



Island County
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, July 2, 2009 3:00-5:00 PM

Camano Island Senior Center (606 Arrowhead Road, Camano Island)

A. Call to Order and Guest Welcome

- Citizen Members** Barbara Brock Bob Friedman Grant Heiken
 Don Lee
- Technical Advisors** Karen Bishop Jacque Klug Bobbi Lindemulder
- Island County Staff** Chris Luerkens Jill Wood
- Guests** Scott Chase

B. Adopted the June 4 WRAC Meeting Minutes, with no changes.

C. Announcements

- Bob Friedman gave an update of June 17 Work Session with the BOCC. He spoke with the Board about the efforts of the TAG. Discussing an overview of accomplishments, challenges, lessons learned, and changes in the ranking criteria. It was a successful meeting, where the TAG offered to be a supportive group for the Board. The next work session will be dedicated to discussing rainwater catchment.
- Don Lee gave an update about a boat tour he joined. This group on the tour looked at the waterway between the west side of Whidbey and east side of Smith Island. This area may potentially be turned into a marine sanctuary.
- Barbara Brock gave an update about Skagit County receiving funding for Fisher Slough and derelict net removal.

D. Conservation Districts Assessment Update

Karen Bishop and Bobbi Lindemulder spoke about the Conservation Districts Assessment process. Thirteen districts in Washington State currently operate from assessments. The WICD and Snohomish CD are working on public outreach, with the final assessment due by August 1. With the assessment, there would be a reliable source of revenue for the WICD and the Snohomish CD would dedicate one full time staff person to Camano Island. **MOTION:** The WRAC and TAG approved a motion to write a letter of support to the Board of County Commissioners for the Conservation Districts 2009 Assessment.

E. Subcommittee Updates

1. Salmon TAG Subcommittee – **MOTION:** Letter of support from the WRAC to the TAG, amending the Skagit Bay Nearshore Project, was approved with one modification. The TAG has been reviewing SRFB projects and attending site visits. Final applications are due by July 13, with final rankings coming to the WRAC on August 6.
2. Nonpoint Planning and Implementation Subcommittee – No Update
3. Rainwater Harvesting Subcommittee – Jacque Klug gave an update that DOE management team are having internal conversations about not regulating rain collected from rooftops. More information to follow at the July subcommittee meeting.
4. Potable Water Emergency Preparedness Plan Subcommittee – No Update

F. New Business

- Discussed the need for a Peer Review Committee (Refer to Memo from IC Planning) to redevelop, in order to review pending water system review applications where there are potential disputes.
- Discussed the City of Oak Harbor Public Works facility as a new meeting location on Whidbey. WRAC was supportive of the new location and ensuring that meetings on Camano occur regularly.

G. Meeting Closure

Next meeting: August 6, 2009 (Oak Harbor)