

Surface and Stormwater Management Program Advisory Committee Meeting April 17, 2008

Attendees: Mark Grimm, Dist. 2; Lou Foritano, Ryan Ericson, Dist.1; Ron Rice, Dist. 2; Dave Tucker, Jayna Ericson, Surface and Stormwater Management; Joy Garitone, Kitsap Conservation District; Kathlene Barnhart, Patty Charnas, Community Development/Natural Resources; Stuart Whitford, Kitsap County Health Dist.; Jeff Adams, Washington Sea Grant Program; Melva Hill, Jalyn Cummings, Bainbridge Island; Larry Matel, City of Bremerton; Paul Dorn, Suquamish Tribe; Sally Lawrence, Sarah Davenport-Smith, Department of Ecology; John Cambalik, Puget Sound Partnership

Excused: Greg Johnson, Dist 3

After introductions, the meeting commenced with a presentation by John Cambalik on the Puget Sound Partnership. John gave an update on the 2020 Action Agenda and provided a handout describing the Partnership's process for identifying Puget Sound recovery priorities. Topic Forums will be held within the next two weeks, including an important water quality forum scheduled for April 25th in Seattle. Additional Action Area workshops will be held in June or July. He suggested that SSWM look at needs and associated cost estimates. A question and answer period followed.

Jim Bolger spoke about Kitsap County's role in three of the Partnership's Action Areas (North Central Puget Sound, South Puget Sound, and Hood Canal). With Kitsap County waters split, they are working to develop just one program in response to the action items as opposed to three. Coordination through the West Sound Watersheds Council brings smaller municipalities to the table and will allow for efficient and effective response to action items. Groups such as the Hood Canal Coordinating Council provide similar functions. Jim is working on a web-based GIS database that will include information from the various agencies and municipalities involved. Questions and answers followed.

Sally Lawrence gave a presentation on Project ENVVEST occurring in Dyes and Sinclair Inlets. She explained that a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) is used to calculate the maximum input of a pollutant that still allows a water body to meet standards, and to ensure that load is not exceeded. She provided an overview of what propelled the project, agencies involved, how it was conducted, how modeling studies were designed, and project results. She explained that the Department of Ecology lists waters that do not meet regulatory standards and the process of developing a cleanup plan with cooperation from local agencies. She also discussed Ecology's role in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit process, including oversight of wastewater treatment plant discharges, stormwater NPDES permits, and how they relate to TMDLs. A discussion and question and answer period followed.

Break

The January 17, 2008 meeting minutes were approved with two minor changes.

The Committee approved adding "special" meetings in order to accomplish the 2008 Work Plan and scheduled presentations. It was also agreed that these meetings would not exceed two hours. A discussion of the Action Plan followed, including whether written deliverables or action items should be imposed in the work plan, what the Commissioners are looking for from the Committee, and the suggestion to coordinate presentations with action items.

Committee members then discussed the idea of meeting in various locations around the County. A motion was made and approved to schedule a special meeting June 19 to discuss this issue and potential presentations.

Motion was made and approved to amend the by-laws to designate three-year terms of office for citizen members. The terms would stagger so no two-citizen members from the same district would be up at the same time.

Dave Tucker reminded the Committee of the Volunteer Recognition Day April 28, 2008 in the Commissioners' Chambers from 5 to 6:30 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00