

Island County  
WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## Meeting Notes

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, November 03, 2016 2:30—4:30 PM

Camano Center

606 Arrowhead Rd, Camano Island

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### Call to Order and Introductions

#### Present:

Citizen Members: Jay Lawrence, Barbara Brock, Carol Gillespie, Julius Budos, John Lovie, Tom Fox, Dave Thomas, Don Lee, Al Williams,

Island County Staff: Stephanie Croan, Lori Clark

Guests: Katheryn Wells, Snohomish County Conservation District

### Adoption of September WRAC Meeting Summary Notes

Julius asked for Doug Kelly's presentation on the Navy Contaminants of Emerging Concern (CECs) at NASWI. Don stated that the presentation predates the newspaper article; however it would be good to be able to see it. John Lovie suggest the detail in the summary minutes be limited and the paragraph be simplified.

The section on updating WRAC resolution "in-pertinent" needs to be changed to "impertinent"

Meeting minutes will be approved at the next meeting pending review of recommended changes.

### Reports

Stephanie Croan put in her notice that she will be leaving the County. The WRAC may need to cancel the December meeting due to lack of staffing. Don suggests not canceling the December meeting considering the gravity of the issue. Don suggested Doug Kelly attend the December meeting to report to the WRAC on the NASWI CEC topic.

*State Supreme Court Whatcom Decision* -Don Lee requested information on the minimum instream flow rule decision in Whatcom County on exempt wells. John Lovie said that John Rose said this will not affect Island County because we do not have in-stream flow regulations. Katheryn shared that Conservation Districts are working with Ecology on the 100ft buffer rules because it takes out a lot of agricultural lands.

*Long Island article* – Julius and Don suggested this topic be added to an upcoming agenda. Island County needs to do more to protect its aquifer. A formal structure could be created to protect aquifers.

*GIS Day Open House* – John Lovie announced that the GIS day open house is Wednesday, November 16th 6-8pm – BOCC Commissioner Hearing Room.

*Lone Lake fish die-off* – could it be a problem associated with surface or groundwater. WRAC would like to hear more about this. WDFW found low oxygen in the surface layer, suggested an inversion layer. John Lovie shared that this was

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the day after the warmest day on Whidbey and after the first significant rain event (.5 inch) this year. It killed the trout (most susceptible). Inversions typically occur after a cold event.

## Discussion

### *Draft WRAC resolution, membership and charter*

Changes: 1. scratch 6<sup>th</sup> whereas, second sentence, 2. remove WSU Cooperative Extension from B. Non-voting Technical Advisors, and 3. change Northwest Facilities Engineering Command to Navy Representative.

Don made motion to approved, as corrected. Jay Lawrence second the motion. Motion approved.

### *CWU update*

Don attended the CWU presentation to the Board. He asked that Keith send the presentation to the WRAC. He shared that most of the money goes to the "hardware" for the program under Bill Oakes department: storm water, culverts, trenches, land pipes, etc. C/ Price Johnson asked about Phase 2 of the CWU. Bill said there is not adequate funding to implement the Phase 2 which includes funding for staffing the WRAC and LID/Basin Planning. C/ Johnson and C/Hannold were not in support of implementing this phase of the CWU. Bill Oakes has a million dollars in reserve with approximately \$600,000 spent annually. They voted 2-1 to not release the money this year. Don will take time to discuss the WRAC's disappointment about this decision with the Board.

*Camano Storm Surge Monitoring*- Carol discussed the North Puget Sound (Skagit, Island and Whatcom) Storm Surge Monitoring Network (documents attached).

*WRAC Charter* - defines in more detail how the WRAC is managed. Stephanie sent the current version to the WRAC members. The section on how the WRAC members are chosen will need to be revised.

## Public Comment

No Public Comment

## Meeting Closure

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

### *Next Meetings:*

*December 01, 2016 (Oak Harbor Public Works)*

*January 05, 2017 (Oak Harbor Public Works)*