Staff Liaison Update for Aug. 2, 2023, CWC Meeting:

There are still several of you who have not sent me your updated OPMA certifications. Please complete immediately! Contact Alice if you are unsure regarding your OPMA status.

OPMA Training Requirements

Open Government Training Curriculum & Resources <u>https://www.atg.wa.gov/open-government-training</u> Within 90 days of starting your term, there are three online lessons you must complete and follow the instructions on printing the training documentation. As a Clean Water Commissioner, you are <u>not</u> required to complete lessons four or five.

- <u>Lesson 1</u> is a general overview.
- <u>Lesson 2</u> provides basic training and other resources on the Public Records Act. Those resources include a training video, PowerPoint, and other educational materials such as legislative updates.
- <u>Lesson 3</u> provides training and other resources on the Open Public Meetings Act. Those resources include a training video, PowerPoint, and other educational materials such as legislative updates.

Please print and give a hard copy and/or email a copy of the documentation to the staff liaison at <u>alice.millward@clark.wa.gov</u>.

Please cc me on <u>any and all</u> emails regarding the Clean Water Commission that you send. This will make public record requests much easier and less intrusive for you personally.

On July 31, we submitted the final billing and reports for the 2021-23 Pollution Prevention Assistance (PPA) contract.

2023-25 Pollution Prevention Assistance (PPA) awards have been announced. Clean Water will be receiving the largest ever contract (\$400,000+). We have several unique elements that will provide better water quality assistance to businesses across Southwest Washington. I will be creating an Environmental Justice Plan and working to implement it as one of the unique tasks for the PPA.

I've been working on the Public Works annual safety meeting. I've been arranging the facilities and the keynote speakers. I am also on the 30th NW Public Employees Diversity Conference organizing committee.

No interim Clean Water division manager yet. Jeff is unofficially helping with leadership until there is someone in the seat. Fingers crossed that there is an announcement in the next few weeks or so.

A new deputy public works director has been hired. Priya Dhanapal started on July 31. Clean Water will report to her. I've included her welcome biography and a simple organizational chart in your packets.

Justin Maynard has been reappointed to the Clean Water Commission. I've included his information in the packet as well.

I will be out of the office for four weeks starting Aug. 10, 2023. I should be cleared to come back in early September. We are meeting next week to discuss coverage and I will keep you updated. (Even if I'm on leave, please still cc me on everything!)