

Island County
WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Meeting Notes

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, Sept. 07, 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, John Lovie, Tom Fox, Joe Grogan, Carol Gillespie, Don Lee, Al Williams, Dave Williams, Bob Boehm, Rick Nishi, Jay Lawrence

Island County Staff: Lori Clark, IC Department of Natural Resources; Doug Kelly, IC Department of Environmental Health; Nathan Howard, IC Planning & Community Development

Guests: Jim Patton, WIWSA; Matt Zupich, Whidbey Island Conservation District; Virpi Salo-Zieman

Adoption of WRAC Meeting Summary Notes

John Lovie made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Bob Boehm second the motion. Motion approved.

Discussion/ Announcements

- Al Williams met with C/ Johnson. She said she doesn't oppose LID but she wants to negotiate. She wants WRAC to come up with LID incentives for developers to accept LID. She understands and supports the concept.
- Al Williams and Dave Williams attended the Wrights Crossings Master Plan meeting in Oak Harbor. The Wrights Crossings development proposes to develop low-income, high density 1562 houses on Monroe Landing road. It is currently not in the Urban Growth Area (UGA). The proposal is to use city water, not well water. They had a successful development in Houston and Denver.
- Maddie Rose was appointed to the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB).
- Don with work with Lori to schedule the WRAC 2018 meetings in Coupeville, Oak Harbor, and Camano.

WRAC Charter Approval (Lee)

Bob Bohem made a motion to approve the WRAC Charter. John Lovie second the motion. Motion approved.

Ebey's Land Restoration Project (Matt Zupich) presentation available at

<https://www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/DNR/WRAC/Pages/Agendas.aspx>.

- Tom Fox suggested that the CD consider the impact of nitrates on aquifer recharge. The stormwater samples collected at the farm during source identification show elevated nitrates thus the concern is whether there could be a nitrate impact on groundwater by irrigating with farm stormwater.
- Maddie asked if these farms have farm management plans. Matt reminded the group that the information regarding farm plans are protected.

Group A Service Area/ Independent Wells Discussion (John Lovie)

- Counties have responsibility to verifying Group A systems.
- Independent wells have no restriction in a Group A service area.
- Pierce County code WIWSA Board members discussed and voted to approach the WRAC with a request to advise the Island Commissioners in Island County Code.
- Whatcom County recently updated their CWSP and worked with Pierce County to include this language in their CWSP.
- Al Williams feels that this gives Group A system priority to water service rights and reduces personal property water rights.
- Tom Fox recommends that the WRAC moves this language to the Board for consideration for similar language for Island County Code and direct Island County staff to develop a draft and bring it back to the WRAC for review. John Lovie second the motion. Approved.
- Don Lee and John Lovie can provide a letter and attend a work session. Needs to get on the 2018 work plan.

CWSP Update (Nathan Howard)

- Island County is a critical water supply service area which requires adherence to the Water System Coordination Act.
- When Island County updates the CWSP, a resolution will be needed from the Board to establish a water utility coordinating committee (WUC).
- Nathan is looking at benchmark studies from Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Pierce, Skagit, Vashon, Whatcom to evaluate the elements and codes addressed in the CWSP to see where the Island County CWSP is similar and where it is different. Nathan will bring this to the WRAC to help guide priority areas to address. The prioritized list will be moved to the Board for consideration.
 - "13. Urban Growth Area and Group A Service Areas In accordance with the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan, if an existing lot of record or a proposed lot is inside an urban growth area, as defined by Chapter 36.70A RCW, or within the service area of a Group A public water system with the willingness and capacity to serve, then it may not use a well, or establish a Group B water system as a water source unless the designated service provider states in writing that it will not or cannot furnish water service to the property within 120 days, or the water system cannot meet the timely and reasonableness provisions of Pierce County's Coordinated Water System Plan.
 - This provision shall not limit the right of the water purveyor to require a property owner to comply with conditions in order to receive water from the provider; including but not limited to payment of fees and/or paying additional infrastructure charges. If a designated service provider conditions providing water upon such requirements, the provider shall not be deemed to have refused to provide water"
- Virpi added that a receivership rule is needed in the IC CWSP. Pierce County took a very strict stance on the receivership rule in their CWSP.
- The definition for timeliness and reasonableness is critical to all of the policies.
- The WRAC expressed willingness to assist Nathan in researching the CWSP topics.
- Don Lee just asked if Bill Poss could come to preset to the WRAC on current Island County Public Works LID efforts.

Public Comments

No Public Comment

Meeting Closure

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Next Meetings:

October 05, 2017 (Camano Center)

November 08, 2017 (Oak Harbor Public Works Facility)

December 07, 2017 (Oak Harbor Public Works Facility)