

Island County
WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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Meeting Notes

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, October 3rd 2019 2:30—4:30 PM
Coupeville Sno-Isle Library
788 NW Alexander St, Coupeville, WA 98239

Call to Order and Introductions

Citizen Members: Julius Budos, Joseph Grogan, Don Lee, John Lovie, Jim Patton, Dave Thomas, Al Williams

Island County Staff: Matthew Colston, Keith Higman, Aneta Hupfauer; IC Public Health (ICPH), Jonathan Lange, Hiller West; IC Planning and Community Development (ICPCD)

Guest: David Brubaker (Candidate for WRAC-Camano Seat)

Adoption of WRAC Agenda for October Meeting

Motion to approve the August Agenda by Don Lee, John Lovie seconds the motion. The motion passes.

Adoption of WRAC Meeting Summary Notes for August Meeting

Motion to approve the Summary Notes from the May meetings by Al Williams. Jim Patton seconds the motion. The motion passes.

Announcements

- Beverly Mesa-Zendt resignation and cancellation of the September meeting.
- Carol Gillespie resignation and David Brubaker application for the seat

Discussion

- **Coordinated Water Systems Plan (CWSP) Review Discussion (Keith Higman and Hiller West) – Miscellaneous Items and Wrap-up**
 - With a new policy about fire flow in place by IC Public Works, the conversation of Joint Use Facilities has been
 - Going forward: There will be a presentation given to the Board of Island County Commissioners on October 16th's work sessions where jointly the Planning and Health Director will give CWSP review history and background information so they can better understand the nature of the WRAC's recommendation in the coming days and weeks.
 - Miscellaneous recommendations:
 - John Lovie recommends the WUCC (when formed) considers an operating fee for Group B water systems. The reasoning is, as consolidation continues and water systems spring up, that Island County can maintain and expand its capacity to regulate said systems effectively. The example is Kitsap County's Group B operating fee (attached pdf. check page 2-4).
 - Dave Thomas moves that the body that would be conflict resolution committee for determining timely and reasonable delivery of services also be the appellate body for determining changes in Service Area and also make that committee not be the Board of Island County Commissioners so that the Commissioners do not have to be the parties with any conflicts of interest or conflicts in general. Jim Patton seconds. Motion Passes.
 - Ultimately due to the recommendations that the WRAC have come forward with the recommendation to reform the **WUCC** to go over review the **CWSP**.

- Topics that are not explicitly covered in CWSP recommendations to open the WUCC but would be helpful to clarify and the WRAC can guide while the WUCC isn't formed yet.
 - Island County looking into PUD.
 - A conversation about low impact development and its place of water system planning.
 - Incentivizing making Group A water systems receive failing water systems (expediting permits, things within the counties control).

Meeting Closure

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Next Meetings:

November 7th, 2019, **Coupeville Sno Isle Library**

December 5th, 2019, **Coupeville Sno Isle Library**