

## **MASON COUNTY CLEAN WATER DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes for June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (via Zoom)

6/9/22 – CTO 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, Glenn Landram – Citizen

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

County Staff: Ian Tracy, Travis Casey

Review Agenda: added review/approval of minutes

Review of 3/10/22 Minutes: No comments. Minutes approved as presented.

**Public Comments:** Constance had questions and comments throughout the meeting.

### **Program Development: Freshwater site selection**

- Travis Casey presented 2 maps depicting proposed Freshwater Monitoring sites with included 303d list status.
- Teri and Constance questioned the need to have a freshwater monitoring program due to cost and questioned the goal of trying to remove listed streams from the 303d list citing difficulties in the past to de-list streams. Erica spoke of the importance of freshwater monitoring and described how Mason County taking over this work from the Squaxin Island Tribe would free them up to do other important water quality work. Ian presented a pie chart showing the overall budget and the portion allocated for freshwater monitoring. There was a discussion clarifying that the focus of freshwater monitoring is not solely the 303d list.
- Teri asked about availability of legal access to sample sites and concerns about safety. Ian responded with an explanation of SOPs for shoreline surveys and access. Erica added that most of the sites could be sampled from the public right-of-way.
- Teri proposed removing Eagle Creek from the list in exchange for adding a drainage near Colony Surf. There were no objections.
- The group came to a consensus on the initial list of Freshwater monitoring sites
- Erica requested that MST be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

### **Program Development: Septic Operation and Maintenance**

- Ian discussed the results of the recent unsatisfactory OSS reports outreach including the process for outreach to become code enforcement if necessary.
- Ian discussed staffing, code enforcement and the process for investigating deficient septic systems.

### **Program Development: Shoreline Areas and 2022 focus**

- Ian briefly stated that the majority of the program's focus will be on existing problem areas: Oakland Bay, Annas Bay and Jones Cove.
- Teri asked about reporting the programs progress and results. Ian discussed annual reports and quarterly sample result data sharing with partner agencies.

### **Partner updates:**

- Travis gave an update regarding ongoing work in Annas Bay under the HCRPIC Grant and an extension of the grant deadline to December 31st.
- Alena discussed ongoing work in Oakland Bay, Annas Bay and the Skokomish river valley.
- Nick reported ongoing work with landowners in the Skokomish river valley as well as other regions of Mason County.
- Evan reported currently managing 8 water quality improvement cost share projects. More funding on the way for additional projects. Expressed concerns about the enforcement actions happening on livestock operations in the Skokomish River Valley. Enforcement actions and messaging are leading operators to a position where their only long term option is to completely and permanently remove livestock from their operation.
- Trevor presented updates on marine water quality and classification status in Oakland Bay and Annas Bay. Noted improvements in some polluted drainages. Constance asked about the status of specific sampling stations near the Tahuya River. Glenn requested links to DOH shellfish safety maps.

**Adjourned:** by committee members Jason Ragan and Glenn Landram

Respectfully submitted:

Ian Tracy, Interim EH Manager & Travis Casey, EH Specialist