



**PUBLIC HEALTH AND
SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

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Nisqually Reach and Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection Districts
Combined Stakeholder Committee
(Draft) Meeting Notes January 21, 2014

Members: Tris Carlson, Peter Heide, Sue Shotwell, David Hall, and Matt Buldis

Alternates: None

Guests: Doreen Gavin (AHBL)
David Hartley (Northwest Hydraulic Consultants)
Jule Schultz (WDOH)
Amy Georgeson (WDOH)
Kathy Whalen (Thurston Conservation District)
Derek King (Puget Sound Restoration Fund – Henderson Community Shellfish Farm)

County Staff: Lawrence Sullivan (District staff-temporary)
Jim Bachmeier (Water Resources)
Pat Allen (Water Resources)
Steve Johnson (Public Works)

1. Administrative
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Approved November 19, 2013 meeting notes
 - c. Approved the agenda
2. Thurston Conservation District BMP Update. Kathy Whalen, TCD.

The Thurston Conservation District will be delayed in expending a portion of their 2013 work program funds. TCD had been looking for a large demonstration site for a rain garden and the site selection process took longer than expected. A site has been identified, but construction was delayed due to the freezing weather. The project will move forward when the weather allows

3. Presentation of Woodard Basin Stormwater Retrofit Study- Pat Allen, Thurston County Water Resources

Pat Allen gave a brief overview of the Woodard Creek Stormwater Retrofit Study and introduced Doreen Gavin and Dave Hartley who are the consultants hired to work on the project. The study is funded by a Department of Ecology grant and is intended to improve water quality in the Woodard Creek basin by making improvements to stormwater infrastructure. The study will result in five retrofit projects that will be competed through the pre-design report phase, including preliminary engineering designs and cost estimates. The five projects will be incorporated into the Stormwater Utility's CFP program for future construction.

Dave gave an overview of the project and the potential water quality improvements that could be made. He explained that they are in the process of filtering down potential sites from 372 to 20 to 25 sites that will be included in a map book. These 20 to 25 sites will be further narrowed to the top 5 this summer and the project should be complete in the fall of 2014. The filters used to narrow the sites include:

- Filter 1: Ranking/Screening
- Filter 2: Size, Input from City/County
- Filter 3: Field-based Rapid Assessment
- Filter 4: Analysis
- Filter 5: Field Assessment 2

The committee was interested in the project and wanted to know if it was only focused on the Woodard basin (yes). There were also questions about whether the project could focus on urbanized areas. The consultants reported that they would look at urban sites and would also be working with the City of Olympia. There were also questions about whether the project would include a potential site at 26th and South Bay Rd NE (yes). There will be an open house for the project help this spring. There committee wanted to hear more about the project once more progress has been made.

More information on the project and the presentation can be found here:
<http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/waterresources/woodard/woodard-home.htm>

4. Updates:
 - a. WDOH
 - i. Stations 188 & 189 are currently failing the shellfish WQ standard and could require a change in management at the beginning of 2014 (lowering rainfall closure threshold to ½" from ¾").
 - ii. Six stations will also be listed as Threatened in 2014 (187, 188, 189, 190, 200, & 201).
 - b. Thurston County Environmental Health
 - i. Dye test season is starting in January for Henderson and Nisqually.
 - c. Puget Sound Restoration Fund

- i. The Henderson Inlet Community Shellfish Farm will be starting to sell product at George and Sons Fruit Market on Lilly Rd on Thursdays from 1:00 to 5:00.
 - ii. Planning spring outreach with South Sound Green.
 - iii. The farm is now selling product to Dockside Bistro
 - d. Thurston Conservation District
 - i. All orders for the native plant sale are now being taken online.
 - e. Chair
 - i. The OSS Management Plan Revision Committee has been meeting and is currently identifying sensitive areas in Thurston County for OSS management.
- 5. Adjourn