



Island County
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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<http://www.islandcounty.net/health/WatershedPlanning/Home.htm>

MINUTES

Thursday, September 3, 2009 3:00-5:00 PM

City of Oak Harbor Public Works Facility, 1400 NE 16th Avenue, 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"/> Robert Boehm | <input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Brock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Julius Budos | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Caporgno | <input type="checkbox"/> Bob Deering | <input type="checkbox"/> Don Lee (Co-Chair) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John Luechauer | <input type="checkbox"/> Sherwood Minckler | <input type="checkbox"/> Dean Thiem | |
| Technical Advisors | <input type="checkbox"/> Eric Johnston | <input type="checkbox"/> Jacque Klug | <input type="checkbox"/> Rex Porter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ralph Svrjek | | | |
| Island County Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Aaron Henderson | <input type="checkbox"/> Joe Laxson | <input type="checkbox"/> Jill Wood |
| Guests | <input type="checkbox"/> Pete Domoto | <input type="checkbox"/> Scott Chase | |

B. Adoption of August 6, WRAC Meeting Minutes

C. Announcements

1. Don Lee introduced and gave a warm welcome the new WRAC members Steve Caporgno, Robert Boehm, and Robert Deering.
2. Overview of August 12 Work Session to discuss Water Harvesting included that the 1917 water code is not clear about rainwater needing a water permit, and DOE is working with their attorney's office to document a position in a policy statement.
3. September 9 – Work Session to discuss Water Conservancy Board
4. September 14 – Appointments will be made for Water Conservancy Board members
5. Aaron Henderson, IC EH Director, invited the WRAC to be part of a focus group to review the web portal for the onsite septic program and discussed the upcoming public forum related to the OSS Program on September 14. (Handouts)

D. Department of Ecology Discussion – Water Rights Applications

Jacque Klug gave a power point presentation on Water Rights. During 2001 through 2009, DOE had one full FTE dedicated to processing water right. Budget cuts eliminated this position, and DOE will have limited capacity to process water right applications in WRIA 6. Potential paths forwarded include using the Water Conservancy Board. This group is authorized to process water right transfer applications, then suggest decisions to DOE. The WCB's recommendations are "affirmed, reversed or modified" by DOE. Another option is that an applicant can contract and pay DOE to process a water right application. This would be an expensive option.

E. Subcommittee Updates

1. Salmon TAG Subcommittee – Brief update included that the TAG is in a discussion period about the projects that were awarded SRFB funds.
2. Nonpoint Planning and Implementation Subcommittee – Rex Porter discussed the subcommittee working on three Phase for the path forward. Phase 1 – Assessment, Phase 2 – Prioritization, Phase 3 – Action. Currently the committee is working through Phase 1 of assessing and correlating projects that exist in the three Island County Non-Point Pollution Plans.
3. Rainwater Harvesting Subcommittee – No Update
4. Potable Water Emergency Preparedness Plan Subcommittee – No Update

F. New Business - Eric Johnston discussed the opening of the Crescent Harbor Marsh to saltwater.

G. Meeting Closure

Next meeting: October 1, 2009 (Camano Island Senior Center)

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