

Island County
WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Meeting Notes

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, May 04, 2017 2:30—4:30 PM
Camano Center
606 Arrowhead Road, Camano Island

Call to Order and Introductions

Present:

Citizen Members: Jay Lawrence, Maddie Rose, Julius Budos, John Lovie, Tom Fox, Joe Grogan, Rick Nishi, Bob Boehm, Carol Gillespie,

Island County Staff: Jennifer Riedmayer, IC Department of Natural Resources; Nathan Howard, Island County Long Range Planner, Matt Colston, IC Department of Public Health Intern

Guests: Jim Patton, WIWSA, Danae Willson, Camano Island Water Project, Kathryn Wells, Snohomish Conservation District

Adoption of WRAC Meeting Summary Notes

Tom Fox made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. John Lovie second the motion. Motion approved.

Report

- The WRAC received a letter of appreciation for their service to Island County from the Island County Board of Commissioners. Julius Budos read the letter to the group at large.
- New WRAC At-Large WRAC Members introduced themselves and provided a summary of their work experience.
- Jennifer Riedmayer provided an updated on the Surface Water Quality Monitoring Plan and informed the WRAC that the Water Quality Staff will present the new plan at the June meeting. Additionally, the WRAC will be working on updating their charter.
- **WIWSA Quarterly Report:** Jim Patton provided a detail report on the future meetings that will be occurring with the WISA.
 - The organization's next quarterly meeting is June 15th at 5:30 where they will have a presentation on sanitary surveys.
 - The WIWSA is holding its annual conference on June 24 in Oak Harbor. This year's topic is Small Water System Management Programs.
 - The organization has been invited to present at the 2018 Sound Waters University.
 - John Lovie will be attending the Clean Water/ Storm Water Conference in Seattle June 23-24. Lovie will provide a report about the conference to the WRAC and WIWSA.
 - WIWSA voted in a new board member Joe Grogan has replaced Will LaRue.

- **CIWS Quarterly Report:** Danae Willson, member of the Camano Island Water Project, gave a report on the group's current scope of work.
 - The organization has been working on developing a new management plan to address some of the issues and concerns for Group A and Group B systems on Camano Island. CIWS has been working with Washington Department of Health officials to develop a way to better manage Camano Island's Group A and Group B Systems. CIWS goal is to have a viable and sound water system for its residents that meet current standards and future standards.
 - The group hosted a public forum on March 22, 2017 and 25 water system were represented. The goal of the meeting was to create community awareness and develop a set of action plans. Two presenters provided information on their water systems. The forum also discussed the possibility of implementing a combined water system when water systems are replacing pipes.
 - Willson plans to return back to the October 5th WRAC meeting to report on the status of their group.

- **Coordinated Water Systems Plan-** Nathan Howard gave members a goals and objectives worksheet that outlines the steps the WRAC will be completing this year as it reviews Island County's CWSP.
 - Howard presented information to the WRAC on the history of the Water System Coordination Act and the elements of a water system plan. Updating the CWSP involves interdepartmental coordination and topics such as fire flow requirement, reviewing the County's water system boundary maps and the possibility of consolidating Group B systems into Group A systems wherever possible instead of expanding Group B systems which is the current practice.
 - The update of the CWSP will involve interdepartmental coordination.
 - Howard is reaching out to Jennifer Kropack and Virpi Salo-Zieman of Washington Department of Health to present at the June meeting to gain insight on the state's perspective of updating and implementing a revised CWSP.
 - Howard will be developing a list of future possible presenters and is interested in the WRAC looking at other success stories that include Whatcom County's process they completed to update its's CWSP.
 - Jim Patton added that WIWSA is interested in creating a vocational program at Skagit Valley Community College that is targeted towards high school graduates to learn water system management skills.
 - John Lovie suggested for Nathan Howard to reach out to Kitsap County PUD who is looking at revising their Group B regulation and requiring their systems to pay for the inspections.

Announcement/ Discussion

Low Impact Development (LID) - Julius Budos presented to the board Island County's Storm water Policy and spoke on what low impact development and the advantages of using LID. Budos asked WRAC members if any of them would be interesting in talking with their county commissioners to encourage them to using LID and to update the County Code to incorporate more LID infrastructure during development plans review process.

Public Comments

No Public Comment

Meeting Closure

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Next Meetings:

June 1, 2017 (Oak Harbor Public Works)

July 06, 2017 (Oak Harbor Public Works)

August 03, 2017 (Camano Center)