



Island County
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, April 2, 2009 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"/> Barbara Brock | <input type="checkbox"/> Julius Budos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bob Friedman | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Frostad | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Heiken | <input type="checkbox"/> Don Lee(Co-Chair) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John Luechauer | <input type="checkbox"/> Sherwood Minkler | <input type="checkbox"/> Dean Thiem | |
| Citizen Advisors | <input type="checkbox"/> Joe Waldrup | | |
| Technical Advisors | <input type="checkbox"/> Malcom Bishop | <input type="checkbox"/> Jacque Klug | <input type="checkbox"/> Linda Lyshall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ralph Svrjcek | | | |
| Island County Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Matt Kukuk | <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Luerkens | |
| Guests | <input type="checkbox"/> Kim Bredensteiner | <input type="checkbox"/> Scott Chase | <input type="checkbox"/> Andy Dunn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angie Homola (Island County Commissioner - District 2) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Mahmoud Abdel-Monem |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nancy Waddell | | | |

B. Adoption of March 5, WRAC Meeting Minutes

C. Announcements

- 1) Update on the April 1 WRAC's quarterly Meeting with BOCC included WRAC's concern for lack of money in the hydrogeology program. WRAC expressed support for the development of a clean water district to support hydro program, surface water monitoring, salmon recovery. Commissioner Homola requested that the WRAC provide subcommittee updates to the Planning Commission.
- 2) April 11 – Whidbey Water Systems Association Water Symposium. (Handouts)

D. Nearshore Protection Matrix Presentation – Kim Bredensteiner/Linda Lyshall

Linda explained the history of the matrix and desire for it to be moved to the next step. Step 1: Identify nearshore reaches for prioritization based on geomorphology and upland use. Step 2: Data Collection. Nearshore protection matrix used approximately 15 criteria to measure level of importance of each segment. Step 3: Prioritization of significance, threat, and long term viability.

E. Department of Ecology Update related to Water Rights– Andy Dunn

Andy explained status of pending new and change applications in WRIA 6. Larry Bach indicated the need to have a water right holder as a member of the Water Conservancy Board. If this board has a full membership, current on educational credits, they could help process of water rights application at the local level. This is important with expected reductions in staff and DOE.

F. Subcommittee Updates

- 1) Salmon TAG Subcommittee Update: Bob Friedman indicated that the ranking criteria updates and revisions would be sent to the WRAC for a vote at the May meeting.
- 2) Nonpoint Planning and Implementation Subcommittee Update: Julius Budos indicated that there is good progress with a basic start of discussions regarding the three non point plans. Use of new data to supplement and determine where we are at with the status of implementation.
- 3) Rainwater Harvesting Subcommittee Update: Don Lee indicated that the committee is using San Juan as model. DOE is working on the best way to manage issue, and ensure that exiting water rights holders will not be affected.
- 4) Potable Water Emergency Preparedness Plan Subcommittee Update: Dean Thiem indicated that this committee would be meeting with the BOCC at the May 13 work session to present the draft plan.
- 5) Disposal of Pharmaceuticals Subcommittee Update: State is working on these efforts, and the interim policy in Island County is acceptable to the WRAC.

G. New Business - none

H. Meeting Closure

Next meeting: May 7, 2009 Taylor Road Fire Station

Please Note: Meetings are recorded. If interested, please call 360-678-7888.