



Island County
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, October 2, 2008 3:00-5:00 PM

Taylor Road Fire Station (3440 Taylor Road, Oak Harbor)

A. Call to Order and Guest Welcome

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| Citizen Members | <input type="checkbox"/> Larry Bach (co-chair) | <input type="checkbox"/> Gary Fisher | <input type="checkbox"/> Bob Friedman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Heiken | <input type="checkbox"/> Don Lee (co-chair) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sherwood Minckler | <input type="checkbox"/> Dean Thiem |
| Technical Advisors | <input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Bash | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Bishop | |
| Island County Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Aaron Henderson | <input type="checkbox"/> Jill Wood | |
| Guests | <input type="checkbox"/> Rex Porter | <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Vanderhoek | <input type="checkbox"/> Tim Verschayl |

B. Adoption of September 4, WRAC Meeting Minutes

C. Announcements

- Bob Friedman has been appointed as a WRAC member in District 3.
- Aaron Henderson has been hired as the new Environmental Health Director.
- Cross Connection Control Class held on October 16, Coupeville Rec Hall

D. Whidbey Island Conservation District

Karen Bishop discussed the WICD development of a Centennial Grant to address water quality impairments in the Point Partridge Area and Penn Cove. The grant funds address a menu of activity surrounding water quality impairments in these areas including: Education and outreach about LID, live stock management, and forest stewardship for land owners in adjacent areas around impairment. The grant funds also incorporate further water quality testing to determine where pollution may be occurring. The WRAC authorized a letter of support to be attached to the grant.

E. MRC Presentation

Rex Porter gave a presentation about the MRC. The discussion included the mission and roles of the MRC, current activities and projects. The MRC is guided by five benchmarks for action established by the Northwest Straits Commission. In 2008 the MRC is focusing work in their three principal areas of interest, public outreach, data collection, and restoration. Many projects overlap to the WRAC's Watershed Management Plan and dovetail with WRAC work. These projects include signage, LID, near shore monitoring, community stewardship, Holmes Harbor and OSS, and others. The discussions lead to the need and opportunity for the partnership between the MRC and WRAC to stay connected and informed. Possible action item would be to have a WRAC member attend MRC meetings on a regular basis to provide a connection.

F. WRAC Discussion on IC Planning Documents

December WRAC meeting will be a working meeting to evaluate projects and 2009 Agenda.

G. Subcommittee Updates

- Salmon Technical Advisory Group –No Update
- Potable Water Emergency Preparedness – No Update
- Groundwater Team - No Update
- Surface Water Team – No Update
- Nonpoint Planning and Implementation – No Update

H. New Business – Municipal Water System Survey has been impacted due to the MUNI bill being overturned during the summer. Evaluation of who is a MWS will be conducted by PH and DOE.

I. Meeting Closure

Next meeting: November 6, Taylor Road Fire Station (Oak Harbor)

Please Note: Agenda items may change without notice. All efforts will be made to send revised agendas out via email; if interested in any recent changes, please call 360-678-7888.