

Island County
WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Meeting Notes

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, July 06, 2017 2:30—4:30 PM
Oak Harbor Public Works Facility
1400 NE 16th Avenue, Oak Harbor

Call to Order and Introductions

Present:

Citizen Members: Maddie Rose, Julius Budos, John Lovie, Tom Fox, Joe Grogan, Carol Gillespie, Don Lee, Al Williams, Dave Williams, Bob Boehm

Island County Staff: Jennifer Riedmayer, IC Department of Natural Resources; Lori Clark, IC Department of Natural Resources; Doug Kelly, IC Department of Environmental Health

Guests: Cathy Rosen, City of Oak Harbor, Jim Patton, WIWSA

Adoption of WRAC Meeting Summary Notes

Al Williams made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Maddie Rose second the motion. Motion approved.

Report

LID and Phase 2 Discussion: Julius discussed his meeting with Commissioner Hannold in June and encouraged current WRAC members to approach the County Commissioner's in their respective region to talk about LID. Julius then presented on LID that highlighted the advantages of LID. He is advocating for LID to be used in small development areas. The presentation also featured a breakdown of clean water utility funds and how much funding is directly used for stormwater management. Julius suggested that clean water utility funding could be used to implement LID in the county. Further discussion occurred amongst members about modify county code to implement LID, the creation of a LID working group, the Hirst decision, LID use in Snohomish, Skagit, and Whatcom county, the success of rain gardens in town of Coupeville. Guest Carol Rosen from the City of Oak Harbor shared her perspective of LID and challenges Oak Harbor has faced since receiving its Phase 2 permit.

Island County Water Quality Data Discussion: Julius Budos provided the WRAC with a presentation that featured a new way to analyze Island County's surface Water quality data. The presentation provided a brief history on Island County's Surface Water Quality program and the parameters that are monitored and how the county utilizes three habitat descriptors; natural, agricultural and developed as a method to categorize watersheds. Julius further discussed how the County calculates a geomean for fecal coliform counts in water samples. He referenced a report by the Puget Sound Partnership that completed some statistical analysis on water quality data collected over a five year time period. Based on the report's analysis Julius is questioning the way in which Island County reports its water quality data and is suggesting that a different methodology could be used to provide better context of the impairments of Island County streams. Julius is suggesting that the County staff consider looking at stream flow data and correlate that information to fecal coliform counts, which by his opinion would provide a better understanding of the water quality standards and would identify exceedances. Based on the data current presentation he stated that the water quality is horrible in the summer, dry season months but meets state

standards in the fall/ winter when the county has flow. A meeting has been scheduled with Leska Fore, of the PSP for July 14 at the DNR house in Coupeville where further discussion on data will be discussed.

Navy/County Update: Doug Kelly provided WRAC members with an update on Navy process of identifying wells contaminated. The Navy has completed Phase 1, 2 and 3 sampling of Audlt Field and OLF. The Nave has installed 27 monitoring wells and has been completing a site inspection of the area to identify the next steps and timeframe for the remediation process. He stated that a total of 9 wells are receiving bottle water from the Navy and there will be an alternative form of water that will be provided to these homes later this year. Doug continued his presentation on looking at the relative risk of the 9 wells that did exceed the threshold. He provided an analysis of comparing PFAS to arsenic risk in Island County. Doug finished his presentation providing the members with information on his groundwater well mapping and illustrated the development of code that he created to map showed examples of how this is represented. He said that if members are interested in data that they can contact him and he will provide a google earth document that will show the wells for a specific region. There was some additional discussion around the county involvement in monitoring fire stations and to date there has been no movement on this matter.

Announcement/ Discussion

- Jennifer updated member's that edits to the WRAC charter has been completed by Keith Higman and Jill Wood and an updated document will be emailed out to the group.
- Jennifer informed the WRAC that next month's meeting will be held on Camano and she will not be providing a van pool. If a group member wants secure a van pool car and Jennifer can coordinate with them to reserve the van.
- Don Lee will be drafting a letter of appreciation for Joe over his involvement on organizing and presenting at the Small Systems Water Conference in Oak Harbor.

Public Comments

No Public Comment

Meeting Closure

Meeting adjourned at 4:18 pm.

Next Meetings:

August 03, 2017 (Camano Center)

September 07, 2017 (Oak Harbor Public Works)

October 05, 2017 (Camano Center)