



Thurston County Board of Commissioners Work Session Summary

Date of Work Session:	July 27, 2022
Time:	3:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Office/Department:	Community Planning and Economic Development
Subject:	Storm and Surface Water Advisory Board Annual Briefing
Staff Contact/Author:	Name/Title: Dina Christensen / Admin Assistant Phone: 2040
Attendees:	<p>Commissioners Present: Comm. Carolina Mejia-Barahona, Comm. Tye Menser</p> <p>Assistant County Manager Robin Campbell</p> <p>Staff: CPED: Christina Chaput, Larry Schaffner SSWAB: Nancy Winters, Britt Nederhood, David Hartley, Phyllis Farrell, Jake Wager</p>
Discussion Points:	<p>The briefing provided information on the recent work and upcoming priorities of the County's Storm & Surface Water Advisory Board (SSWAB). Vice Chair Winters provided the background of the Storm & Surface Water Advisory Board (SSWAB), a summary of the key roles and responsibilities of SSWAB, a review of work performed in 2021, and areas of focus for the remainder of 2022.</p> <p>Regarding the performance metrics, a discussion ensued on the annual inspections of outfalls and the number of facilities. Ms. Winters provided information that the total number of outfalls changed which explains why the percentage didn't change from 2020 to 2021.</p> <p>There was clarification provided on the funding for the pollution identification and correction (PIC) program. This is a 2-year grant allocation totaling \$1,000,000 which the BoCC had discretion on and chose to use the entire \$500,000 annual allocation on PIC. The BoCC requested SSWAB to help evaluate the program's progress over the next couple years.</p> <p>There are no new recommendations from SSWAB at this time. SSWAB encouraged the BoCC to continue to support their 2020 recommendations, including establishing a stable funding for the PIC program as a means to augment grant funding.</p> <p>A discussion ensued regarding 2020 recommendations. This included a follow up on the status of the pet waste station program. Mr. Schaffner shared that SSWAB received a staff update on the County's pet waste program during their July meeting.</p> <p>There was a question on what the Thurston County Healthy Forest Projects is. Ms. Chaput provided background and where we are at in the project. Further discussion ensued, including Ms. Winters sharing the multiple benefits provided by trees. The BoCC shared they have concerns on cutting trees above Summit Lake and other areas of the County.</p>
Results/Board Direction:	None. Informational session only.