



**Water Environment Services Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary**

Date: March 19, 2020
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Location: Meeting by Zoom conferencing

Meeting Objectives

- Approve January 30, 2020, meeting summary
- Request for recommendation
 - Confirm WES Budget Committee Members 20/21

Presentation(s): PowerPoint – WESAC Presentation_20200319

Facilitator: Diana Helm, WES Advisory Committee Chair

Attendees:

Members

Russ Axelrod	X	Rita Baker	X	Christopher Bowker	X	Tessah Danel	
Greg DiLoreto, Co-Chair	X	Markley Drake	X	Angel Falconer	X	Anthony Fields	
William Gifford	X	Renee Harbor	X	Diana Helm, Chair	X	Dan Holiday	
Brian Johnson	X	Roseann Johnson	X	Kathryn Miller	X	Michael Morrow	X
David Shleef		Tammy Stempel		Ron Weigel	X		

Clackamas County/WES Staff

Jim Bernard		Lynne Chicoine	X	Greg Eyerly	X	Greg Geist	X
Amanda Keller		Shelly Parini	X	Chris Storey	X	Doug Waugh	
Ron Wierenga	X	Gary Schmidt					

Public

Chris Randall

Diana Helm, WES Advisory Committee Chair, convened the meeting at 6:32 pm.

Greg Geist, WES Director, welcomed everyone and gave general updates.

- Kay Mordock and Karin Power resigned
- Introduced and welcomed new WESAC members – Anthony Fields (Milwaukie rep) and Brian Johnson (City of Johnson City)

Ms. Helm requested all participants who were connected to the meeting provide their names for roll call.

[[[A motion was made by Greg DiLoreto to approve the WES Advisory Committee meeting summary of January 30, 2020. The motion was seconded by Russ Axelrod and then approved.]]]

Discussion occurred regarding the Oregon Consensus process and the resulting IGA with the Cities. Mr. Geist noted once the Cities have signed the IGA it would be taken to the County Board for approval.

Mr. Storey gave an update of the impact of COVID-19. He noted the County administrative buildings were closed to the public and most of the administrative staff were teleworking. Mr. Storey stated the

Operations staff's schedules had been updated so there were separate teams that did not overlap shifts for resiliency. He informed the group the Customer Service staff would remain answering phones.

Discussion occurred regarding the FY 20/21 Budget Committee Members. Mr. Drake noted he was resigning as a member. Mr. Drake nominated Michael Morrow to take his place on the Committee.

[[[A motion was made by Markley Drake to appoint Michael Morrow to the WES Budget Committee. The motion was seconded by William Gifford and then approved.]]]

Ron Wierenga, WES Environmental Services Manager, gave a presentation titled PFAS Research and Testing (refer to PowerPoint presentation – PFAS Fact Sheet and PFAS Research & Testing). Mr. Wierenga explained the results of the PFAS tests for WES and how they compared to other agencies. Discussion occurred regarding the information provided in the presentation.

Mr. Geist noted the issue first came to light to WES last April during the Water Week Fly-In in Washington DC.

Ms. Parini stated that WES was actively being proactive to understand the PFAS situation; however, was relying heavily on DEQ and other groups to lead the charge on communication.

Lynne Chicoine, WES Capital Manager, gave a presentation titled Capital Projects Update (refer to PowerPoint presentation – Capital Improvement Plan FY 20/21 – FY 25/26). Ms. Chicoine noted that rates were developed based on the information in the plan. Discussion occurred. Ms. Chicoine stated she would be asking for a recommendation of approval from the Committee for the Capital Improvement Plan FY 20/21 – 25/26, at the May 21, 2020, meeting.

Chris Storey, WES Assistant Director, gave a presentation titled System Development Charge Rates (refer to PowerPoint presentation – System Development Charge Rates). Robust discussion occurred regarding the recommendation by WES staff and affordable housing. Mr. Storey noted WES had not raised SDCs for quite some time and now WES is having to catch up.

[[[A motion was made by William Gifford that the SDC rate be adjusted by inflation only over the next two years, and the Committee will discuss the issue annually. The motion was seconded by Roseanne Johnson. Discussion occurred. Motion carried with majority voting in favor – one nay.]]]

It was requested that WES provide modeling of how SDC rates affect rates – how much would ratepayers pay if they didn't have the new connection fees.

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