

# **Work Session** **Clark County Clean Water Commission**

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2024 Annual Report & 2025 Action Plan

Ted Gathe, Chair & Glen DeWillie, Vice Chair

June 4, 2025



# Clark County Clean Water Commission

The Clean Water Commission is a nine-member volunteer citizen board serving in an advisory capacity to the Clark County Council on issues related to the Clean Water Division. The Clean Water Commission works with staff to review the program, implement stormwater treatment improvements, support water quality monitoring efforts, and enhance public education and outreach.



# Mission, Vision and Values

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## Mission

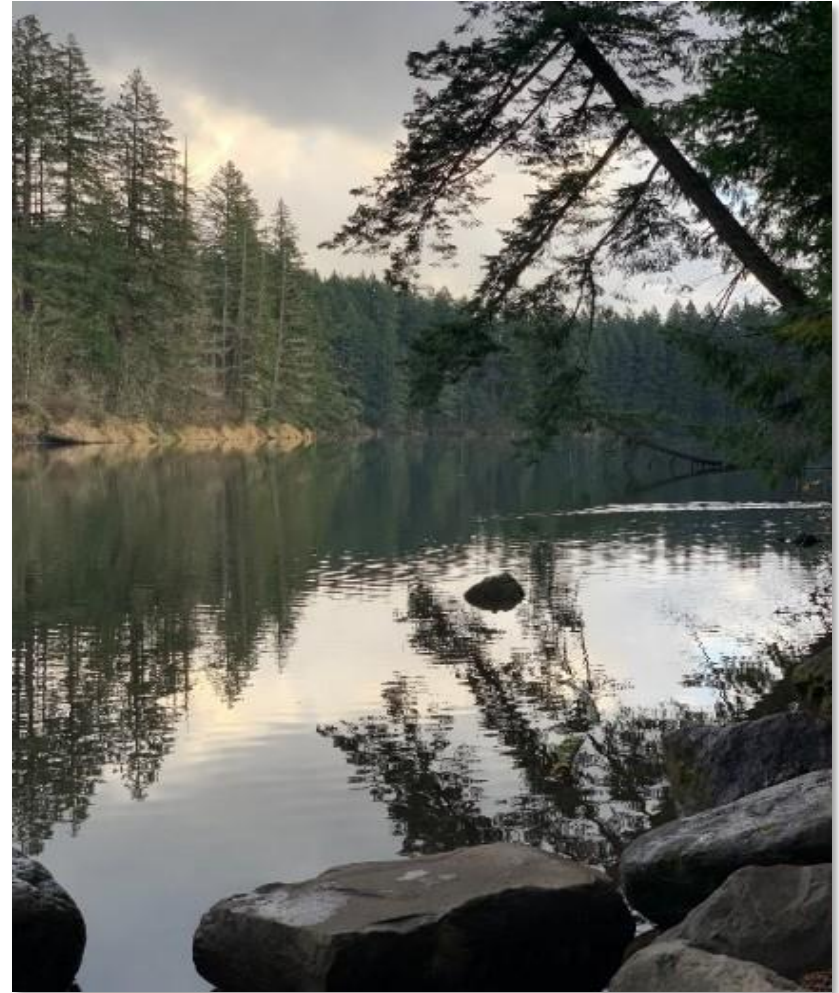
The Clean Water Commission's mission is to collaborate with Clark County residents, government entities, businesses, and non-profit organizations to enhance water quality, improve flow, and protect the ecological integrity of our watersheds.

## Vision

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

## Core Values

- Stewardship
- Cooperation
- Transparency



# 2024 Commissioners

<b>Ted Gathe - Chair</b> 2022-2025	<b>Glen DeWillie - Vice Chair</b> 2024-2027	<b>Tracy Ceravolo</b> 2023-2025
<b>Alejandra Cortes</b> 2023-2026	<b>Rudy Salakory</b> 2023-2026	<b>Phil Struck</b> <i>Recently resigned moved away from Clark County</i>
<b>Alison Schweitzer</b> 2024-2027	<b>Emily Hess</b> 2024-2025	<b>John Chatel</b> 2024-2027
<b>Matt Jones</b> <b>Bob Trost</b> <b>Jeff Kessenich</b>  <i>January-March</i>	     <b><i>Thank you for your service Clean Water Commissioners!</i></b>	<b>Sandra Martin-Boehm</b> <b>Kate Perkins</b>  <i>Partial Year</i>



# 2024 Annual Report Accomplishments



Clean Water  
Commission

## ANNUAL REPORT

Clean Water Division

2024 REPORT

Approved April 2, 2025





# 2024 CWC Accomplishments

- Supported Clean Water rate study process.
- July Clean Water bus tour with Council.
- Successful Vancouver Lake Symposium with over 100 leaders.
- Annual report presented to Council.



# CWC Accomplishments – Active in Community

- Vancouver Lake Technical Advisory Group
- Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership
- Camas Earth Day Society
- Stream Team
- Clark Conservation District
- Backyard Habitat
- Master Gardener's Program
- Friends of Vancouver Lake
- Lacamas Watershed Council
- Vancouver Sailing Club
- Vancouver Lake Rowing Club
- Women in Environment

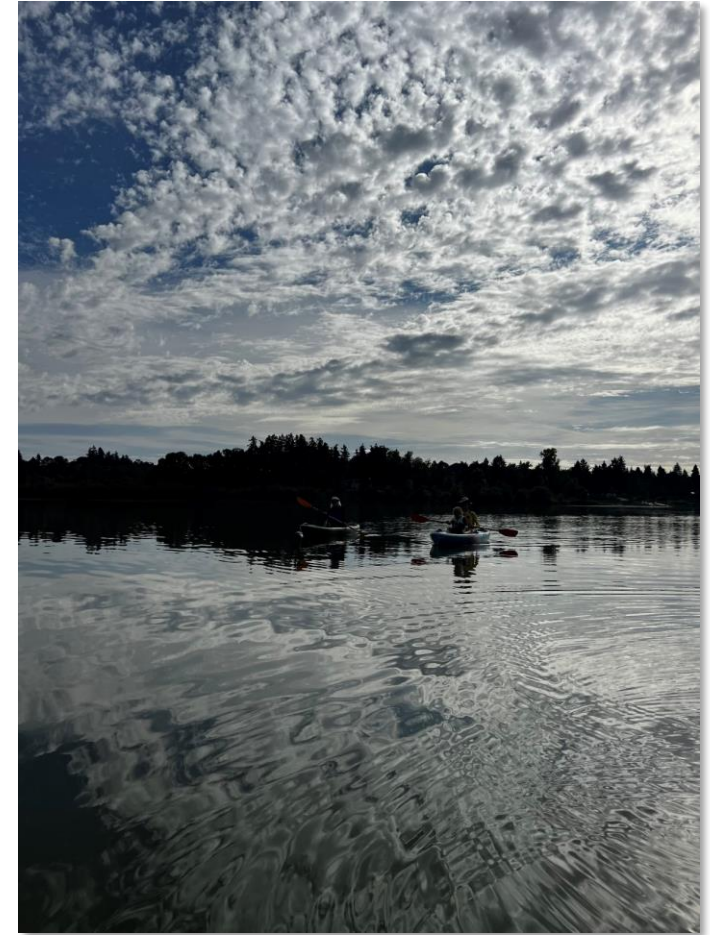




# 2024 CWC Accomplishments

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- Held 8 open hybrid public meetings.
- All members OPMA certified.
- Recruitment to better reflect county population.
- Discussed need for CWC county code update.
- Build partnerships and community involvement.
- Multiple letters of support for grants and rate study.





# 2024 Bus Tour - Highlights





# 2024 Bus Tour – Specialized Equipment





# 2024 Bus Tour – Stream Monitoring





# 2024 Bus Tour – Vault Inspection & Filter Replacement





# 2024 Bus Tour Participants

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# Bus Tour highlighting Clean Water Division

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TDDjxUBiEAo>



## Protecting waterways with Clark County Clean Water



ClarkCoWa  
2.9K subscribers

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120 views Sep 13, 2024

Learn about the services Clark County Clean Water provides to protect and restore water quality by watching this recap of a bus tour given to county leaders.



# 2024 Accomplishments – Vancouver Lake Symposium

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- Focused on understanding complex challenges facing the lake and its diverse user groups.
- Over 100 participants.
- Local, county, state, federal, and tribal policy leaders attended.
- Presentations on history, science, stakeholders, issues.

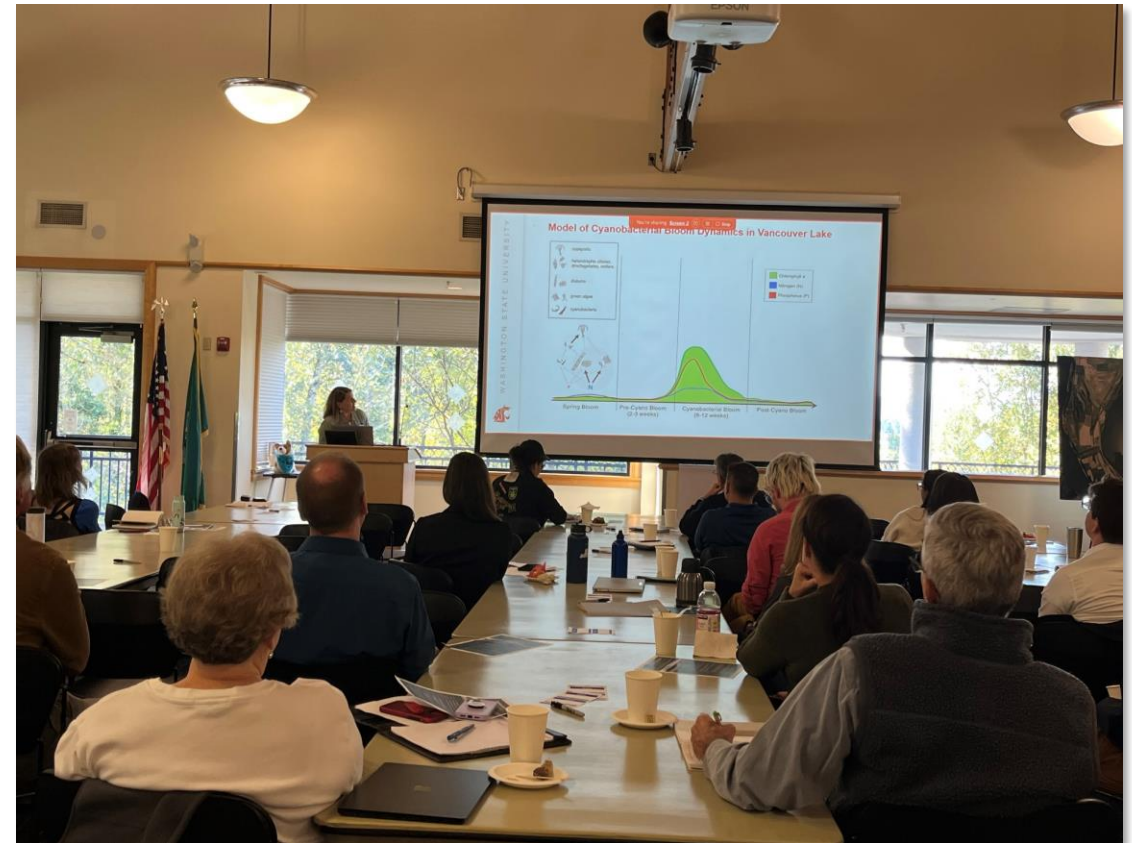
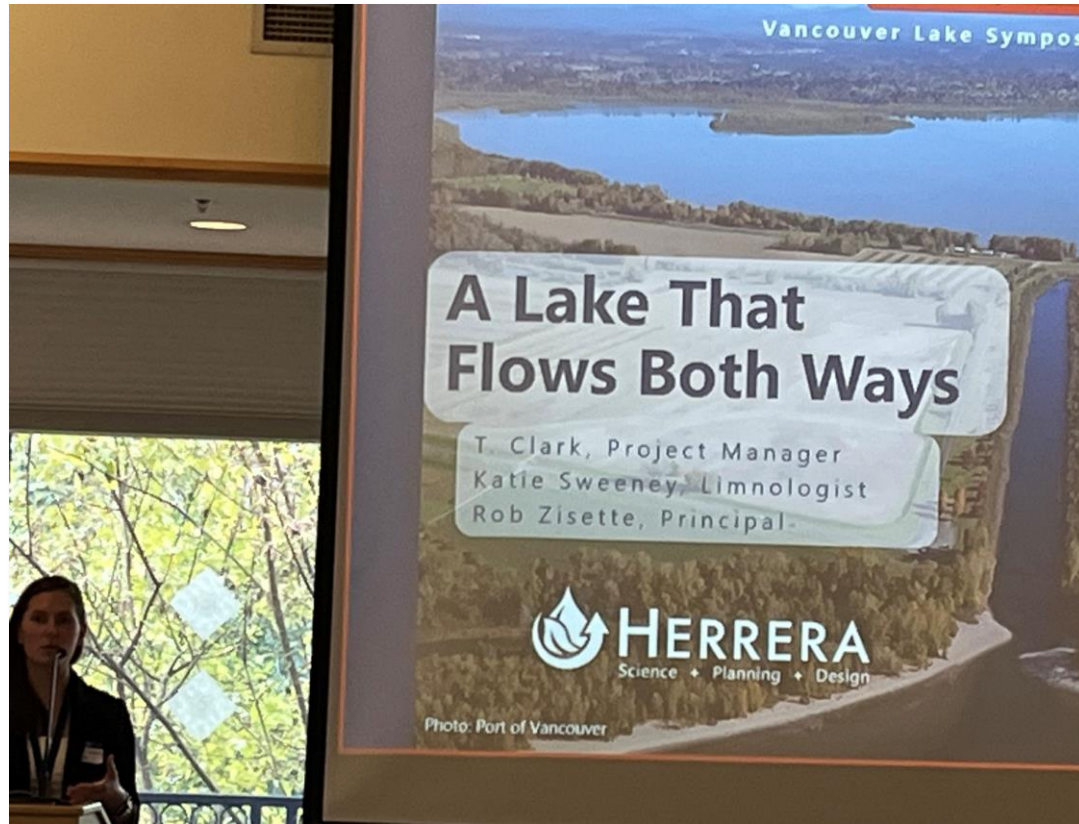








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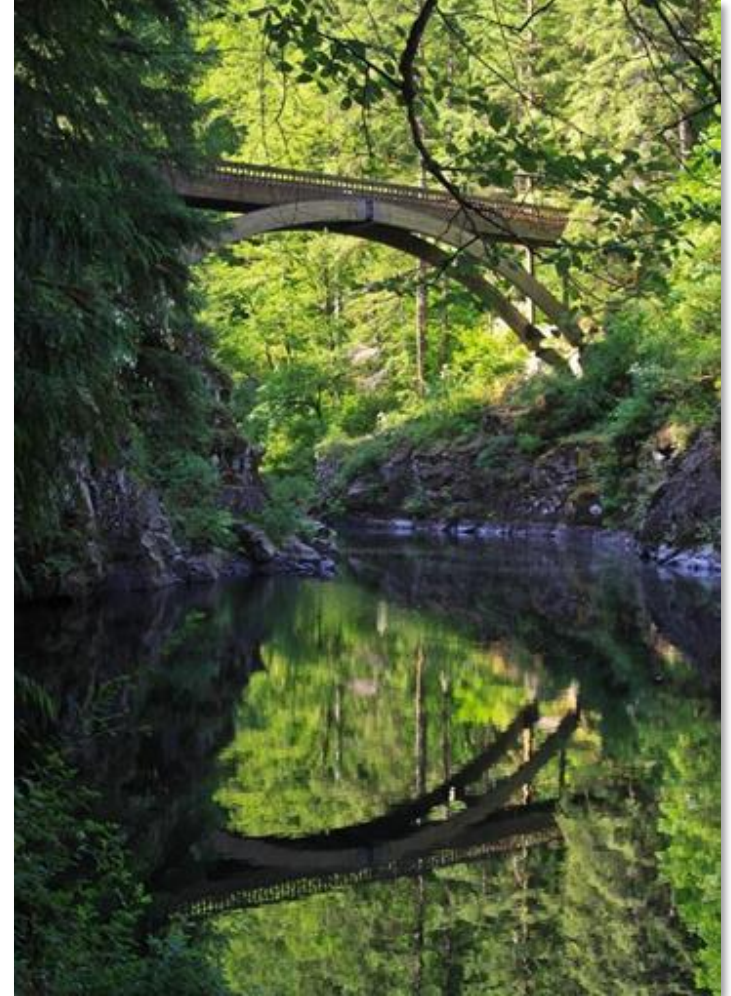
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- Significant turnover on commission membership and leadership.
  - Most tenured commissioner has less than 3 years.
- Need better ways to reach highly impacted populations.
- Future rate increases
  - Maintain focus on 2024 rate study assumptions and adapt plans as implemented.



# 2025 CWC Workplan



# 2025 CWC Workplan – Establishing Workgroups

## Priorities:

1. Rate study implementation support.
2. “What’s the Point?” Nonpoint Source Pollution Symposium on Oct. 28.
3. Stormwater Management Action Plan (SMAP).
4. Implementing climate change element in Comp Plan.
5. Community engagement and inclusion.
6. Collaboration with other boards and commissions.





# Recommendations



# Clean Water Commission Recommendations

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- More collaboration across County departments and neighboring jurisdictions on:
  - Policy
  - Planning
  - Projects
- Evaluate and address impacts of urbanization and land use change on watersheds.
- Assess cumulative impact of individual projects at watershed level.
- Focus on nonpoint source pollution, nutrient reduction, and lake management.

# Council Priorities for 2025



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What are Council priorities for the  
Clean Water Commission in 2025?

# Questions and Comments

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Additional questions or  
comments?





# Thank you!

## Clark County Clean Water Commission

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