

Island County
WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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

Meeting Notes

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, February 7th 2019 2:30—4:30 PM
WSU Extension-Island County
406 N Main St, Coupeville, WA 98239

Call to Order and Introductions

Citizen Members: Tom Fox, Joseph Grogan, Jay Lawrence, Don Lee, John Lovie, Maddie Rose, Al Williams

Island County Staff: Lori Clark, Matt Colston, IC Dept. of Natural Resources (ICDNR); Beverly Mesa-Zendt, Tony Mills, IC Planning & Community Development Department (ICPCD)

Guest: Jim Patton, Whidbey Island Water Systems Association (WIWSA)

Adoption of WRAC Meeting Summary Notes

John Lovie made a motion to approve the November meeting notes. Tom Fox seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Announcements

- **Don Lee: Resignation of the Michael James (Member at Large)**
 - Before meeting Michael James announced his resignation to the co-chairs. Thus opening a Members at Large position.
- **Don Lee: Calendar Meeting Setup**
 - To avoid any missed meetings and to know if the meeting will then an online calendar invite will be sent out a week before the meeting will occur to confirm attendance.
 - Due to the important nature of the CWSP review, electronic calendar invites are needed to confirm quorum.
- **John Lovie: WIWSA Presentation on Government Water Data accessible to public**
 - WIWSA is hosting a presentation about Water Resource Data from the Department of Health, Department of Ecology, and Island County that is available to the public in the Coupeville Sno-Isle Library on March 14th.

Discussion

- **Coordinated Water Systems Plan (CWSP) Review Discussion – Receivership** (Tony Mills, Beverly Mesa-Zendt, All WRAC members)
 - **Summary:**
 - **Tony Mills:** Based on conversation technically is compliance in this component of the CWSP, however without a receivership policy drafted for Island County, we utilize the procedure established by the Washington Department of Health.
 - **Group A's** should have requirements and prerequisites before being released from receivership and allowed to manager their own system.
 - Incentivizing mergers for water systems receiving the work of operating the system.
 - **Some members of the committee acknowledges that there is need for Island County to have a receivership policy that addresses the needs of Island County specifically.**
 - **The incentive to making a policy is on receivership**
 - County doesn't want to be the sole receiver
 - Seawater intrusion

- Aging infrastructure
- Aging operators and boards with a lack of certification.
- Public Health Concerns for water safety.
- Public utility district could be formed to handle to the use receivership?
- Sanitary surveys should be used to locate and assess possible or near failing water systems for Group A and Group B systems.
- Superior Court in this County would be used in court order.

Public Comments

- None

Meeting Closure

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Next Meetings:

March 7th, 2019, **WSU Extension-Island County**

April 4th, 2019, **Camano Island Sno-Isle Library**