

MASON COUNTY CLEAN WATER DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes for March 10th, 2022 (via Zoom)

3/10/22 – CTO 1:02 by Commissioner Shutty

Welcome & Introductions: Roll Call

Members: Erica Marbet - SIT, Nick Schneider – MCD, Kevin Shutty, BOCC, Tom Bloomfield – Seattle Shellfish, Teri King – Citizen, Evan Bauder – MCD, Jason Ragen – Taylor Shellfish, Ken Gill – City of Shelton

Other Agencies/ Public: Alena Reynolds – ECY, Jean Frost – WSDOH, Trevor Swanson – WSDOH, Constance Ibsen - LHCWC

County Staff: Alex Paysse, Ian Tracy

Review Agenda: added review/approval of minutes

Review of 12/9/21 Minutes: Teri clarified some language within but had no requested changes. Teri Moved to approve, Erica seconded. Minutes approved as presented.

Public Comments: Constance requested some time after presentations. No other comments.

Program Development: Freshwater site selection and parameters

- Ian provided some information regarding a QAPP. ECY could use data if county operated under a pre-approved QAPP. Consensus that no QAPP needs to be developed, at least for now.
- Ian asked the group for feedback on collecting Fecal Coliform versus E.coli. Group discussion on FC/E.coli. Agreement to make sure data is useful towards removal of 303(d) list.
- Ian presented the draft southern freshwater sites. Erica suggested removal of Skookum, as the tribe will be collecting that and can provide county the data. Discussion on Goldsborough and needing to check with City.
- Ian presented the draft northern freshwater sites. Ian talked about sampling options around rotating sample sites. Group discussion on northern sites and how they were selected. Teri provided some additional sites to consider.
- County will bring an updated list of sites to next meeting for further review/discussion.

Program Development: Shoreline Areas and 2022 focus

- Ian explained the county would like to focus on Annas Bay, Oakland Bay, North Bay, and Jones Cove in response to their downgraded status and needs. Current grant funds will run out in September of 2022. Erica and Trevor agreed. Jean talked about Thurston County and a project on Totten Inlet, possibly coordinating with Mason Co. Consensus to continue work in these problem areas before jumping into other watersheds.
- Alena informed the group of Whatcom county web map that could be useful. Discussion on the need for a single source of data.

Program Development: Septic Operation and Maintenance

- Alex presented the county's O/M program and current stats. 33% compliance with state rules. Some setbacks from COVID. Discussion of 2022 goals and overall program development.
- Teri asked a few questions regarding the stats. Alex clarified some of the numbers for her.
- Teri asked what the program needs are to meet goals. Alex explained the staffing complications but is hopeful with current funding and recently added staff more goals will be met this year and moving forward.
- Discussion around Oysterfest 2022.

Partner updates:

- Constance provided some feedback on FC versus E.coli. Preferred Fecal Coliform.
- Erica talked about possible improvements to the Shelton WTF and impacts to Oakland Bay. Presented some updates on their freshwater data.
- Question on Oakland Bay site, DOH and Mason County provided information of ongoing sampling and results. OB Farm site has greatly decreased, but still considered hot.
- Trevor presented 2022 updates to reclassifications. A downgrade in Annas Bay and changes to the Oakland Bay conditional area.

Adjourned: 3:04 by Commissioner Shutty

Respectfully submitted:

Alex Paysse, EH Manager & Ian Tracy, EH Specialist