



Thurston County Board of Commissioners

Work Session Summary

Date of Work Session:	August 2nd, 2023
Time:	9:30 am – 10:00 am
Office/Department:	Community Planning and Economic Development
Subject:	Storm and Surface Water Advisory Board (SSWAB) Annual Update
Staff Contact/Author:	Name/Title: Corey Bennett / Admin Phone: 2111
Attendees:	<p>Commissioners Present: Carolina Mejia and Gary Edwards</p> <p>County Manager: Ramiro Chavez</p> <p>Assistant County Managers: Robin Campbell and Robert Gelder</p> <p>CPED Staff: Larry Schaffer and Josh Cummings</p> <p>SSWAB: Jake Wager (chair), David Hartley (vice chair), Nancy Winters, Britt Nederhood, and Phyllis Farrell</p>
Discussion Points:	<p>This briefing covered the SSWAB's work over the past year, outcomes of their retreat, and their future plans. Mr. Wager expressed appreciation for Commissioner Mejia's remarks made at the retreat as well as staff support.</p> <p>Mr. Hartley reviewed highlights of the past year and explained how the SSWAB fulfills its responsibilities. Efforts included acquiring knowledge in preparation for generating recommendations in the upcoming year. The SSWAB tracks a series of metrics they established for the stormwater program. Mr. Hartley raised the subject of how the SSWAB's composition will look with transition to five commissioner districts considering the difficulty in filling vacant positions.</p> <p>Mr. Wager shared the outcomes from the SSWAB's June 9th retreat. The SSWAB desires to improve new member onboarding and advocate for developing a program to evaluate the efficacy of surface and stormwater capital improvement projects (CIP). In addition, the SSWAB would like to see more effort in soliciting early input on CIPs and provide information to those immediately impacted by those projects. The SSWAB aims to advise on the adequacy of funding for projects and programs. Performance metrics remain a high interest of the SSWAB. SSWAB members desire engagement in the County's Comprehensive Planning process and the Storm and Surface Water Comprehensive Study. Another desire involves SSWAB outreach to other jurisdictions and partners on a peer-to-peer level.</p> <p>Commissioner Edwards brought up issues involving tire deterioration's impact on salmon and wondered if street sweeping could help. The various factors involved were discussed, including pollutant removal methods and the cost-benefit considerations of street sweeping. Commissioner Edwards expressed his desire for the County to continue seeking grants to augment funds we collect. Larry Schaffer noted that the County has secured grants for capital improvement projects and plans to continue in those pursuits.</p> <p>Commissioner Mejia commended the SSWAB on tying the Comprehensive Plan into their efforts and expressed appreciation for the SSWAB's work.</p>
Results/Board Direction:	None. Informational session only.