



Meeting Summary

Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 6:30 pm

Webex Video Conference Due to Covid-19 Pandemic

I. ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm. Roll Call was made.

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

Member(s) Absent: Michelle Girts and Bob Trost

Staff Present: Justin Maynard, Eric Lambert, and Alice Millward

Public Present: none

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

III. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

Public Works - Clean Water Division

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

- The Don't Drip and Drive grant program has been extended for an additional year. Instead of hosting various leak check events in local parking lots, the Watershed Alliance has arranged a pilot program featuring a workshop-style training with Cascadia Vocational Technical School's automotive repair facility.
- 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
- They are starting to plan the next phase of the Pet Waste Behavior Change Program with our partners in Battleground, Camas, and Washougal. Currently, they are considering some of the trails in Lewisville Park or possibly along the Salmon Creek Greenway by 36th Ave.
- Washington's STORM Regional Water Partners will be hiring a full-time outreach coordinator. This state-funded support position will help the various regional stormwater / clean water organizations statewide.
- The Clean River Coalition Forum will be held on March 31 from 9:30 to 4:00. Eric will send out invites to CWC if they would like to attend. OPMA won't apply since they are just participants, shouldn't have a quorum, and are not conducting commission business actions.
- Eric will be participating in the Odyssey Middle School's Washington Water Works Program as a mentor and judge their presentations.



CLEAN WATER COMMISSION

- The 2022 Students for Clean Water Video Contest is officially launched. Currently CVTV is highlighting it and there have been articles in the Advocate and in the county employee newsletter. 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. We're excited to see the videos that the students create and hopefully we'll have some more opportunities to display them publicly.

Justin Maynard, Clean Water Division Manager gave program updates.

- 2021 financial closeout is done and finishing up 2022 staffing evaluations.
- The pipe inspection plan is related to the 20-year capital plan. There are over 400 miles of pipe that Clean Water must inspect and maintain. If using a traditional CCTV program/vehicle, it will cost around \$500,000. However, recently several Clean Water and Public Works staff were able to watch a Deep Trekker (a small robot crawler with cameras) demonstration in a very difficult to access and complicated set of pipes. It did quite well. The cost would be about \$75,000. This type of pipe crawler may be a positive addition to our pipe inspection program.
- Due to several of Clean Water projects not being constructed, our budget was underspent last year. Therefore, our reserves are currently more than originally anticipated. However, knowing what maintenance we are facing in the future and current service levels, we will be drafting a staff report supporting Clean Water conducting a full fee study and survey. In addition, Justin outlined his short-term staffing needs and potential project position requests to Council. He hopes the Clean Water Commission can help educate about our need for appropriately funded and staffed division. Since this recommendation is in the draft of the 2021 CWC Annual Report, this could be an opportunity for the CWC to let Council know that you support these types of activities and why.
- Rod Swanson is finalizing the annual report to Ecology. He is waiting on a few more PW groups to send their responses to him before the March 31 deadline.

Alice Millward, Clean Water Commission Staff Liaison gave updates.

- New CWC Training will be March 9th. Discussion ensued regarding whether the EnviroScape demonstration should be via video at the March 9 training or live sometime in the future. The Commissioners' preference is to watch it live.
- The upcoming special meeting dates will be March 30th and Oct. 5th. Alice has been creating an informative list of presenters for 2022. The topics range from the Stream Health Report, Private Stormwater Facility Inspections, Code Enforcement, Vegetation Management and the Lower Columbia Estuary Program (LCEP)'s educational programs.
- Alice discussed potential bylaw changes regarding work groups and excused versus unexcused absences. She will draft verbiage to be considered at the next meeting.
- Alice reviewed the OPMA and PDR requirements.



Working Group Updates: Research, Partnerships and Outreach: Each working group gave an update.

Research Group (Seeds-chair, Addis, Trost)

- Chair Seeds indicated that they had not met yet, but he will be setting something up soon.
- No new update on the Creek Renaming project.

Outreach & Education Group (Jones-chair, LaManna, Hauge)

- They met on Feb. 4 and discussed creating a new commissioner training / orientation packet. Commissioner Hauge's watershed map was highlighted as being very interesting. They will be meeting again on March 21.
- No new update on the Salmon Safe initiative.

Partnerships Group (Girts-chair, Kessenich, Martin-Boehm)

- They met on Feb. 11 and discussed identifying various opportunities to partner with other organizations and granting opportunities. They decided that to be more effective, they needed to know what partnerships Clean Water already is engaged with. On Feb. 25, they met with Eric and Alice and were able to review about half of the extensive list that Eric assembled. They will be scheduling an additional meeting to finish the list.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2021 Annual Report:

- Will approve the Annual Report at next meeting.

DEI / Environmental Justice:

- A commissioner questioned what was the purpose of incorporating diversity, equity and inclusion into our overall mission, strategic plan, and part of recruitment strategies. It was explained that Environmental Justice is a part of the 2019 Department of Ecology permit, and we anticipate it becoming more so in the future.

V. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TIME

Nothing to discuss at new business.

VI. ADJOURN – 7:51 PM

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

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