

Surface and Stormwater Management Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes DRAFT January 20, 2011

Attendees: Chris May (SSWM), Joy Garitone (KCD), Patty Charnas (DCD), Peg Tillery (WSU), Eva Crim (KCHD), Jeff Adams, UW-SeaGrant), Tom Ostrom (Suquamish Tribe), Loretta Byrnes (NK), Lou Fortano (NK), Brett Allen (SK), Renee Johnson (WSU Student – Observer)

Absent: Karsten Boysen (Dist 2) – Allen Banks (Dist 3)

There is a vacancy in District 3 (Central)

1. Welcome (Chair) and Introductions – first meeting for Brett Allen (SK)
2. Due to lack of a quorum, the October 14, 2010 minutes were not approved– minutes will be sent out via email for approval before next meeting.
3. Renee Johnson, a Western Washington Environmental Studies student, joined the meeting as part of one of her classes.
4. Several members commented that the SSWM Advisory Group web site is not up to date and should be more easily accessible from the main SSWM web page and should have more meeting related information posted. SSWM staff will look into implementing some up-grades.
5. Several members who missed the last meeting requested that copies of the 2011 Partner Agency scopes of work be sent to them. A current set of scopes will be sent to all members before the next meeting. The scopes will be sent to all members with this month's minutes.
6. The October meeting was held on the 2nd Thursday of the month, rather than the regular 3rd Thursday of the month, which may explain why only 1 of the 5 citizen representatives attended. Since we do not have good communication with the community through the website (through which we could communicate changes in meeting days), it is important that we commit to the quarterly meeting on the **3rd Thursday** of January, April, July and October.
7. Review of *Water as a Resource* Policy Implementation Plan – Comments:
 - Change “Narrative Goal” to just “Goal” and “Numerical Goals” to “County Objectives”
 - Change “Actions” to “Implementation Actions” – it was suggested that a “matrix” could be developed to show the linkage between goals, objectives, and actions.
 - Most members thought that limiting the Implementation Plan to just County Departments was too narrow and that there should be actions for overall county planning, private development, commercial properties, and home-owners/citizens as well.

- Any numerical goal should also include a current baseline figure so that some idea of how aggressive the target is can be seen and how much more needs to be done.
 - The group felt that some limits on imperviousness and forest retention should be established for the county, perhaps on a watershed basis. In addition, several members stated that development regulations should require the least damaging “footprint” through the use of scientifically proven techniques.
 - Most members thought that there were not enough numeric objectives or “targets” for each goal. There was a discussion about using “stronger” language and be more specific with action statements.
 - Water reuse should be discussed in more detail and more aggressive targets/actions established. Members felt that the BoCC should take the lead in coordinating water purveyors in the reuse effort county-wide.
8. Joy Garitone from KCD presented information on the revised “Backyard Aquatic Habitat” Grant Program to fund stream and shoreline restoration projects. The SSWM Advisory Committee will be asked to review the ranked list of potential projects each spring and recommend projects for funding approval.
9. The 2011 SSWM Advisory Group Work Plan was developed and approved (see attached).
10. **Next Meetings:**
- Special Meeting in late March to review Backyard Grant projects – Joy will set a date and location will be at KCD office
 - **April 21st as regularly scheduled.** Patty will set up a presentation by the PSP and she will give the group an up-date on the SMP process. We will also have a further discussion of the Water Policy Implementation Plan.
 - The option of a field trip to look at current and future stormwater related county projects was also discussed as an alternative to a regular meeting. This alternative will be discussed at the next meeting for possible scheduling during the summer.
 - The possibility of the group meeting with the NK Legacy Project work-group was also discussed. Lou Foritano volunteered to look into this option.