and Clean Water Commission liaison. Sabra, another one of our office staff, is also as part of the reorg and has been relocated in the management structure of the org chart. Although she is more central to public works, Sabra focuses primarily on Clean Water tasks. Jennifer primarily supports or Code Enforcement efforts. We have a clean water code enforcement officer. Scott responds to wetland and grading code violations, erosion control violations and things like that.

Justin is also responsible for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The treatment plant operations are transitioning from the county to the Clark Regional Wastewater District. This is an ongoing process and is moving in the right direction.

Justin further explains the Municipal Stormwater (NPDES) Phase One permit and the role of other Public Works Departments.

Alice Millward, Clean Water Commission Staff Liaison, Justin reminded the Commissioners about the upcoming dates for the special meetings since Alice was unavailable. The CWC approved those suggested dates. There will be additional training for the new Commissioners. Please also review the OPMA and public disclosure requirements. .

Working Group Updates: Research, Partnerships and Outreach

All three Working Groups gave an overview of their mission, current projects, and goals so that they can see which would be the best fit for them. Each group should schedule some meetings to brainstorm ideas and create a short list for each group would like to achieve.

- **Research Group** (Seeds-chair, Addis, Trost)
 - Creek Renaming Project.



- **Outreach & Education Group** (Jones-chair, LaManna, Rodger)
 - Salmon Safe initiative.
 - Maybe creating an orientation

- **Partnerships Group** (Girts-chair, Kessenich, Martin-Boehm)
 - Identify and contacting opportunities partner with other organizations

The Commission would like to hear from Justin on what his long/short term plans and goals are for the division, such as the 20-year capital plan and trying to build capacity to handle the aging infrastructure and starting a life cycle analysis on the facilities. The former manager, Dean Boening, did that and it helped focus the Commission's energies in the right direction

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2021 Annual Report:

- Will Annual Report at next meeting.

DEI / Environmental Justice:

- Incorporate diversity, equity and inclusion into our overall mission and part of recruitment strategies. .

V. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TIME

- The Commissioners would like access to a directory of the members.

VI. ADJOURN – 8:29 PM

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

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