THURSTON COUNTY
STORM AND SURFACE WATER ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

March 16th, 2023
Meeting Summary

Representative	Representing	Present (P) Not Present (NP) Excused (E)
Jake Wager (Chair)	At Large	P
Edward O'Brien	At Large	P
Britt Nederhood	District 3	P
Nancy Winters	At Large	P
David Hartley (Vice Chair)	District 1	P
Zahid Chaudhry	District 3	P
Phyllis Farrell	District 1	P
Daniel Vlad	District 2	E

Staff:
Larry Schaffner, Nate Ensley, Andrew Deffobis, Nicole Ross

Introductions/Process/Correspondence *(Jake Wager, Chair)*
Introduction were made.

Public Comment
No public comment.

Amendments to the Agenda *(Jake Wager, Chair)*
No amendments to the agenda were made.

Meeting Summary *(Jake Wager, Chair)*
David noted a correction to where it reads "County Club Road", it should read "Country Club Road" instead. Nancy motioned to approve meeting summary as amended. Edward second, motion carried.

Conservations Futures Ranking Committee *(Andrew Deffobis)*
Andrew Deffobis provided an overview of the Conservations Future Ranking Committee and their responsibilities within Thurston County. Andrew requested volunteers from SSWAB to serve as a representative and alternate on the Committee.

Nancy will serve as the SSWAB representative, and Britt will be the alternate.

Stormwater Capital Facilities Plan Proposals *(Nate Ensley & Britt Nederhood)*
Nate gave an overview on the stormwater capital improvement program (CIP) subcommittee meeting where he provided an overview of the current capital projects that the stormwater utility

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has planned for the next six years. Nate and Britt presented the projects with comments from the subcommittee and opened the floor for questions from the SSWAB.

Project costs are estimated before the full scope of the project is known using a desktop exercise based on previously completed projects.

The proprietary stormwater treatment device is typically "invisible" to most. They often consist of underground rectangular vaults with several filters inside. The filters work together to treat to the required flow rate that the engineers determine.

The Lemon Road stormwater CIP project is not considered a wetland. Unsure if that could change over the next few years.

Proposed Agricultural and Forestry Agenda Topic *(Phyllis Farrell & SSWAB)*
Phyllis indicated an interest in non-point pollution to ascertain if the runoff from agricultural and forestry lands presents a water quality issue in Thurston County. Phyllis reached out to Nora White from the Thurston Conservation District and Ashley Arai, the County's Agriculture Community Planning Manager, hoping they could coordinate on providing some information to SSWAB.

An effective presentation would entail context to answer the following questions:

1. What is their understanding of the degree of the water quality impact to surface or ground water?
2. What water bodies are affected?
3. What agricultural and forestry practices are involved?
4. What kind of mitigation strategies are being used?
5. What regulatory hooks are available, if any?
6. Are there coordination efforts between the County and Thurston Conservation District programs?

Jake suggested that a separate SSWAB meeting be set up for this presentation due to the broad nature of the questions. David followed with a suggestion to make it a series, perhaps over the next few SSWAB meetings.

Phyllis will reach out to Nora to schedule an overview presentation for the May meeting. Ashley will not be able to attend due to a schedule conflict. From that presentation the SSWAB can see where the knowledge learned carries them. Additional questions that emerge can lead to requests for further presentations.

David will help structure defined questions to the Agenda Subcommittee prior to the May meeting. The subcommittee will discuss the presentation format, content, etc.

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SSWAB Retreat Proposal *(Jake Wager)*
Jake presented the idea of having a SSWAB retreat. The retreat would be a posted public meeting with in-person and zoom access. Open Public Meeting Act (OPMA) laws would apply. The full-day meeting would give SSWAB an opportunity to meet in a less formal setting with breakout groups and/or have specific presentations.

Phyllis motioned to schedule a ¾-day retreat with location, date, agenda to be determined. Zahid second, motion carried.

Jake offered to take the lead in planning efforts. Phyllis volunteered to assist.

SSWAB General Discussion *(SSWAB Members)*

1. General Updates
   None.

2. Updates on Action Items
   None.

3. SSWAB Reports on outreach in community
   Jake was able to offer advice on nontoxic alternatives for roof cleaning to a citizen.

4. Topics for Next Meeting
   None.

Action Items

- The Agenda Subcommittee will discuss the nonpoint pollution presentation format, content, etc.
- Phyllis will reach out to Nora to schedule a nonpoint pollution overview presentation for the May meeting.
- David will help define questions for the nonpoint pollution topic to the Agenda Subcommittee prior to the May meeting.
- Jake and Phyllis will work on planning a retreat.

The next meeting will be May 18th, 2023.
Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm

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