

Clark County Clean Water Commission

October 1, 2025



Agenda



CLARK COUNTY WASHINGTON
PUBLIC WORKS
CLEAN WATER

CLEAN WATER COMMISSION

CWC Members:

Tracy Ceravolo
Gee Creek Watershed

John Chatel
Whipple Creek Watershed

Vacant
TBD Watershed

Glen DeWillie, Vice Chair
Lacamas Watershed

Ted Gathe, Chair
Burnt Bridge Creek Watershed

Emily Hess
Vancouver Lake / Lake River Watershed

Alison Schweitzer
West Slope Watershed

Rudy Salakory
Vancouver Lake / Lake River Watershed

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2025 Regular Meetings:

Feb. 5, 2025
April 2, 2025
June 4, 2025
Aug. 6, 2025
Oct. 1, 2025
Dec. 3, 2025

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

- Attend in person
- Submit comments by 12pm on 10/01 to cleanwater@clark.wa.gov
- By phone +1 (213) 262-7043 (toll free)
Meeting ID: 826 149 879#
- By computer: [Click here to join meeting](#)

** Motion Needed

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 1, 2025 - 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
 - b. Approve August 6, 2025, Meeting Summary **
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. BUSINESS / ACTIONS
 - a. Clean Water 6-Year Capital Plan Presentation – Jeff Schnabel
 - b. Work Group Updates
 - 1) Climate Change Implementation (Salakory)
 - 2) Community Engagement & Inclusion (tbd)
 - 3) Nonpoint Source Pollution Symposium (Chatel)
 - 4) Rate Study Implementation (DeWillie)
 - 5) SMAP (DeWillie)
 - 6) Bylaws Update (DeWillie / Alice)
 - c. Approve 2 Clark County Comprehensive Plan Climate Change Element Support Letters **
5. CLEAN WATER DIVISION UPDATES
 - a. Staff Liaison Report – Alice Millward
 - 1) Commissioner recruitment update
 - 2) 2025 Review and End of Year Tasks
 - 3) Miscellaneous Updates
 - b. Manager's Update – Devan Rostorfer
 - 1) Answer any questions regarding Clean Water Division Digest
6. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION
 - a. Updates from Commissioner on work in the community, upcoming events and announcements (3 minutes each)
 - b. 2026 Priorities Discussion
 - c. Agenda building for future meetings
7. ADJOURN – Chair Gathe

Note: An audio/video recording of this meeting will be available through the county website at: <https://www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/clean-water-commission>



Roll Call

Approval of August 6, 2025 Minutes



October 1, 2025

Public Comment



Business / Actions



2026-2031 Stormwater Capital Plan and Program Update Presentation



2026-2031 Stormwater Capital Plan and Program Update

Clean Water Commission

Jeff Schnabel, Infrastructure and Assessment Services Manager

October 1, 2025



Goals and Agenda

Goals:

- Overview of 2026-2031 Stormwater Capital Plan and program

Agenda:

- Permit overview
- County policies/goals and regulatory requirements
- 2025 capital recap
- 2026-2031 plan
 - Priorities
 - Project types
 - Funding
- 2026 look ahead
- Public outreach and schedule



Reminders:

- ▶ Stormwater Capital Program does not construct stormwater facilities to support new development
 - Projects address impacts from existing development
- ▶ REET 2 Funding
 - Beginning in 2025 Stormwater Capital Program is partially funded by Real Estate Excise Tax 2
 - This is our primary nexus with Clark County's Comprehensive Plan
- ▶ Clark County Council
 - Formal adoption is not required, but helpful
 - No Public Hearing
 - Adopted annually by Resolution



Local Framework and Regulatory Requirements

Primary Policy and Goals

Policy:

- Meet Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit requirements

Goals:

- Protect and enhance streams and wetlands
- Minimize stormwater impacts to receiving waters
- Maximize public benefits of county-owned lands

Regulatory Requirements

Phase 1 Municipal Stormwater Permit:

- Stormwater Management for Existing Development – prevent or reduce impacts to waters of state
- Stormwater management planning
- Maintenance and operations

Underground Injection Control Program:

- County must address any drywells that pose a threat to groundwater



2025 Stormwater Capital Summary

Construction phase – 8 projects

- Restoration/Hydrology
 - ▶ Heritage Farm Wetland Restoration
- Water quality
 - ▶ Hwy 99 (102nd to 104th Street) WQ
 - ▶ NE 99th Street (I-5 to Hazel Dell Ave) WQ
 - ▶ NW 99th Street (NW 11th Ave to Cougar Creek) WQ
- Reforestation
 - ▶ Schriber NW Phase 1

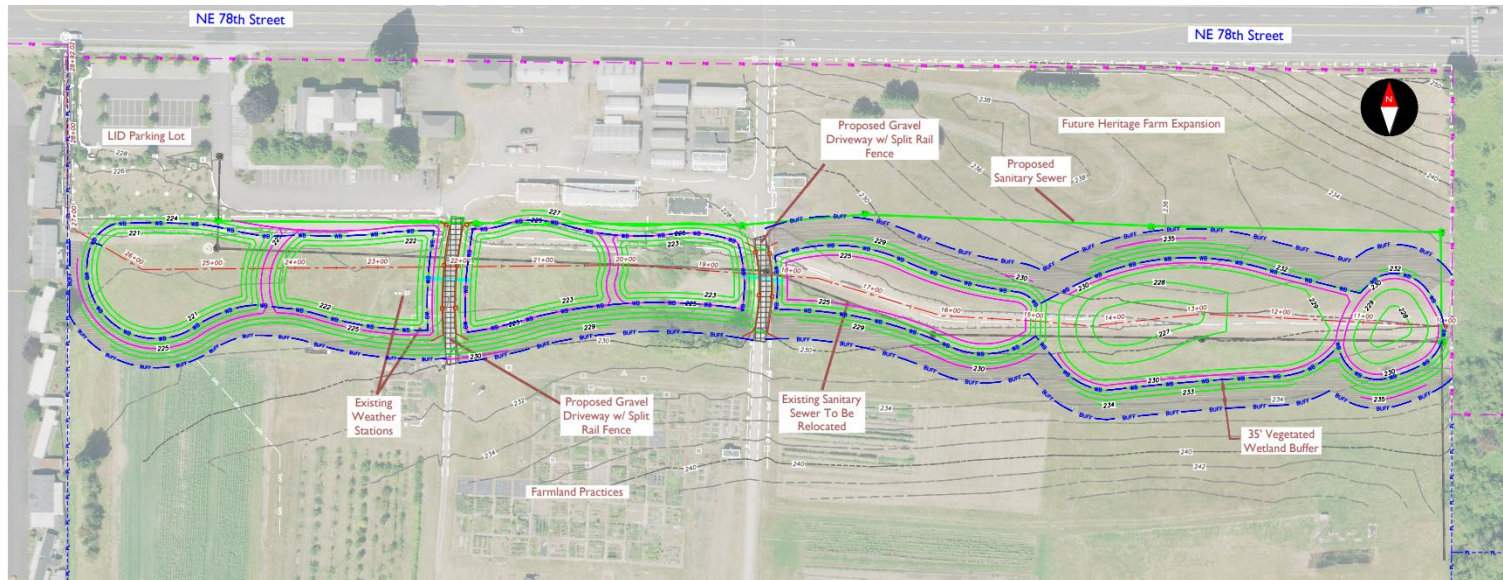
- Major Repair Projects
 - ▶ Mayer's Terrace
 - ▶ Lindemann Easement
 - ▶ Wilding Park

Post-Construction Establishment

- Reforestation
 - ▶ Salmon Creek Greenway @ Cougar Creek

Design phase - 8 projects

Budget: \$5.5 million



Construction Photos



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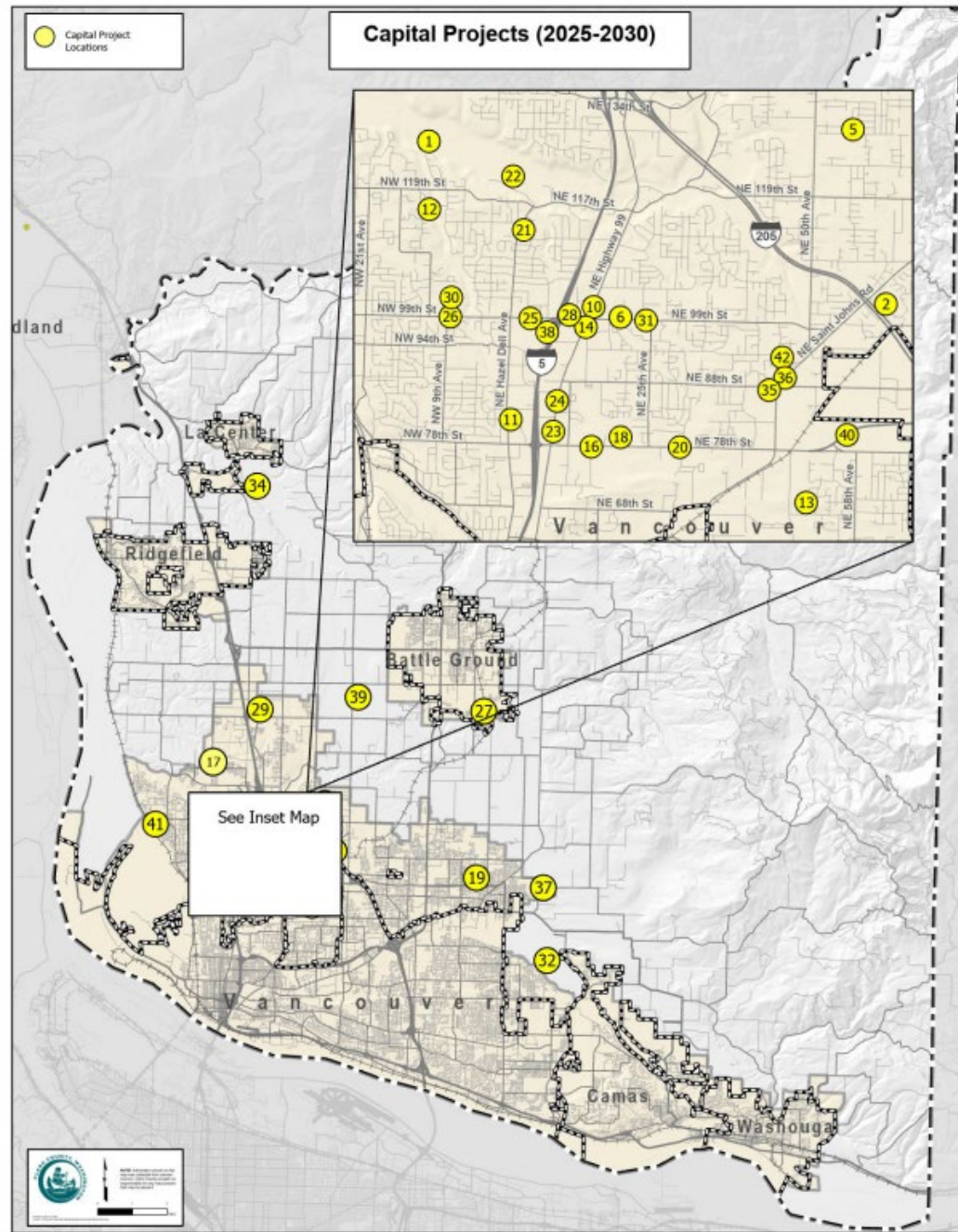
2026-2031 Project Matrix and Priorities

Priorities

- Required capital repair projects (>\$25,000)
- Water quality treatment in lower Salmon Creek tributaries (Cougar, Suds, Tenny, 114th Street, LaLonde)
- Reforestation of county lands
- Property acquisition for stormwater benefit
- 2026 ramping into major repairs for detention ponds and aged-out treatment

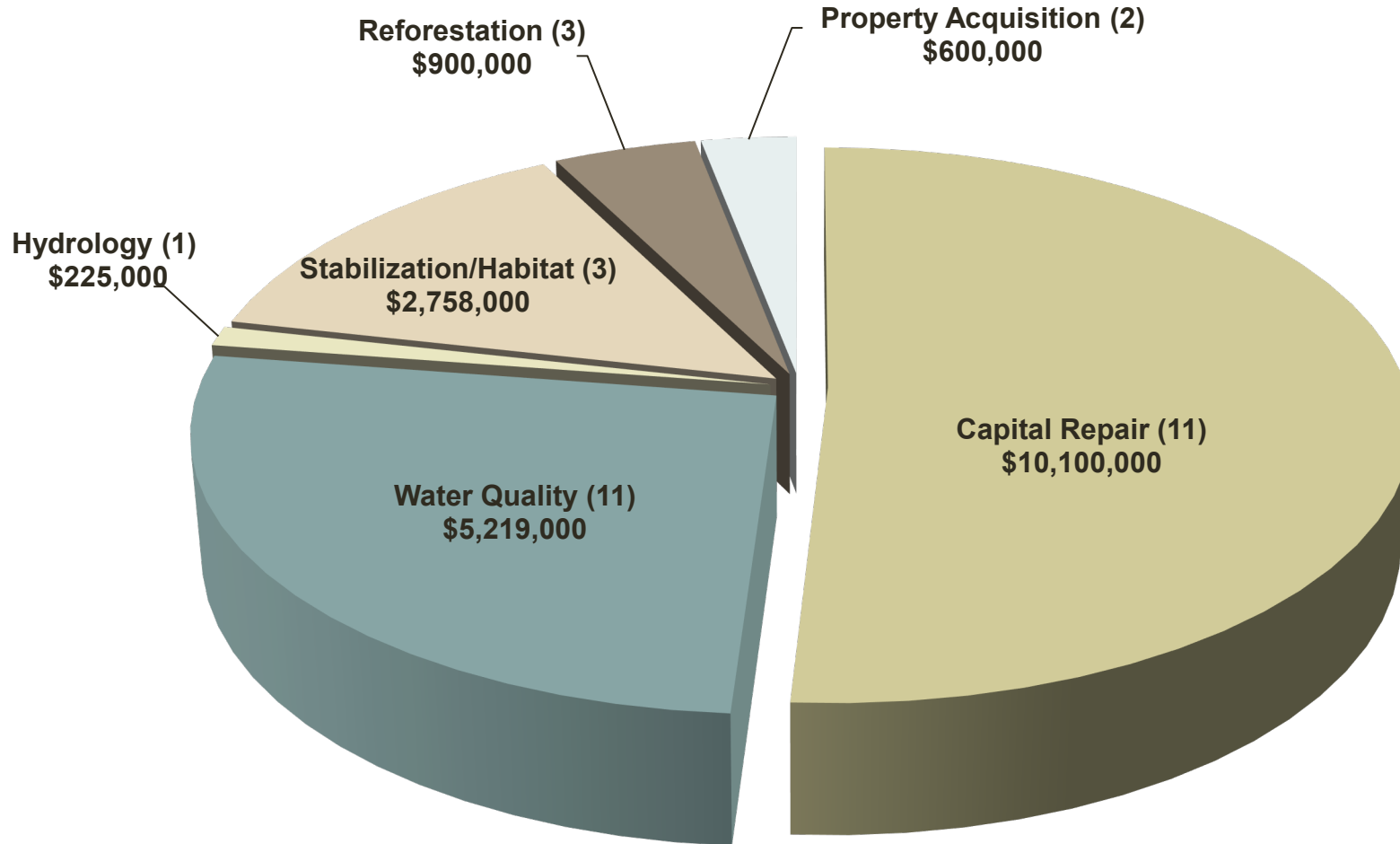


*2025-2030 Project Map



Project Types

31 projects
\$19.8 Million 2026-2031 Total



Funding

2026-2031 Estimated Funding

➤ Clean Water Fund

- \$7,241,000

➤ Real Estate Excise Tax 2 (REET 2)

- \$7,220,000

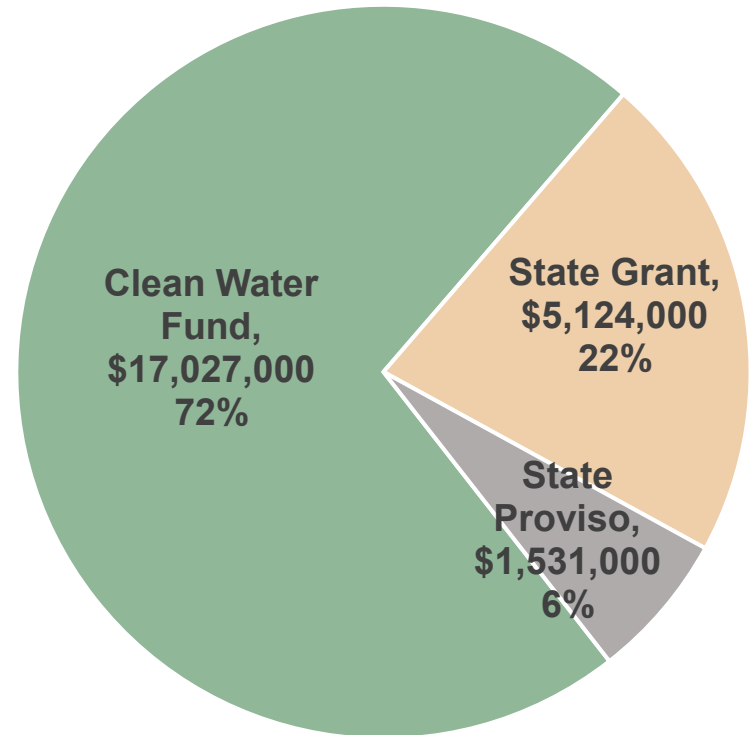
➤ Grants

- \$5,150,000

➤ Loans

- One active loan from 2025 - \$3,400,000 (20-year at 0.4%)

2011-2023 Structural Stormwater Controls



2026 Look-ahead - projects

Construction phase – 7 projects

- Major Repair
 - ▶ Frasier Pond Cleanout
 - ▶ Padden West SWF Repair
 - ▶ Detention Pond Major Maintenance (1)
- Water quality
 - ▶ Hwy 99 (99th St to Hazel Dell Plaza) WQ
 - ▶ Hwy 99 (78th to 86th St) WQ
- Reforestation
 - ▶ Schriber NW Reforestation Ph. 2
- Natural Areas Acquisition
 - ▶ Three Creeks Greenway (Legacy Lands)



Post-Construction Establishment

- ▶ Schriber NW Reforestation Ph. 1
- ▶ Heritage Farm Wetland Restoration

Design phase - 8 projects

Budget: \$3.0 million

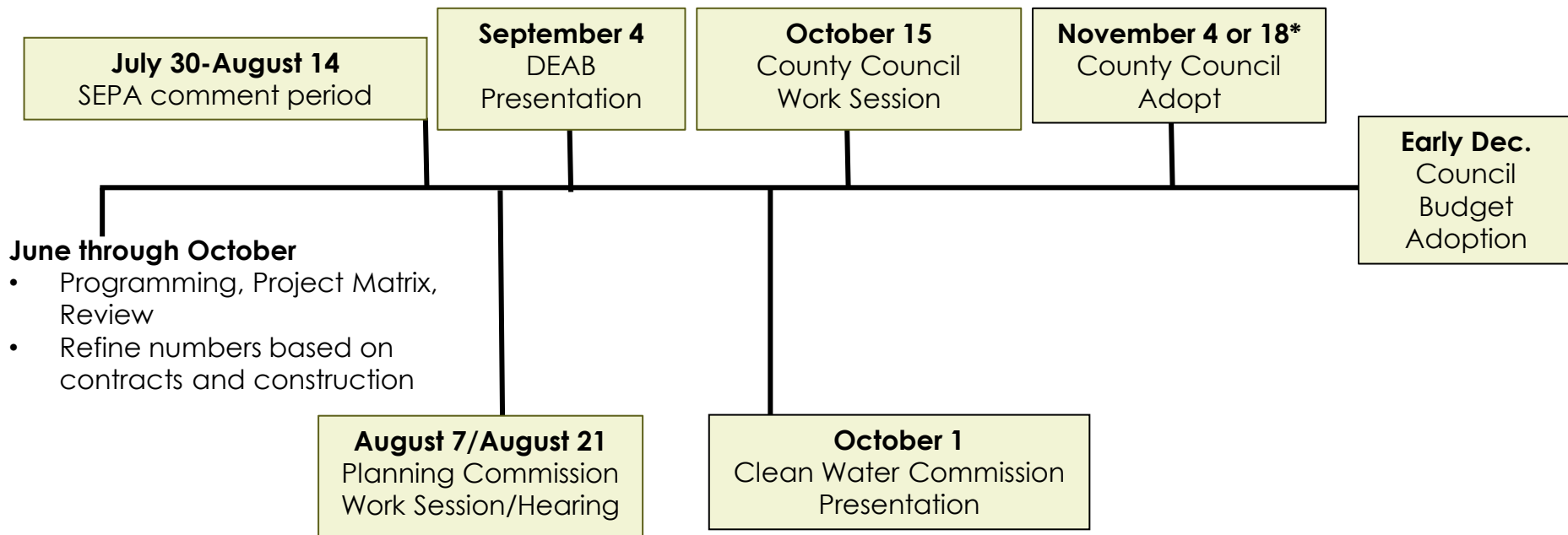


2026 Look-ahead - planning

- Update SMED point calculations for 2024 Municipal Stormwater Permit
- Continue sub-basin retrofit planning
 - Support lake and watershed plan implementation
 - Urbanized Mill Creek
 - Upper Curtin and Padden Creek
- Reforestation program planning
- Asset management
 - Pipe inspection/maintenance program development
 - Sweeping program update for 2024 Permit
- Resume long-term capital planning (20-year)



Schedule/Steps



Thank You!

Comments and Questions

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Work Group Updates



2025 Work Group Updates



Climate Change Implementation – Salakory Leader



Members: Ceravolo, Chatel, Salakory



Meetings: Aug 13

- Update:**
- Met with staff about Comp Plan's Climate Element and capital project prioritization at state and local levels
 - Discussed ways to use CC model outcomes & considerations into current criteria
 - Drafted CWC letters of support for climate element
 - Climate change will be part of symposium agenda

2025 Work Group Updates



Community Engagement & Inclusion – TBD



Members: Chatel, Hess, Schweitzer



Meetings: Oct 22

Update:

- Eric and Chatel presented to local HOA in August
- Will discuss next steps and priorities for WG during Oct. 22 meeting

2025 Work Group Updates



Nonpoint Source Pollution Symposium – Chatel



Members: Ceravolo, Chatel, Gathe, Schweitzer



Meetings: Aug 12 and Aug 26

Update:

- Refined agenda and agreed on prioritized speakers and target audience members
- Staff coordinating logistics (room, catering, etc.)
- Staff sent “Save the Date” notice and speaker invites

2025 Work Group Updates



SMAP (Stormwater Mgt Action Plan) – DeWillie



Members: DeWillie, Hess

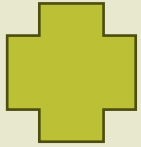


Meetings: Sept. 23

Update:

- Requested staff review of proposals formed in June. Awaiting resolution & further discussion on:
 - Measuring consultant success on work products
 - Defining before and after criteria to assess recommended project work for 6 and 20-year programs
 - Defining how to measure cumulative impacts in project work

2025 Work Group Updates



Rate Study Implementation – DeWillie



Members: DeWillie, Gathe, Salakory



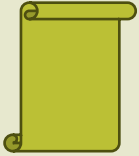
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Update:

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- Risk review of program
- Brainstorming measures of success to report and track before, during and after (construction / implementation)
- Understanding how the 62-line items are broken out and tracking by unique performance metrics
- Understanding CWD's current tracking tools

2025 Work Group Updates



Bylaws – Alice and DeWillie



Members: Alice, Chatel, DeWillie



Meetings: Week of Aug 25, Sept. 2

- Update:**
- Reviewed various independently proposed changes
 - Making good progress
 - May need additional staff and legal review
 - Timeline: Approve changes at December Meeting



Approval of Two Clark County Comprehensive Plan Climate Change Element Letters of Support



Approval of Letters of Support

- 1) Letter of support to Planning Commission for Clark County Comprehensive Plan Climate Change Element**
- 2) Letter of support to County Council for Clark County Comprehensive Plan Climate Change Element**



Approval of Letters of Support



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October 1, 2025

TO: Clark County Council

RE: Support for Climate Change Element in Clark County's Comprehensive Growth Management Plan

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The Clean Water Commission fully endorses the climate policies and recommendations developed by the CAG, that will positively impact water quality and reduce stormwater runoff in the county, which aligns with the Clean Water Commission's mission. Some of these include:

- G17 - Protect the waters of the county through a stormwater management program that minimizes impacts from stormwater run-off.
- G11 - Protect and plant more trees in rural and urban areas and equitably increase tree canopy cover through targeted planting and maintenance support.
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Once adopted, our Clean Water Commission will be advocates for the Climate Element and offer our expertise and support as the County works on implementation. Thank you again for your support and adoption of the Climate Element. We look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Ted Gathe
Chair, Clean Water Commission
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cc: Devan Rostorfer
Marlena Milosevich
Clean Water Commissioners



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Division Updates



Staff Liaison Report

Alice Millward

October 1, 2025



Staff Liaison's Report Overview

- **Commissioner Recruitment Update**
 - Interviews completed
 - Recommendations to County Manager
 - Optimistic for Nov. / Dec. appointment
- **2025 Review and End of Year Tasks**
 - Send Photos for Annual Report
 - Reminder CWC December Elections
- **Miscellaneous Updates**
 - New CWC Orientation in Dec. / Jan.



Manager's Update

Devan Rostorfer

October 1, 2025



August New Staff



Kevin Bone,
Engineering Technician Senior
(Mapping & Inventory)



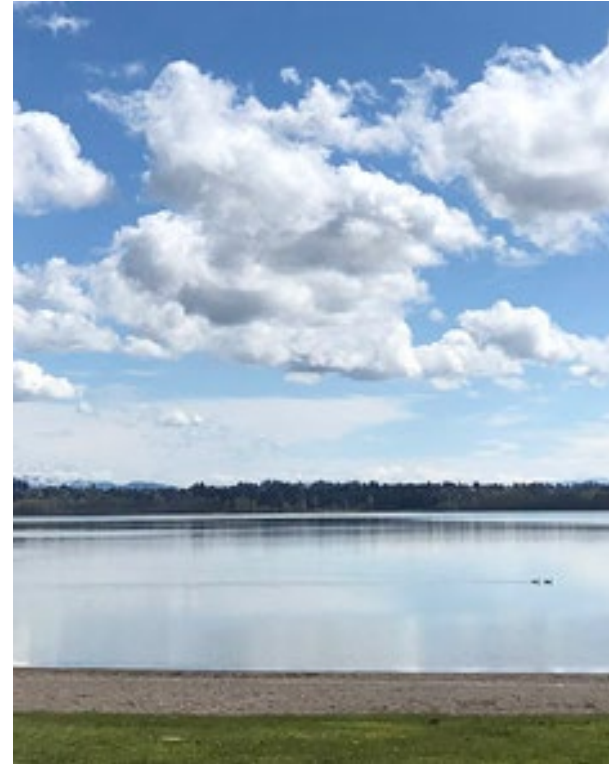
Hailey Shannon,
Outreach Specialist Senior



4th Quarter New Staff!



Ben Joner, Started 10/01
Program Coordinator II
(NPDES Permit Support)



Coming in December,
Program Coordinator II
Lakes and Watershed Coordination



Questions or comments on October 2025 Division Digest?



Roundtable Discussion Commissioner's Comments



Roundtable Discussion

- **2026 Priorities Discussion**
- **Updates on your work in the community**
- **Announcements**
- **Agenda building for future meetings**



Meeting Adjourned

Thank you!



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- **February 4, 2026**
- **April 1, 2026**



Nonpoint Source Pollution Symposium

October 28, 2025

