



Island County
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, November 6, 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"/> Julius Budos (Temporary Chair) | <input type="checkbox"/> Gary Fisher | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sherwood Minckler | <input type="checkbox"/> Dean Thiem | | |
| Technical Advisors | <input type="checkbox"/> Jacque Klug | | |
| Island County Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Aaron Henderson | <input type="checkbox"/> Joe Laxson | <input type="checkbox"/> Shelley Richardson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Wilson | <input type="checkbox"/> Jill Wood | | |

B. Adoption of October 2, WRAC Meeting Minutes

C. Announcements

1. Puget Sound Partnership released the draft Action Agenda today. There is a two week review and comment period before the December final Action Agenda is released. Due to this short review period, the WRAC decided to comment independently rather than collectively as a group.
2. WRAC will be presenting at Sound Waters on February 7, 2009.
3. Whidbey Island Conservation District was given the award of "District of the Year".

D. Island County Public Health

Joe Laxson and Chris Wilson discussed On-Site Sewage Systems and the HOST Program. The discussion included an overview of different septic systems and the difference between standard and alternative systems. Inspection requirements vary, depending on the type of system. Majority of on-site systems in Island County are gravity feed systems. Homeowners can become certified to inspect standard systems through the Home Owner Septic Training (HOST) class. There are some challenges and successes of the implementation of the program. Steps to make programs successful include slow implementation, education and outreach, and effective and efficient enforcement.

E. Department of Ecology 2009-2011 Biennium Grant Request Discussion

Discussion included an overview on tentative grants that will be submitted in December to DOE. Operational and Capital grants included: 1) Program to support the hydro program through data collection and evaluation, 2) Education and Outreach coordinator for environmental health related issues, 3) Program to support the potential development of a permit for Rainwater Catchment system, 4) Low Impact Development Construction Project.

F. 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

G. New Business

H. Meeting Closure

Next meeting: December 4, Taylor Road Fire Station (Oak Harbor)