



Clean Water Commission Meeting Summary

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Hybrid Meeting via Teams and in the PSC Conference Room 698

I. ROLL CALL and INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm by Chair Gathe. Roll call was made.

Members Present: Tracy Ceravolo(v), Glen DeWillie, Ted Gathe, Sandra Martin-Boehm(v), Kate Perkins, Rudy Salakory (v), and Phil Struck.

Members Absent: Alejandra Cortes

Staff Present: Devan Rostorfer

Public Present: Leah and Steve Pirkle, *(v) indicates appeared via video conference*

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Leah Pirkle indicated that lake health especially Vancouver and Lacamas lakes are very important to her and her family. She encourages more regulatory efforts to clean and manage to keep these natural resources available to the public to use and enjoy now and in the future.

Steve Pirkle had same concerns and discussed how Vancouver Lake was integral to their family activities when their children were younger and enjoy all the recreational opportunities this regional lake has to offer residents.

No additional requests for access, comments and/or questions were received by staff.

III. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

Clean Water Division Overview – Devan Rostorfer, Clean Water Division Manager

- **Stormwater Rate Study:** Devan reviewed the most recent (May 22) rate study work session with Council in detail. The team took Council's feedback and emphasized the three levels of service: required, recommended and optional services and explained which the various types of services fell into which bucket. There was significant amount of public response to the Spring survey with well over 600 responses. The Clean Water Commission's letter was included in the April 24 work session packet.
 - *Background:* Clean Water is an enterprise fund and does not receive monies from the general fund. Clark County's annual rate of \$47 is the lowest clean water fee in the state. (Most of the other Phase one and local rates are significantly more than Clark County's.) Due to potential funding shortfalls and fund balance depletion, the Clean Water Division (CWD) needs to have this rate study completed this year.



- In the packet is Devan's Division Report which gives an overview of the major activities of the Clean Water Division since early April and has the presentation from the May 25 rate study work session, information on the Lakes and RFP updates, and staff liaison's report.
- **Lakes Update:**
 - Lacamas Lake: The Interlocal Agreement with the city of Camas has been signed by Council. We are working with Camas in supporting their monitoring and treatment of Lacamas Lake.
 - Vancouver Lake: Herrera was selected for the Vancouver Lake Management Plan Implementation and Council approved the contract on May 28. Next Wednesday, the Technical Advisory Group will be meeting to review the overall guidance for participation, background on Phase 1 and the scope and timeline for Phase 2, and finally discuss the Beach Management Plan options. The next TAG meeting will focus on flushing enhancement.
- The new NPDES permit goes into effect August 1, 2024. Devan highlighted some of the new 2024 permit requirements and associated deadlines. These new requirements will have a significant impact on the rate study and the clean water division activities as a whole. Rod Swanson, Clark County's Permit Manager, will give a presentation to the CWC later this year after the final Permit has been published.

CW Staff Liaison Report – Alice Millward, (not present) CW Program Assistant.

- Devan reviewed the CWC survey results for Alice. The Commission will remain meeting bimonthly instead of monthly. There was significant support for meeting earlier in the evening. Starting in August, the meetings will start at 6pm. There were five (5) commissioners interested in working on the Rate Study work group, two (2) who want to be on the Vancouver Lake Symposium subcommittee, and three (3) commissioners want to be on the Environmental Justice and Watershed Health work group. None of the current Commissioners indicated that they want to work on the Code Revision work group. The bus tour will be Tuesday, July 30, 2024. There are five (5) commissioners who have RSVP'd that they will be able to attend that date.
- The 2023 Annual Report work session with Council has been penciled in for August 21, so Commissioners should mark their calendars.

Unfinished Business:

- 2024 Work Plan Subcommittee Reports:
 - Rate Study Work Group wrote a letter of support on April 19, 2024 to Council in support of all three levels of service: mandatory, additional and optional. See Devan's packet for a copy and key take aways.
 - Environmental Justice and Watershed Health Work Group:
 - The Vancouver Lake Symposium date will be October 17, 2024, and will be held at the Vancouver Water Resource Center. The county manager has signed the contract and Alice has been meeting with various groups in order make the symposium more environmentally friendly. Chair Gathe has been working with Devan and Alice on coordinating details and speakers.



New Business:

- **RFP Update:** Devan highlighted the progress with the unprecedentedly high number RFPs Clean Water is currently coordinating. There are currently six active ones and normally, the division handles one every two years. The Vancouver Lake Management Plan Implementation is complete. The Stormwater Code and Manual Update and Bioretention Maintenance Plan are currently in progress.

Roundtable Discussion:

- None.

VI. ADJOURN – 8:11 PM

Summary provided by: Alice Millward, Clark County Staff Liaison / 564.397.5267

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