



Water Environment Services Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Date: September 17, 2020
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Location: Meeting by Zoom conferencing

Meeting Objectives

- Approve July 30, 2020, meeting summary
- Request for recommendation
 - Proposed Capital Strategy for Boring Facility WES Capital Improvement Plan FY 20/21 – FY 24/25
 - WES Advisory Committee Bylaws

Presentation(s): PowerPoint – WESAC Presentation_20200917

Facilitator: Diana Helm, WES Advisory Committee Chair

Attendees:

Members

Diana Helm, Greg DiLoreto, Michael Morrow, Mayor Russ Axelrod, William Gifford, Christopher Bowker, Renee Harbor, Rocky Smith, Rita Baker, Roseann Johnson, Katherine Miller, Angel Falconer, Ron Weigel

Clackamas County/WES Staff

Greg Geist, Lauren Haney, Chris Storey, Greg Eyerly, Lynne Chicoine, Ron Wierenga, Jessica Rinner, Shelly Parini, Carla Atwood, Erin Blue, Commissioner Martha Schrader

Public

Chris Randall, John Lewis, Cynthia Johnson

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

Welcome, introductions, and opening remarks

Greg Geist, WES Director

- Ron Weigel resigning from WESAC
- Briefing on wildfires impact on WES operations

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Deferred approval to later date

Digester Start-Up Status

Presented by Greg Eyerly, WES Operations Manager

Mr. Eyerly highlighted the challenges of operating during the wildfires and power outages, including operating with limited staff due to evacuations. He noted they also had the digester startup to handle.

Discussion occurred regarding sharing the story of water treatment folks with media and other outlets to raise awareness of the importance and hard work even during the pandemic and other tragedies.

Proposed Capital Strategy for Boring Facility

Presented by Lynne Chicoine, WES Capital Manager

Ms. Chicoine reviewed the slides and options for the Boring facility. Discussion occurred regarding Boring and the service they utilize now and potential for future growth. Discussion regarding another option of routing to the Rock Creek interceptor to 82nd occurred. Ms. Chicoine said she would explore that option.

[[[A motion was made by Michael Morrow to support staff's recommendation to decommission the existing Boring system and replace with a pump station. The motion was seconded by Ron Weigel. One opposed, two abstained, motion carried.]]]

Rules and Regulations Update and Next Steps

Presented by Ron Wierenga, WES Environmental Services Manager

Mr. Wierenga reviewed the slides. Discussion occurred regarding the large undertaking and also potential effects of climate change. Mr. Wierenga noted WES was participating with the Cities of Gresham and Portland on a project with the University of Portland for precipitation modeling and simulation for the next 50 years.

Outreach Update on Proposed Ballot Measure: Tri-City Water Resource Recovery Facility Outfall Project

Presented by Diana Helm, WESAC Chair and Greg Geist, WES Director

Updates and reminders were given on the outreach for the proposed ballot measure.

Update on Blue Heron Lagoon Real Property Transaction

Presented by Chris Storey, WES Assistant Director

Mr. Storey started with a quick update on the new software for online and phone payments and reported on the continued success of onboarding customers.

Mr. Storey gave an update on the process for the sale of the Blue Heron property. He noted the documents were being finalized and the goal was for the transfer to take place tomorrow.

Regional Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) Partner Dialogue

Presented by Greg Geist, WES Director

Discussion occurred regarding a joint IGA with WES and the Cities partnering on addressing I/I. Appreciation was shared for the support to address I/I. Discussion regarding the need for the IGA's to be consistent and equitable for each of the cities occurred. Mr. Geist noted WES has set aside one million dollars each year to support the effort.

WES Advisory Committee Bylaws

Presented by Chris Storey, WES Assistant Director

Mr. Storey reviewed two additional boilerplate sections Counsel requested to be added to the WES Advisory Committee bylaws. The committee discussed the additions.

[[[A motion was made by Roseann Johnson to support the WES Advisory Committee Bylaws as presented with the two additions of boilerplate language provided by Counsel. The motion was seconded by William Gifford. Discussion occurred. Motion carried unanimously.]]]

General Committee Questions and Topics of Interest

Staff available to answer committee questions

Commissioner Martha Schrader thanked WES for being first responders and protecting public health during these difficult times.

Ms. Helm adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm.