



August 6, 2025, Meeting Minutes

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Public Services Center Conference Room #698, Vancouver WA

I. ROLL CALL and INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Gathe called the meeting order at 6:00 pm.

Members Present: Tracy Ceravolo, John Chatel, Glen DeWillie, Ted Gathe, and Alison Schweitzer (v)

Members Absent: Emily Hess and Rudy Salakory

Staff Present: Devan Rostorfer, Jenna Kay, Jenny Coker (v), and Alice Millward

Public Present: none

(v) indicates appeared via video conference

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Commissioner Gathe moved, and Commissioner DeWillie seconded that the June 4, 2025, minutes be approved. Motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Gathe moved, and Commissioner DeWillie seconded that the July 16, 2025, special meeting minutes be approved. Motion unanimously approved.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

none

III. NEW BUSINESS / ACTIONS:

Implementing New State Climate Change Planning in Clark County Presentation:

by Jenna Kay, Clark County Community Planning Department

- In her presentation, Jenna explained what is a comprehensive plan (aka comp plan), defined key terminology and data, reviewed the background and requirements of the state's new climate element for the municipalities' 20-year comprehensive plans, highlighted some of the proposed policies with nexus to stormwater and outlined the adoption process timeline. Click on the link for the full [presentation](#).

Joint Meeting with City of Vancouver's Urban Forestry Commission Debrief

- The Clean Water Commission felt it was a worthwhile endeavor and that they learned a lot about the city's forestry program and how it dovetails with many clean water division objectives. Some take aways that various commissioners were interested in pursuing is how their commissioners were assigned to specific neighborhoods and whether that could be applied to the CWC and in what format. There were discussions on scale and how to create direct commissioner engagement and more ownership within the group while managing limited time constraints.



- Staff from both organizations will also be meeting later in August, because they have identified several interesting opportunities to improve each commission's experience and possible ways the two groups can work together in the future.

WORK GROUP UPDATES:

Climate Change Element Implementation (Leader Salakory, Ceravolo, Chatel)

It was noted that Commissioner Cortes resigned from the CWC effective July 28. Commissioner Chatel and Ceravolo reviewed their June 23 meeting with Don Steinke about county Comprehensive Plan's Climate Element. They would like to see if the CWC is interested in writing a letter of support for it now that the CWC has had an opportunity to listen to Jenna Kay's presentation. After some discussion, it was decided that the commission is interested in doing that. The Climate Change Work Group will draft a letter for the Commission to approve at the October meeting.

Community Engagement & Inclusion: (Members: Chatel, Hess, Schweitzer)

Since Commissioner Cortes resigned from the CWC effective July 28, so Commissioner Schweitzer volunteered to give an overview of their activities. The CEI work group met on June 23. They discussed ways to connect with the community and make sure people understand who the CWC is and what they do. They plan to update past presentations former commissioner's gave and focus the CWC and ways to protect water quality. Eric will be presenting to Commissioner Chatel's HOA on August 18. The group believes that this may be a good way to leverage commissioner's standing in the community as an enhancement to staff presentations.

Nonpoint Source Pollution Symposium (Leader: Chatel; Members: Ceravolo, Gathe, Schweitzer)

Commissioner Chatel reported that the group met on June 5, July 9, and July 24. Staff are coordinating the logistics, such as room rental, press releases, speaker invites, and catering. The "Save the Date" mailers are slated to go out mid to late August. There have been significant work on the agenda. They are seeking input about innovative organizations addressing nonpoint pollution issues or any pioneering solutions or practices by August 22.

The proposed agenda is:

Part 1: Welcomes, County's historic and projected development

Part 2: Identifying Issues

Water quality standards and trends in the county

Focus on thermal impacts, refuges, and status of local water bodies

LUNCH BREAK

Part 3: Solution-based practices & innovations

Focusing on nutrient, sediment, and bacteria

Part 4: Wrap up / Panel Discussion



Rate Study Implementation (Leader: Gathe; Members: DeWillie, Salakory)

Commissioner Gathe reported that during their meeting on June 12 with key staff they were briefed on the current status of the new rate study – which has only been in effect for the first six months of the projected five years. New staff hiring is on track. They believe that towards the end of the year and into 2026, there will be opportunities for more significant CWC guidance.

Stormwater Management Action Plan (SMAP) (Leader: DeWillie, Member: Hess)

Commissioner DeWillie and Hess met twice (June 12 and June 17). They met with key staff about this project and to learn about the new contract to create a SMAP for the Lower Salmon Creek watershed. They have formed a few key takeaways and potential next steps.

Bylaws Update (Leader: Alice Millward)

Alice offered one last invitation for volunteers before she starts work on the biannual bylaws review and update. Commissioners DeWillie and Chatel indicated that they are interested in participating. Alice anticipates that this will be minor changes since they were significantly revamped only two years ago and plans to have them ready for approval at the December meeting.

APPROVAL OF THREE (3) GRANT APPLICATION LETTERS OF SUPPORT:

After a brief discussion of the projects, *Commissioner Ceravolo moved, and Commissioner Schweitzer seconded approval of the following letters of support for three Clean Water grant applications to Ecology. Unanimously approved.*

- NE Hazel Dell Ave. (78th to Cougar Creek)
- NE 99th St. (I-5 to East of Hwy 99)
- Bioretention Facility CBP3 Implementation (Phase 2)

Staff will forward the letters to Chair Gathe for signature.

CLEAN WATER DIVISION UPDATE - Devan Rostorfer, CW Division Manager

- Devan highlighted the new staff that were brought onboard recently. They are currently recruiting for the Permit Program Coordinator, the Lakes and Watershed Coordinator and the Engineering Services Manager.
- Due to the time limitations, she doesn't have any urgent news to discuss at this time, but answered questions prompted by the Division Digest.

Staff Liaison Report – Alice Millward, CW Program Assistant.

- Alice reviewed upcoming notable events. She has requested commissioner provide her with their priorities ballots within the next few weeks. This is to give staff direction on what presentation topics and possible field trips the CWC would like to see over the next 6-12 months since planning and coordination takes time.
- Alice noted that the recruitment for the three 2026 openings and now two vacant CWC positions is currently open until Monday, August 25, 2025. She asked if there were any volunteers who would be interested in serving on the selection panel with staff. There



were several (Chatel, DeWillie, and Schweitzer) who indicated that they would be interested depending on availability. There was discussion whether the new open position should be filled in the current recruitment process or whether one of the qualified applicants on file should be selected. The commission decided that it would be best to recruit and fill all five positions from the new pool.

- Jeff Schnabel anticipates needing input for an upcoming RFP selection. There will be opportunities to provide more assistance once they have been received. Commissioners DeWillie and Chatel are interested in serving on the panel.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:

- None

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

For a copy of the meeting slides, please visit our website's meeting section or click on this [LINK](#).

Audio/video recordings of this and most previous Clean Water Commission meetings are available through the county website at: <https://www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/clean-water-commission>.