



Water Environment Services Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Date: November 12, 2020
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Location: Meeting by Zoom conferencing

Meeting Objectives

- Approve July 30, 2020, and September 17, 2020, meeting summaries

Presentation(s): PowerPoint – WESAC Presentation_20201112

Facilitator: Diana Helm, WES Advisory Committee Chair

Attendees:

Members

Rita Baker, Diana Helm, Angel Falconer, Christopher Bowker, William Gifford, Anthony Fields, Russ Axelrod, Greg DiLoreto, Rocky Smith Renee Harbor, Kat Miller, David Schleef, Roseann Johnson, Michael Morrow

Clackamas County/WES Staff

Greg Geist, Lauren Haney, Chris Storey, Greg Eyerly, Lynne Chicoine, Ron Wierenga, Jessica Rinner, Shelly Parini, Commissioner Martha Schrader, Chair Jim Bernard, Steven Rice

Diana Helm, WES Advisory Committee Chair, convened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Welcome, introductions, and opening remarks

Greg Geist, WES Director

- Greg Eyerly gave an update on Operations
 - Discussion occurred regarding testing
- Outfall ballot measure update
 - Thank you to all who supported the effort
- Recruitments open for vacant unincorporated seat and four expiring terms
- Watch for Doodle Poll for 2021 meeting calendar

July 30, 2020, and September 17, 2020, Meeting Summaries

Approved – add Greg DiLoreto as attending September meeting.

Boring Master Plan Update

Presented by Lynne Chicoine, WES Capital Manager

Mr. Geist noted we would be removing this agenda item. He explained we needed to get it to the Board prior to presenting at the WESAC meeting and the Board pushed out the date to review. Mr. Geist reminded the group WES had briefed them in prior meetings; however, there are some changes.

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Presented by Ron Wierenga, WES Environmental Services Manager

Mr. Wierenga reviewed the slides regarding reports and permits.

Mr. Geist explained that while separate entities are responsible, DEQ lumps areas together under one permit. He said it requires cooperation and collaboration to respond to the permit that applies equally to the several entities.

Discussion occurred regarding assistance for outreach of comments.

Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Discussion

Presented by Chris Storey, WES Assistant Director

Mr. Storey explained his presentation was brief and there would be time for dialogue and questions from the Committee. He reviewed the slides from the presentation.

Mr. Geist explained how the best option would be to tackle the I&I problem and reduce the amount of groundwater and rainwater in the system as opposed to charging higher rates to cover building additional treatment capacity to process the water.

Discussion occurred regarding WES investing and partnering with the Cities to assist them in I&I repairs.

Clarification of percentages used occurred. Ms. Chicoine explained its better thought of as a reduction of flow, not as a set percentage. 65% is an industry descriptor and gross planning terminology.

Mr. Storey reminded the group today's goal was to discuss policy for a program to partner to reduce I&I.

Discussion occurred regarding geographic identification of I&I levels.

Mr. Geist noted the Capital plan sets aside 1 million dollars each year, to fund a percentage of each project for this I&I grant program. This is a gesture and sign of commitment to a regional approach.

Lengthy discussion occurred regarding equity of the program.

Community Engagement Update

Presented by Shelly Parini, WES Business and Community Relations

Ms. Parini began the presentation by sharing a short video from KOIN on our Solve partnership and gave some facts on the cleanup efforts.

General Committee Questions and Topics of Interest

Staff available to answer committee questions

Mayor Axelrod shared it was his last meeting with the group. He noted there will be a new City representative.

Mr. Geist shared his appreciation for Mayor Axelrod's participation and support over the years.

Ms. Helm adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm.