

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, March 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: Bob Boehm, Julius Budos, Tom Fox, Joseph Grogan, Jay Lawrence, Don Lee, John Lovie, Jim Patton, Maddie Rose, Al Williams, Dave Thomas,

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

Adoption of WRAC Meeting Summary Notes

Revisions the minutes deleting a section misquoting John Lovie and finishing statement in the announcements section. John Lovie made a motion with to approve the February meeting notes with revisions. Tom Fox seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Announcements

- **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.
- **Carpool for Camano, at 1230 Tuesday April**

Discussion

- **Coordinated Water Systems Plan (CWSP) Review Discussion – Receivership** (Tony Mills, Beverly Mesa-Zendt, All WRAC members)
 - **Recommendations for final draft of receivership memo included:**
 - **Update receivership language to make a local process for receivership-** Updating receivership language with the goal of providing a process to identifying potential receivers would reduce the possibility for the county to be the receiver of last resort because a local process for receivership could keep Island County from ultimately managing failed water systems.
 - Explore opportunities to expand the list of Water Purveyors available to act as receivers to include existing Group A providers, and existing Satellite Management Agencies (SMA).
 - Explore the feasibility of incentives to encourage existing Group A Water Purveyor to act as an SMA for failed water systems. A system of incentives might be necessary to get Group A Water systems to take on the responsibility of failing water system.
 - **Explore the potential for a PUD:** A public utility (for water) would provide a public entity to act as a receiver of last resort and SMA for struggling and failed water systems in Island County. A PUD would alleviate a lot of the challenges in receivership and meshes with the eventual goal of coordinating and consolidation water resources. Exploring a PUD, however difficult, might be an investment in the future.

Public Comments

- None

Meeting Closure

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Next Meetings:

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

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