



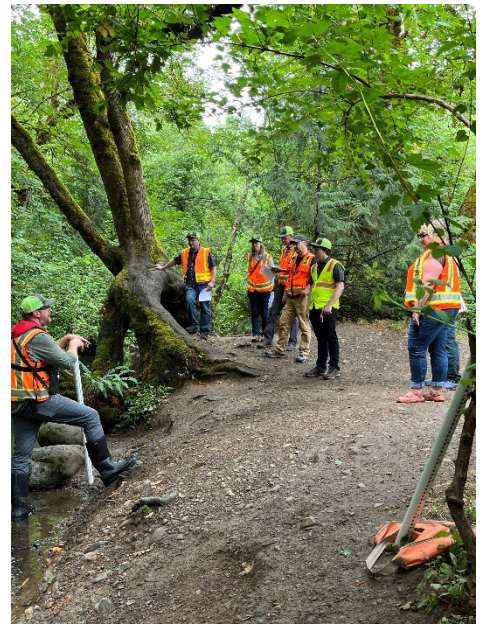
Clean Water Commission

ANNUAL REPORT

Clean Water Division

2024 REPORT

Approved April 2, 2025



Clark County Clean Water Commission

2024 Annual Report



2024 Commissioners

Glen DeWillie
Ted Gathe
Tracy Ceravolo
Kate Perkins +
Alejandra Cortes
Rudy Salakory
Phil Struck
Sandra Martin-Boehm ^

Matthew Jones, *
Robert Trost *
Jeff Kessenich *
John Chatel ~
Alison Schweitzer ~
Emily Hess ~

* Jan – Feb/March
^ Jan - Aug
+ Jan – Nov
~ Appointed to fill open term

On behalf of the Clark County Clean Water Commission, I approve the 2024 Annual Report to the Clark County Councilors.

Ted Gathe, 2024-25 CWC Chair

April 2, 2025

Dated

Clark County Clean Water Commission

2024 Annual Report

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Executive Summary

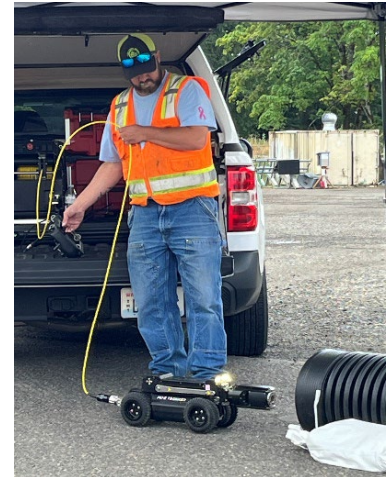
There was significant turn over on the Commission in 2024 so three new Commissioners were appointed, and one previous Commissioner was reappointed to serve on the Clean Water Commission (CWC). The Commission met for six regularly scheduled business meetings and three special meetings. The first special meeting was a new commissioner orientation in January. The second was a Clean Water division activities bus tour in July. The third special meeting was the symposium organized by the Commission and conducted by Commission and Clean Water Division staff directed at improved understanding and challenges surrounding the water quality issues in the Vancouver Lake Watershed.

The Clean Water Commission's 2024 areas of focus were:

1. Support the Clean Water Division's rate study process by providing feedback to staff and the Council. The Commission supported a significant increase in necessary funding to help ensure continued efforts to meet the Permit requirements as well as proactively improve watershed health and stormwater infrastructure management throughout Clark County.
2. Organizing and conducting the Vancouver Lake Symposium on October 17, 2024.
3. Continuing to learn about the new five-year NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Phase 1 permit requirements, the Clean Water Division responsibilities, and the findings from the Stream Health Report in order to better advise staff and the county leadership.
4. Instituting a discussion about updating the county code establishing the CWC and aligning the new code with the CWC's mission and strategic plan and incorporating the necessary language to accommodate the changes in the county government structure since the code's adoption in 1999.

5. Continuing to develop ways to build upon existing partnerships related to maintaining and improving healthy watersheds in Clark County. Such efforts include stormwater management watershed education and finding innovative ways to address inclusivity and environmental justice.

This annual report details the mission, vision, and values, scheduled meeting topics, accomplishments, action plans, and recommendations for the upcoming year. The Clean Water Commission will continue to advise the Clean Water Division, County Manager and Clark County Council on watershed and stormwater management issues.



Clean Water Mission and Vision Statements

Mission

The Clean Water Commission's mission is to collaborate with Clark County residents, government entities, businesses, and non-profit organizations to enhance water quality, improve flow, and protect the ecological integrity of our watersheds.

Vision

A Clark County with self-sustaining and healthy watersheds that benefit the county's human communities, wildlife, and environment.

The members of the Clean Water Commission will in all actions and recommendations strive to achieve healthy watersheds throughout Clark County and to ensure the integrity of the water cycle, guided by best available science. The CWC recognizes the importance of the community's needs, recommending practical actions that are feasible within Clark County.

The Clean Water Commission seeks to cultivate a more informed community, recognizing that all Clark County surface waters that flow to the Columbia River derive from watersheds entirely contained within Clark County (with the exception of several healthy headwaters). Therefore, improving our local water quality and quantity management practices yield environmental benefits both locally across the County and downstream in the Columbia River.

Core Values

- Stewardship
- Cooperation
- Transparency

Meetings

The commission conducted hybrid (in-person and virtual) meetings in the Public Service Center Conference Room 698 and via TEAMS software. The Clean Water Commission's strategic plan helped guide the body and helped give framework for discussing stormwater impacts upon watershed health in Clark County. The 2024 meeting topics and action items are available on the [Clean Water Commission website](#) and in Appendix B. Overall, the meeting attendance was excellent with only a few of the commissioners having conflicts.

The public was encouraged to participate in the Clean Water Commission meetings in the following ways:

- Attend in person at the Public Service Center in Conference Room #698.
- Submit written comments to cleanwater@clark.wa.gov by noon the day of the meeting.
- Attend the meeting by calling (213) 262-7043 and then entering the meeting's access code.
- Attend virtually by clicking on the link that was provided on the website and the agendas.

This information was published on the county's website, on the meeting agendas, and in the meeting announcement which is published in the newspaper of record.

During the course of the year, only two public comments were received from individuals concerned about the issues occurring at Vancouver Lake. At the meeting they attended, the CWC and staff communicated the current and future efforts being made to address these concerns - including the October Vancouver Lake symposium. The fact that few public comments are received suggests that additional efforts are necessary to achieve the desired community involvement with the CWC in watershed issues. The Commission is committed to improving the level of public involvement with its activities.

Special Meetings

The commission held three special meetings in 2024. The first was a new commissioner orientation. Due to the turnover, there were two orientation meetings were conducted with Clean Water Division staff - although only one had the quorum requirements needed to qualify as a special meeting. The second special meeting was the July 30 Bus Tour with two members of Council, several members of county leadership and Clean Water Division staff. The third special meeting was Vancouver Lake Symposium organized by the Commission and the Clean Water Division staff. The details and proceeding of the symposium are available on the [Clean Water Commission website](#).



Community Involvement, Events, and Education

The Clean Water Commissioners strive to be active in the community through volunteering on local needs and on various environmentally focused and water quality boards, in community engagement and service events. Examples of their community involvement include volunteering at neighborhood associations, food banks, local schools, with veterans groups, and with organizations such as the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership, Friends of Trees, the Vancouver Urban Tree Board, the Camas Earth Day Society, the Stream Team, Clark Conservation District, Backyard Habitat, Trout Unlimited, the Vancouver Lake Technical Advisory Group, the Friends of Vancouver Lake and Friends of Lacamas Lake, and providing lake water quality data. The commissioners are committed to increasing their knowledge of current stormwater best management practices through staff presentations, stakeholder workshops and professional development conferences.



2024 Accomplishments

The Clean Water Commission took the following actions:

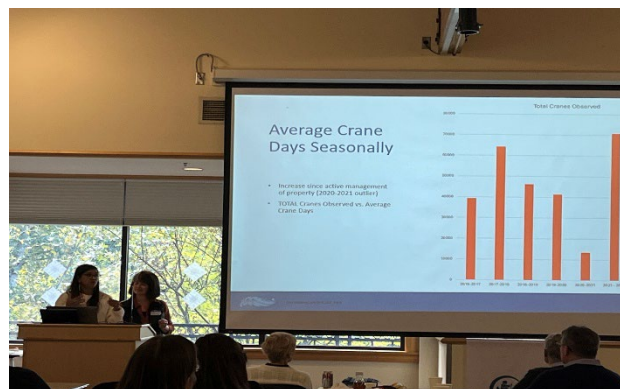
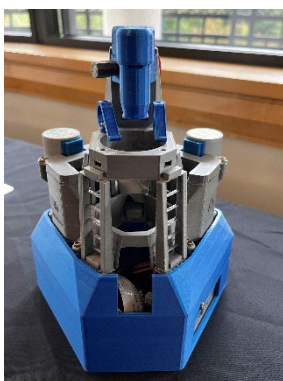
The Commission successfully appointed and onboarded five new Commissioners to replace members who stepped down during the year due to personal or professional conflicts. A new chair and vice chair were also elected in April when those positions became vacant unexpectedly.

In 2024, the Commission continued the practice of not having standing committees. They only had targeted work groups to address specific goals and emerging issues.

The Commission created a work group to organize and support the development of a symposium directed at water quality conditions and contributing factors in the Vancouver Lake. This subcommittee, the Commission as a whole and the Clean Water Division staff conducted this symposium on October 17, 2024, at the Vancouver Water Resource Center. Approximately 100 individuals participated in person and or online. The result has been an improved level of communication and cooperation among and between the various governmental, non-governmental agencies and organizations working to address the issues impacting the watershed and at Vancouver Lake.

The Clean Water Commission strongly supported the division's rate study increase to avoid the projected Clean Water Division's impending financial shortfall. Throughout the year-long process, the CWC provided feedback and recommendations to staff, the public, and county leadership on the levels of service. The Commission believes that additional future rate increases may be necessary to improve watershed health and stormwater management in Clark County for the benefit of the current and future residents, infrastructure and habitat and lessen the impacts of climate change

Additionally, CWC continues to advocate for a more collaborative approach in the County's policies, planning and projects with a greater emphasis on achieving healthy watersheds. In the past, the focus has been on specific projects and not viewing - with a wider lens - the cumulative impacts that numerous individual projects and rapid urbanization have on entire watersheds. Keeping this in mind, the CWC will continue to develop action plans to accompany its mission statement and align with the Clean Water Division's priorities.



The Clean Water Commission has continued learning about the new NPDES Phase 1 permit requirements, the Clean Water Division responsibilities, and the findings from the Stream Health Report in order to better assist staff and the county leadership.

The Commission continues to explore how best to develop and build upon existing regional partnerships relating to stormwater and watershed health in Clark County. The Commission is also committed to continue to support public education and ongoing efforts to improve inclusivity and addressing environmental justice issues as related to Clark County watersheds.

Interviewed and recommended new commissioners for upcoming terms.

Presented 2023 Annual Report to Council on August 21, 2024.

Wrote letters of support for the Clean Water Rate Study fee and advocated for service levels which would better provide for needs of community and watershed health.

Ensured that all members received Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) training.

Reviewed and gave feedback to staff on the 2024 Stormwater Management Plan, 2024 Stream Health Report and the Clean Water 6-Year Capital Plan.

Wrote letters of support for various grant applications.



Emily Hess

2024 Challenges

The CWC experienced significant turnover in 2024 in both leadership and membership. The Chair and Vice Chair resigned in February and there were three additional members who had to step down due to personal and professional commitments. The most senior member on the commission has served less than a full term and the commission lost momentum for one of their goals: the code update. This will be addressed when that portion of county code is fully updated as part of the county's routine process.

The Commission expects its members to actively engage in improving their understanding of the challenges facing county government regarding watershed health and storm water management throughout Clark County. To better inform the CWC on the Clean Water Division and its role in maintaining and enhancing watershed health, there have been staff presentations regarding education and community engagement, the Phase 1 NPDES Permit, the private stormwater facility inspection program, stream monitoring and assessment group's work which was highlighted in the Stream Health Report, the business pollution prevention program (local source control), and the 2025 six-year Clean Water capital plans. These presentations and collaborations are expected to continue. This requires a considerable commitment in time and effort for the CWC to maintain as a volunteer organization.

The CWC encourages proactive communication with the public at all levels. The CWC is striving to be more proactive and better informed in order to provide better advise to county staff and leadership. This also includes creating a greater and more diverse ability to reach more disproportionately impacted populations and focusing on the environmental justice aspects of its mission.

The Clean Water Commission would like to thank the Clark County Council for fully supporting the division's rate study increase in November 2024. This was a monumental achievement by staff to create such a comprehensive, well-conceived study and to formulate a well-conceived implementation plan for tiered alternatives. This was a monumental achievement by staff to create such a comprehensive. The CWC appreciates their commitment to communicate throughout the process. As we've noted over the years, the Clean Water Commission has been very concerned that the staffing levels have not kept up with the rapid increases of home and business growth in Clark County, as well as the sheer amount of infrastructure the Clean Water Division is required to build, map, inspect, and maintain. However, the Commission believes that future increases may be needed in order to continue to maintain NPDES Permit compliance, but also to proactively meet the needs of the area's watershed health and declining levels of service in its infrastructure.



2025 Clean Water Commission Action Plan and Recommendations

The Clean Water Commission has identified five primary focus areas to address in 2025 and adopted the following as their priorities:

1. Last year, the Clean Water Commission strongly supported the division's rate study increase and now the commission plans to advise the county through in the implementation process. The CWC's original purpose was this role of providing a public interface to county leadership and staff on the subject as well as providing this information to the residents of Clark County.
2. As a result of the Vancouver Lake and Lacamas Watershed Symposiums, the role of phosphates and nonpoint source pollution, were identified as significant issues. The CWC, in conjunction with the Clean Water Division, proposes to organize and conduct a symposium directed at these issues and not specifically associated with any watershed.
3. The CWC is interested in providing guidance on the new NPDES Permit Stormwater Management Action Plan (SMAP) requirement. There are a number of stormwater professionals who are able to provide valuable assistance and insight for this project.
4. The Clean Water Commission is concerned about the initial and cumulative effects that climate change will have on our communities and watersheds, as well as Clark County's resilience to these impacts upon local natural areas, wildlife, human populations, and infrastructure.
5. The Clean Water Commission is very interested in revitalizing their efforts into community engagement and inclusion. In addition to volunteering events. The commission is looking to provide more collaborative efforts with other governmental boards, non-governmental organizations, and advisory bodies, such as the City of Vancouver's Urban Forestry Commission, Clark County Public Health, Clark Conservation District, and Clark County's Development and Engineering Advisory Board (DEAB).

Additionally, the CWC continues to advocate for the County to focus policy, planning, and projects with a greater emphasis on achieving healthy watersheds. In the past, the focus has been specific project based and not using a wider lens towards impacts many individual projects can have on the entire watershed. Keeping this in mind, the Clean Water Commission will continue to develop action plans to accompany the mission statement and align with Clean Water Division's priorities.



Summary

The Clean Water Commission continues to refine its role as a dedicated advisory board by creating targeted action plans and long-term goals, meeting with Clean Water staff on a regular basis to ensure that the board aligns its objectives to the Clean Water program priorities. The Commission is looking to identify new environmental justice partnerships while maintaining a proactive approach to maintaining and improving the condition of Clark County's important watershed resources.

Acknowledgements

The Clean Water Commission has had a successful year of member engagement. Members were active in the community and continued to educate themselves to better serve the public. County staff attendance at meetings was very informative and appreciated. The Commission would like to acknowledge and thank the Public Works and Clean Water staff for their continued help and support. In particular, we would like to acknowledge Devan Rostorfer and Alice Millward for their help and support throughout the year.



Appendix A: Adopted Clean Water Commission Strategic Plan

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Long Term Goals

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- Identify and support funding opportunities to promote healthy watersheds in Clark County.
- Advise staff on improving systems and programs to meet permit requirements and water quality goals in a functional and effective manner.

Yearly Objectives Guide

It is the Clean Water Commission's target to set yearly objectives in the first quarter to direct our energies and focus on the execution of our mission and long-term goals.

Appendix B: 2024 Clean Water Meeting Agendas

The Clean Water Commission held six regular business meeting and three regularly scheduled “special” meetings which focused on new Commissioner training, the July Bus Tour, and the October Vancouver Lake Symposium.

Regular meetings were held on: February 1 2024, April 3, 2024; June 5, 2024; August 7, 2024; October 9, 2024; and December 18, 2024.

Special meetings were held on: January 31, 2024; July 30, 2024; and October 17, 2024.

Attached are the above referenced meeting agendas.



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11/04/2020 Adopted:

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- 3. Yearly Objectives Guide-** It is the Commission's target to set yearly objectives in the first quarter to direct our energies and focus in the execution of our mission and long-term goals.

CWC will use the SMART criteria for fine tuning objectives to meet the following guidelines:

-Specific

-Measurable

-Achievable

-Realistic

-Time Based

- 4.** The Commission will target to set yearly objectives to direct our energies and focus while executing the mission. Action Plans will reference the Yearly Objectives Guide in laying out effective targets for the Commission. As Action Plan targets are completed throughout the year, the Commission can revisit the same guide for maintaining the status of a working body in service of the community.



CLEAN WATER COMMISSION

Special Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 31, 2024 - 5:30 pm

Public Service Center (PSC) Conference Room #698

1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98666

CWC Members:

Matthew Jones, Chair
East Fork Lewis River Watershed

Robert Trost, Vice Chair
Burnt Bridge Creek Watershed

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April 3, 2024
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Oct. 2, 2024
Dec. 4, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER - Chair Jones

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS (15 min)

- a. Roll Call
- b. Introductions

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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- Attend in person at the PSC Conference Room #698
- Submit comments to cleanwater@clark.wa.gov by 12pm on 1/31
- By phone (408) 418-9388 and enter access code: **2495 980 6548**
- By computer:

<https://clarkwa.webex.com/clarkwa/j.php?MTID=m3829210c79cd537f2b335c9baa215f0e>

4. Clean Water Division Background / Overview Devan Rostorfer (15 min)

5. NPDES Permit Requirements Rod Swanson (15 min)

6. 10 MINUTE BREAK

7. Monitoring & Infrastructure Programs Jeff Schnabel (20 min)

8. Education and Outreach Eric Lambert (15 min)

9. Clean Water Commission Expectations for Involvement & Schedule
Alice Millward (15 min)

10. Question & Answer / Roundtable

11. ADJOURN – Chair Jones

**** Motion Needed**

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CLEAN WATER COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 - 6:30 pm

Public Service Center (PSC) Conference Room #698

1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98666

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1. CALL TO ORDER - Chair Jones

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

- a. Roll Call and Introductions
- b. Approve December 6, 2023, and January 31, 2024, Meeting Summaries**

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED:

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4. CLEAN WATER DIVISION UPDATES

- a. Manager's Update – Devan Rostorfer
 - 1) 2024 Division Work Plan
- b. Education and Outreach Report – Eric Lambert
- c. Staff Liaison Report – Alice Millward
 - 1) 2024 Meeting / Special Meeting Schedule
 - 2) Title VI
 - 3) Miscellaneous Updates

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / ACTIONS

- a. 2023 Annual Report

6. NEW BUSINESS / ACTIONS

- a. Work Plan ~ Goals for 2024
 - 1) Vancouver Lake Symposium
 - 2) Rate Study Support
 - 3) Code Revision
 - 4) Environmental Justice
 - 5) Holistic Watershed Health - Moving Beyond Stormwater Permit Compliance
 - 6) Other Ideas

7. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION / COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

8. ADJOURN – Chair Jones

**** Motion Needed**

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2024 Special Meetings:

July Field Trip
October Vancouver Lake Symposium

**** Motion Needed**

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 6:30 pm
Public Service Center (PSC) Conference Room #698
1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98666

1. CALL TO ORDER - Devan Rostorfer

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

- Roll Call, Welcome New Members and Introductions
- Approve February 7, 2024, Meeting Summary **

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED:

The public is encouraged to participate in this hybrid meeting through the following ways:

- Attend in person at the PSC Conference Room #698
- Submit comments to cleanwater@clark.wa.gov by 12pm on 4/03
- By phone: (213) 262-7043 enter meeting ID: 528 665 738 #
- By computer: [click here to join the meeting](#)

4. NEW BUSINESS / ACTIONS

- Chair and Vice Chair Elections **
- Cougar Creek Letter of Support **

5. CLEAN WATER DIVISION UPDATES

- Manager's Update – Devan Rostorfer
 - 2024 Rate Study Presentation
 - Council Recommendation Letter **
 - Lakes Updates
 - Upcoming CW Open Houses
 - RFP Updates
 - Other Division Updates
- Staff Liaison Report – Alice Millward
 - July CWC Field Trip
 - Title VI and OPMA Certification
 - Shared Document Drive Status
 - Environmental Justice Plan for Pollution Prevention Assistance Program
 - Miscellaneous Updates

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / ACTIONS

- 2023 Annual Report Approval **
- 2024 CWC Work Plan
 - Rate Study Support – Work Group
 - Vancouver Lake Symposium – Work Group (Gathe Lead)
 - Code Revision Work Group
 - Environmental Justice and Watershed Health
 - Other

7. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION / COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

8. ADJOURN – New Chair

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2024 Special Meetings:

July 30 Bus Tour
October 17 Vancouver Lake Symposium

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 - 6:30 pm
Public Service Center (PSC) Conference Room #698
1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98666

1. CALL TO ORDER - Chair Gathe

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

- Roll Call
- Approve April 3, 2024, Meeting Summary **

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public is encouraged to participate in this hybrid meeting through the following ways:

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- Submit comments to cleanwater@clark.wa.gov by 12pm on 6/05
- By phone: (213) 262-7043 Enter meeting ID: 757 251 314 #
- By computer: Ctrl+click [Join the meeting now](#)

4. CLEAN WATER DIVISION UPDATES

- Manager's Update – Devan Rostorfer
 - 2024 Rate Study Update
 - Lakes Updates
 - General Division Updates
- Staff Liaison Report – Alice Millward
 - July 30 Bus Tour Details
 - Survey Results
 - Annual Report Work Session Date Aug. 21

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / ACTIONS

- 2024 CWC Work Plan
 - Rate Study Support Work Group
 - Letters of Support (April / June / August)
 - Vancouver Lake Symposium Work Group (Gathe Lead)
 - October 17 Vancouver Water Resources Center
 - Environmental Justice / Watershed Health Work Group

6. NEW BUSINESS / ACTIONS

- RFP Updates

7. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION / COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

8. ADJOURN – Chair Gathe

** Motion Needed

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October Vancouver Lake Symposium

Special Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, July 30, 2024 ~ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Starting at Public Service Center (PSC) Conference Room #698
1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98666**

There will be no business conducted nor any actions taken on this informational tour of Clean Water facilities and activities.

8:30 Optional: Coffee with Clean Water at Clark County Public Service Center
(1300 Franklin Street Vancouver - 1st Floor, Suite 150)

9:00 Bus Tour Departs from Clark County Public Service Center
(1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver)

**9:20 Nature Based Stormwater Project at Thomas Wetlands East at Douglas Carter
Fisher Neighborhood Park** (4999 NE 54th St. Vancouver)

10:15 Stormwater Maintenance & Operations - 78th Street Operations Center
(8225 NE St. Johns Rd., Vancouver)

11:15 Environmental Education Presentation (8225 NE St. Johns Rd, Vancouver)

12:00 Neighborhood Stormwater Project - Mount Vista Stormwater Facility

12:30 Water Quality Monitoring Activity - Mill Creek
(15025 NE Salmon Creek Ave. Vancouver)

1:45 Inspection, Maintenance, & Asset Management – Underground Infrastructure
(1998-1954 NE 122nd St, Vancouver)

2:30 Bathroom Break at Kline Pond (1112 NE 117th St, Vancouver)

3:15 Beach Management Plan - Vancouver Lake Regional Park
(6801 NW Lower River Rd, Vancouver)

4:00 p.m. – Return to Clark County Public Service Center (1300 Franklin St, Vancouver)

**** Motion Needed**

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2024 Regular Meetings:

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2024 Special Meetings:

July 30 Field Trip
October 17 Vancouver Lake Symposium

**** Motion Needed**

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 - 6:00 pm
Public Service Center (PSC) Conference Room #698
1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98666

1. CALL TO ORDER - Acting Chair DeWillie

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

- Roll Call and Introductions
- Approve April 3, 2024 and June 5, 2024, Meeting Summaries **

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED:

- The public is encouraged to participate in this meeting in the following ways:
- Attend in person at the PSC Conference Room #698
 - Submit comments to cleanwater@clark.wa.gov by 12pm on 8/07/2024
 - By phone: (213) 262-7043 meeting number 593 348 278#
 - By computer: [Join the meeting](#)

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / ACTIONS

- July Bus Tour Recap
- Staff Liaison Report – Alice Millward
 - 2023 Annual Report Work Session – Aug 21
 - 2024 and 2025-27 New Commissioner Recruitment Update
 - Pollution Prevention Assistance (PPA) Environmental Justice (EJ) Plan
 - Miscellaneous Updates
- 2024 CWC Work Plan
 - Rate Study Support – Work Group
 - Vancouver Lake Symposium – Work Group (Gathe Lead)
 - Code Revision Work Group
 - Environmental Justice and Watershed Health

5. NEW BUSINESS / ACTIONS

- New Stormwater Permit – Rod Swanson
- FY 2025 Grant Awards (Heritage Farm / Follow the Water / PoopSmart Clark)

6. CLEAN WATER DIVISION UPDATES

- Manager's Update – Devan Rostorfer
 - Updates on 2024 Rate Study (Council Work Approval – Aug 27)
 - Lakes Updates
 - RFP Updates

7. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION / COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

8. ADJOURN – Acting Chair DeWillie

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New CWC Orientation
July Bus Tour
October Vancouver Lake Symposium

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 - 6:00 pm

Public Service Center (PSC) Conference Room #698
1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98666

1. CALL TO ORDER - Chair Gathe

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

- Roll Call and Introductions
- Approve August 7, 2024, Meeting Summary **

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED:

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4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / ACTIONS

- 2024 CWC Work Plan
 - Rate Study Support – Work Group
 - Vancouver Lake Symposium – Work Group (Gathe Lead)
 - Code Revision Work Group
 - Environmental Justice and Watershed Health Work Group
- 2025 CWC Work Plan
 - Recap of 2023 Annual Report Work Session

5. NEW BUSINESS / ACTIONS

- 6-Year Clean Water Capital Plan - Jeff Schnabel
- Letters of Support for 4 Grant Applications (2SFAP, Cougar, CBP3) **
- RFP Updates: Bioretention, SMAP, Suds Creek
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Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 9, 2024 - 6:00 pm

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1. CALL TO ORDER - Chair Gathe

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

- Roll Call and Introductions
- Approve August 7, 2024, Meeting Summary **

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED:

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Vancouver Lake Symposium

9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 17

Vancouver Water Resources Education Center, 4600 S.E. Columbia Way, Vancouver

Bringing together community organizations, agencies, funders and decision-makers with the common goal of improving water quality in Vancouver Lake.



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PUBLIC WORKS
CLEAN WATER

Symposium Agenda

9 - 9:05 a.m.	Land Acknowledgment • Cowlitz Indian Tribe
9:05 - 9:30 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:30 - 9:50 a.m.	Vancouver Lake History • Clark County Historical Museum
9:50 - 10:20 a.m.	Vancouver Lake Management Plan • Herrera Environmental Consultants
10:20 - 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 - 11:25 a.m.	Vancouver Lake Science • Washington State University, Portland State University, Clark County Noxious Weed Management
11:25 a.m. - Noon	Vancouver Lake Watersheds • Washington State Department of Ecology, Clark County Clean Water
Noon - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 - 2 p.m.	Lake Benefits: Economy, Recreation, Fish and Wildlife • Port of Vancouver, Columbia Land Trust, Port of Ridgefield, Clark County Public Health, Friends of Vancouver Lake, Vancouver Lake Rowing Club, Vancouver Lake Sailing Club
2 - 2:10 p.m.	Break
2:10 - 3:30 p.m.	Actions to Improve Water Quality • Clark Conservation District, Watershed Alliance of Southwest Washington, Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership, Lower Columbia Nature Network, Clark County Clean Water
3:30 - 3:55 p.m.	Panel Discussion and Q&A: Where Do We Go From Here? Funding, Partnerships, Governance and Implementation
3:55 - 4 p.m.	Closing remarks



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July Bus Tour
October Vancouver Lake Symposium

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 - 6:00 pm
Public Service Center (PSC) Conference Room #698
1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98666

1. CALL TO ORDER - Chair Gathe

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

- a. Roll Call and Introduction of New Members
- b. Approve Aug. 7, 2024, and Oct. 9, 2024, Meeting Summaries **

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED:

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4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / ACTIONS

- a. 2024 CWC Work Plan Review and Annual Report
 - 1) Rate Study Review
 - 2) Vancouver Lake Symposium Recap
- b. What's ahead for 2025?

5. NEW BUSINESS / ACTIONS

- a. 2025 Chair and Vice Chair Elections **
- b. Develop 2025 Priorities and Work Plan **

6. CLEAN WATER DIVISION UPDATES

- a. Staff Liaison Report – Alice Millward
 - 1) 2024 Annual Report
 - 2) New Commissioner Training
 - 3) CW Division Feedback Survey
 - 4) Miscellaneous Updates

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