



Special Meeting Summary

Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 6:30 pm

HYBRID Webex Video Conference and PSC Conference Room 698

I. ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm. Roll Call was made.

Members Present: Acting Chair Matthew Jones, Michelle Girts, Rodger Hauge, Jeff Kessenich, Josh Seeds, and Bob Trost.

Member(s) Absent: Brendan Addis Marie LaManna, and Sandra Martin-Boehm

Staff Present: Brent Davis, Eric Lambert, and Alice Millward

Public Present: Chris Hathaway

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests for access, comments or questions were received as of 6:00 pm by staff.

III. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

Chris Hathaway, Lower Columbia Estuary Program, gave a presentation which gave an extensive overview of their many varied projects they are involved within the Lower Columbia basin. They partner with many jurisdictions, agencies, and nonprofits to educate the public, mitigate negative ecological impacts, and revitalize the watersheds. Please see attached pdf for more detailed information.

Education and Outreach report: Eric Lambert, Senior Outreach Specialist,

- Eric gave a lively demonstration of the Enviroscope. This is an effective tool which helps visualize the impacts of pollution and behaviors on the watershed. The commissioners liked the
- Finalizing the data on the new phase of the permit's behavior change project – the Canines for Clean Water along two trails. Cougar Creek saw positive impacts from the outreach but there wasn't any measurable change at Daybreak trail.
 - Eric is following up regarding providing Canines for Clean Water signage at the Haapa Boat Launch for Commissioner Jones.
- The Stormwater Partners annual symposium will be held on November 17 at the Lacamas Lake Lodge. Eric will send out a 'save the date' soon. The keynote presentation will feature the Clean Rivers Coalition's Logic Model.
- Stormwater Partners are currently working to educate professional carpet cleaners following a model created by the city of Gresham.



- The Don't Drip and Drive program is nearing its end in December and is looking to hold three workshops. There is discussion to see how the remaining funds can be fully utilized but may need to be returned to the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board.
- Partially funded by Clean Water, Clark County Legacy Lands purchased the Cedars golf course earlier this year. This critical creek frontage area along Salmon Creek will be turned into the Gordy Jolma Family Natural Area. Eric will be leading tours at the ribbon cutting on Oct. 19.
- The new watershed signs have been purchased and soon will be installed along the North Fork and East Fork of the Lewis River.
- Commissioner Kessenich was curious why the county was not involved with the partnership between the Dept. of Ecology and the City of Vancouver regarding the Burnt Bridge Monitoring Partnership.

Staff Liaison Report: Alice Millward, Program Assistant, gave an overview of Public Works and Clean Water:

- Annual Report for 2022: Reminder to please compile your community engagement dates, activities, and educational development. Pictures of water activities and natural settings – preferably Clark County. We will do a group picture at the November meeting.
- The request for 2023 Clean Water Commissioner's press release went out earlier this month. It was sent out on the County's Flash Alert Network. We are looking at also making sure that the information is disseminated to as many diverse groups as possible including the NACC. Alice is identifying contacts local organizations and will be more inclusive in our communication efforts about the opportunity to serve. She will work on updating the selection matrix to address some of the potential bias.

Working Group Updates: Research, Partnerships and Outreach:

Reports tabled for this meeting.

Bylaws Group: Alice and Commissioner LaManna are working on it and hope to have a draft for the November meeting.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The CWC continued to discuss how DEI ties in with environmental justice, the commissions' mission statement, strategic plan, under served communities, the GIS demographics, what the county is doing through their employee DEI group.

Roundtable: There was discussion about how the Clean Water Commission can best achieve its goals. The consensus is that the CWC would like to develop a planning document that outlines their goals and would like it to be a part of the Annual Report. The



commissioners would like to advocate for monthly meetings. Commissioners Trost, Hauge and Girts volunteered to work with Alice on developing this annual plan for the commission as a whole.

*** Commissioner Girts moved, and Commissioner Hauge seconded that a work group is formed to work with staff to sketch the proposed process and path to achieving this annual plan which will include the outline meeting topic schedule and the expected outcomes.*

Motion unanimously passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS / COMMISSION DISCUSSION TIME

- The Clean Water staff would like a letter of support from the CWC in support of the Hazel Dell Ave. (78th to Cougar Creek) Water Quality Retrofit grant application. It would be similarly worded to what was done in the past since it is nearly identical to the previous grant for this type of work.

*** Commissioner Trost moved, and Commissioner Kessenich seconded that Chair Addis sign the letter of support as submitted. **Motion unanimously passed***

VI. ADJOURN – 8:46 PM

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

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