

Surface and Stormwater Management Program Advisory Committee Meeting October 18, 2007

Attendees: Paul Dorn, Chair, Suquamish Tribe; Patty Charnas, Vice-Chair, DCD/NR; Mark Grimm, District 2; Jenifer Lawrence, Bainbridge Island; Stuart Whitford, KCHD; Jeff Bauman, Poulsbo; Larry Matel, Bremerton; Joy Garitone, KCD; Dave Tucker, PW

Introductions were made.

Grant Initiatives/Opportunities: Dave reported that the Centennial Clean Water funding cycle is open and ends the end of October. He explained that due to the NPDES some activities of the cities are not eligible, although watershed initiatives still are. Another EPA Puget Sound targeted watershed grant program is also available. The range is \$200,000 to \$600,000 with a 25% match. A discussion of various grant initiatives followed.

Stuart reported that KCHD had applied for a Centennial Grant in partnership with KCD for a PIC project in Sinclair Inlet. They also applied for a watershed grant in partnership with the various cities in Kitsap County.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the July 19, 2007 meeting minutes.

Meeting Location, Time and Frequency: Paul reported that the August 8 meeting with the commissioners was very fruitful. The purpose of the meeting was to familiarize the Commissioners with the Advisory Committee and its' purpose. The overall feeling is that the Commissioners are very interested in the SSWM Advisory Committee. They suggest that meetings and locations might be changed, possibly to evening meetings and maybe more often. In answer to Joy's question of whether the citizen committee members understood the reason for the committee and what their purpose is, Mark explained that, yes, they do "get it" and that most have a reason for wanting to be involved. Paul suggested that he contact the citizen members and ask what time would work best for them. A discussion of the importance of citizen member participation followed. It was also suggested that the minutes and agendas be posted on a website. The time of the meetings seems to be in questions and the citizens will be queried. A discussion of adding other entities followed and Dave explained how and why the committee is set up the way it is. Query as to time, location, and frequency.

West Sound Council Update: Patty explained that the Council is an informal ad hoc group funded by an EPA watershed grant through Clark County. The Council is in the process of formalizing. The goal of the council is salmon recovery projects. The Council has been involved with Partnership for Puget Sound, including the division of

the Puget Sound region. The Kitsap County action area includes West Sound and Hood Canal. Kathy Peters is the West Sound representative and the Hood Canal representative is Terry King. A discussion of the coordination of action areas with the Partnership followed. She explained that the West Sound Council is trying to bring together a restoration summit to discuss the salmon recovery in Puget Sound. She said the Council is heading in a good direction working with various entities.

Paul explained that the map Patty distributed is based on the East Kitsap Lead Entity WRIA 15, which also includes portions of Pierce County. He further explained how far reaching the action areas are. He said the hope is for the West Sound Watershed Council to become a formal council that will continue to assist the cities and counties to do a better job of addressing the water quality and quantity of Puget Sound. He also explained that Kitsap is the lead entity for the WRIA 15 and the West Sound Watershed Council. A discussion of the purpose and future of the Council followed. Also grant funding once the Council has expanded was discussed. Paul explained that bottom line is that the West Sound Watershed Council will be a great help for local municipalities involved become more successful in getting the various grants available.

A website outside of county function is being proposed by the Council that would address and link the various committees and boards. Mark said as a citizen, he thinks a one-stop webpage would be an informative tool for the general public. But make it easy to access.

A discussion of the NPDES permitting process followed with Paul explaining that he thinks the general public needs more information and education regarding what the process is in order to understand what the county has to do.

Stormwater Management Plans Review: Dave gave an explanation of the permit requirements. Come up with a stormwater management plan or program to address minimum measures. He discussed what meeting minimum measures requires. Dave explained that a group went through the permit and came up with a template that describes each minimum requirement. Public comment period is required for stormwater plans. In this meeting and Jan meeting he is looking for feedback before public meetings before the Commissioners. Larry reported that he is using the template for the City of Bremerton, as is the City of Poulsbo. A discussion of regional outreach and education programs and how it would be reported followed. Review and feedback of programs is due by February 15, 2008. A discussion of collaborative efforts followed. Dave also explained that Jayna is bringing together a stormwater consortium involving all municipalities, the Navy and PUD. Dave also reported that a new coordinated program involving a spill hot line is being discussed with the Department of Emergency Management. A discussion of first responders and types of spills followed. Bottom line, the county is in good shape permit wise. The committee will provide review/comments.

2008 Advisory Committee Work Plan Dave explained that every year the Commissioners require a work plan that advises them on the goals and plans of the Advisory Committee. Suggestions for 2008 include additional coordinated efforts

between municipalities, low impact development, regional stormwater (lessons learned). The difficulties and risks of regional planning were discussed. Also suggested were the coordination between Stormwater Management and Puget Sound Partnership.

Agenda Items: Potential agenda items included letters of support for the various Stormwater Plans by the January meeting. A discussion of timelines for Stormwater Plans followed. Committee elections are held the first meeting of the year. Also, ENVVEST presentation, update on the Puget Sound Partnership, Paladin data system (Eco system). A discussion of the capabilities of the system followed. Grant funding was suggested for the April meeting. It was also suggested that a re-visit of past projects be discussed (sharing success). Paul suggested that the Commissioners be emailed the agenda items in the event they may want to attend.

Meeting Dates: Dave explained that the meeting dates are dictated by the By-Laws. He said if changed the Commissioners would like a change that states that citizen members be appointed for a set number of years as opposed to Commissioner term.

Stuart reported on his testimony in DC.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35.