

Clark County Clean Water Commission

2016 Annual Report

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2016 Active Commissioners

Dick Rylander, Chair

Kate Schoof, Vice Chair

Gary Schaeffer

David Meyer

David McDevitt

Mark Schneider

Marie LaManna

Holly Norris

Jeremy Burnett

On behalf of the Clark County Clean Water Commission, I approve the 2016 Annual Report to the Clark County Councilors.



Marie LaManna, Chair

2/8/2017

Dated

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Executive Summary

Two new commissioners were appointed in 2016 to the Clean Water Commission (CWC). The Commission met a total of six regularly scheduled meetings. Six Commissioners also attended an educational tour of stormwater facilities in October.

The Department of Environmental Sciences (DES) was dissolved in June and the Clean Water Division was assigned to the Department of Public Works, where it was located prior to the formation of DES. Andrea Logue was selected as the new Clark County Staff Liaison.

The CWC area of focus in 2016 was educating the commission to provide public outreach. The Communication team gave two presentations to community organizations.

This annual report details scheduled meeting topics, staff reports, accomplishments, recommendations, and the action plan for the upcoming year. The CWC will continue to advise the Clean Water Division, County Manager and County Councilors with regard to current stormwater issues.

Meetings

The CWC meeting schedule of every other month begins in January and ends in November. The CWC also attended a stormwater facilities tour to better understand the various methods of storm systems. Overall the meeting attendance was excellent with only a few of the Commissioners having conflicts. One member decided not to renew his term, and another resigned after the November meeting.

Scheduled Meeting Topics

January

- Clean Water Budget Review
- System Development Fee Input/Vetting
- Clean Water Fee Options
- LID Outreach

March

- Stormwater Management Plan Update
- Annual Report Feedback
- Public Presentation PowerPoint update review
- Possible CWC presentation to Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County
- Training

May

- Working Group Updates: Communication, Partnerships, and Research
- Communication Team Presentation
- Stream Monitoring Update
- CWC Field Visit Update

July

- Department of Environmental Services Changes
- Working Group Updates: Communication, Partnerships, and Research
- Staff Presentation: Local Source Control by Bob Patterson
- Vancouver Public School District projects supporting the Clean Water Fee Waiver program
- CWC Field Visit Plans Discussion

September

- Term Expiration of Commissioners at end of 2016
- Working Group Updates: Communication, Partnerships, and Research
- Clark County Stormwater Manual Errata update
- CWC Field Visit Plans Discussion

November

- Clean Water Division Presentation by Jane Tesner Kleiner
- Friends of Trees Presentation by Megan Van de Mark
- Update of Bylaws
- CWC Annual Report for 2016
- CWC Strategic Planning for 2017
- Nomination and election of 2017 Chair and Vice Chair

Educational Tour

October

- Stormwater facilities tour with Dean Boening and Cary Armstrong
 - Wilson Estates - private residential bioswale poorly maintained
 - Minnehaha Business Park - private commercial wet swale
 - Hazel Ridge Townhomes - well maintained bioswales

- Sherwood Hollow Phase 2 - public stormwater facility
- Parkside Manor - large public stormwater facility
- Strawberry Hill II - filter cartridges and drywells
- Heritage Farm Parking Lot - LID examples

Special Meetings

There were no special meetings held in 2016.

Staff Reports

- Stormwater Management Plan
- Clark County Stream Health Report
- Green Ribbon Schools Program 2016
- Department of Environmental Services Changes
- Local Source Control
- Clark County Stormwater Manual Errata Update
- Clean Water Division Educational Outreach

Accomplishments

1. Revised bylaw term expiration date to coincide with program assignments.
2. Implemented the use of Google Docs and gmail accounts for commissioners.
3. Created three working groups and defined their missions:
 - a. Communication
 - b. Research
 - c. Partnership
4. The Communication working team presented the Clean Water Public Outreach PowerPoint to the Commission and attending public for feedback.
5. Commissioners Burnett, LaManna, and McDevitt presented to the Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County along with Dean Boening.
6. Commissioner LaManna attended the May Local Interagency Networking Cooperative meeting.
7. Commissioners LaManna and McDevitt presented to Vancouver Green Drinks.
8. Commissioners Rylander, Schneider, Burnett, McDevitt, Schoof, and LaManna attended the stormwater facility tour.

Challenges

1. Changing membership of the CWC presents an opportunity and a challenge. We can improve the speed at which new members are effective by establishing an on-boarding process for new members to the CWC.
2. Discontinuity of committee meetings limited working group effectiveness.

Recommendations

1. We recommend that any fee increases and/or new fees are fully vetted and understood by the Clean Water Commission prior to facilitating public outreach and support of the fees.
2. We recommend that the commission provide input for the 2017-18 biennium budget.

2017 Work Plan

1. Continue with three working groups in the CWC. Utilize Project Sub-Teams targeted at working group objectives. Opportunity to improve group effectiveness by using conference calls to maintain progress between CWC meetings.
 - a. Communication Team: Provide input on the public outreach presentations and continue to be a positive presence in the community.
 - b. Partnership Team: Collaborate with other advisory groups to establish amenities such as trails and educational opportunities on stormwater facility sites.
 - c. Research Team: Responsible for defining and gathering data and information needed by the CWC members to evaluate programs and make recommendations.
2. We will continue to review the Clean Water Budget in 2017 and provide feedback and recommendations per our charter.
3. Formalize new CWC member selection process with CWC leadership, or designee, participation in the decision-making process.
4. Opportunity to improve and codify on-boarding process for new members to the CWC.
5. Modify bylaws to reflect member participation rate requirements.

Summary

In conclusion, the CWC is actively involved in working with the Clean Water Division and the Board of County Councilors to advise on the current stormwater issues facing the county. The CWC also plays a role on providing educational outreach within the community. In moving forward, the CWC respectfully asks the Board of Clark County Councilors to offer input as to what they foresee as the critical issues that should be addressed in the upcoming year.

Acknowledgements

We would like to thank Chris Clifford and Andrea Logue for their work as the Clark County Staff Liaison. We also thank Dean Boening and his staff for their input and guidance to ensure the commission is successful.

Appendix A: CWC Meeting Attendance

Commissioners	Jan	March	May	July	Sept	Nov	Total	Regular
Dick Rylander	P	P	A	A	P	P	4	4 of 6
Kate Schoof	P	P	P	P	A	P	5	5 of 6
Jeremy Burnett	A	P	P	A	P	P	4	4 of 6
Marie LaManna	P	P	P	P	P	P	6	6 of 6
David McDevitt	P	P	P	P	P	P	6	6 of 6
David Meyer	P	P	P	A	A	A	3	3 of 6
Gary Schaffer	P	P	P	P	P	P	6	6 of 6
Mark Schneider	P	A	P	P	P	P	5	5 of 6
Holly Norris*		P	P	A	P	A	3	3 of 6

* Appointed in February

Bylaws state that Commissioners shall attend 75% of regularly scheduled meetings.