

Scatter Creek Aquifer – Septic System Management Project

Purpose: To make sure water in the Scatter Creek Aquifer is safe to drink now and in the future.

Citizen's Committee draft agenda: April 3, 2013, 6:15-8:15 pm

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6:15-6:20	5 min	Introductions Agenda review and approval Approve March notes Other housekeeping:
6:20-6:25	5 min	Report on any community input, questions, etc.
6:25-6:35	10 min	Overview of next phase of committee work: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decide contaminants of concern that will be the focus of our work (is there something in addition to nitrate?)• Decide levels of concern for contaminants.• Prepare for more intensive community outreach and input.• May: Work on scenarios for Nadine to run through computer model.• June: Host public workshop to present known info/issues and get community input.• Summer: Consider modeling results and community input to draft initial recommendations.• Early-Mid Fall: Present initial recommendations to community for input.• Mid-Late Fall: Consider community input and any new information (eg: modeling, monitoring, costs) to revise recommendations.• Early Winter: Present revised recommendations and any new information to community for input. Finalize recommendations to present to the Board of Health.
6:35-6:45	10 min	Decision: Should agency staff invited to participate by the committee participate in committee decision making? <u>Reminder:</u> Our ground rules say that when we are decision making, we will strive for substantial consensus with majority and minority opinions noted.
6:45-7:15	30 min	Review key points and identify gaps: <u>Goals:</u>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree upon key points to highlight when sharing with community – sample topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What we are trying to do ○ Geology and vulnerability of the area ○ Septic systems and potential health impacts ○ What we hope to evaluate with ground water modeling • Identify areas where we need further information or clarification
7:15-7:45	30 min	<p>Decisions: What nitrate level is of concern in the Scatter Creek area? What level would trigger action or the need for intervention? ie: In computer modeling how much nitrate is too much?</p> <p>Are there other pollutants we should be looking at or modeling?</p> <p><u>Reminders:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nitrate and bacteriological contaminants are the primary septic system pollutants addressed by state and county law • Natural background levels for nitrate are less than 2 mg/L • Thurston County nitrate early warning level is 2 mg/L • Thurston County nitrate critical action level is 4 mg/L • Washington State nitrate drinking water trigger is 5 mg/L • Maximum nitrate level for safe drinking water is 10 mg/L • Nitrate levels in Scatter Creek Aquifer vary
7:45-7:55	10 min	<p>June public workshop planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location • Date (<i>last day school 6/12 Rochester, 6/14 Tenino; Swede Day 6/15</i>) • Ideas to get the word out • Ideas for other ways of getting input, especially from voices or perspectives we may not otherwise hear from
7:55-8:00	5 min	Public Comment
8:00-8:15	15 min	<p>Wrap up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review any tasks/commitments & timeframe • Review notes, capture any missing points