



**CREEKS, DRAINAGE AND WASTEWATER
CUSTOMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING Summary**

**SMT 5965
April 13, 2011
5:00 – 7:00PM**

Administration:

- Members Present: Suzie Burke, Chris Hoffer, Michael Gentile, Rick Bechtel, Cheryl Klinker, Nancy Malmgren
- SPU Staff Present: Bruce Bachen, Trish Rhay, Sheryl Shapiro, Susan Harper, Sue Morrison
- Visitors Present: Mark Early (Ballard RORE citizen group)

Meeting called to order at 5:00PM

March meeting notes accepted as written.

AGENDA TOPICS:

CDWAC Business

**Sheryl Shapiro,
Cheryl Klinker**

Comments regarding the annual meeting were favorable. Members felt the meeting was interesting and informative. It was great to hear Ray Hoffman speak. Sheryl Shapiro will be sending out a questionnaire to the committees regarding the annual meeting and asking for feedback.

DWW Division Directors' Updates

**Bruce Bachen,
Trish Rhay**

Bruce reported that over the last few weeks, some staff have been working together to finalize Green Stormwater Infrastructure requirements in the Directors Rule. At the state level, a phosphorus ban in fertilizers was approved. There is a \$40 million dollar budget for storm water projects working its way through the legislature. SPU is ready to begin construction on the Norfolk & MLK Water Quality project. Nick Pealy, the branch executive for Field Operations and Maintenance Branch, has retired from SPU. Street sweeping is off to a start and SPU is working closely with SDOT to achieve water quality benefits. .

Trish reported that the EPA came back to perform a second round of audits of the CSO program. The Capacity and Maintenance Operation Management (CMOM) program review went well. SPU left very few questions unanswered. We showed SPU's performance for SSO. There were zero dry weather overflows in 2010. EPA will return in June with a consent decree. A lot of things are going on related to flooding and capacity. The Broadview storm related capacity projects are underway. We are still trying to build the South Park pump station project, which has been delayed another year. The next DWW budget process is 2013-2014.



CSO Long Term Control Plan

Trish Rhay

The Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) reduction plan is at a transition and at a good point to get feedback from the committee. Our CSO permit covers the number of times SPU is allowed to overflow. The permit requirement of one overflow per year is based on a rolling 5 year period, so there could be zero one year, and two in the next. DWW system in Seattle is 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 (combined, partially separated, and separated). Separation was done in the 1970's and 1980's to reduce CSOs. The main driver is the clean water act. Secondary treatment is our best solution to address most pollutants. There are 90 outfalls in the City of Seattle. . There were 339 CSO events in 2010 which spilled about 190 million gallons. King County has 39 outfalls. Our goals are to meet water quality standards, minimize rate impacts and partner with King County to come up with the best solution for the region. In the next 5 years we will improve existing infrastructure through retrofits and construct CSO detention projects at Windermere, Genesee and Henderson basins. We are also piloting GSI in Ballard and working through this program. GSI targets neighborhoods that can have the biggest benefit to CSO control. The Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) will lay out a plan for achieving control at all CSO outfalls by 2025. SPU has worked with the Sounding Board, and has reached out to neighborhoods that are going to be affected by these projects. Our strategy is to perform retrofits first, then Green Storm Water Infrastructure (GSI) next, and finally build underground storage last. Planning areas include:

- 1) Ballard, Fremont, and Interbay
- 2) Windermere, Genesee, North Henderson, South Henderson, Union Bay, Portage Bay, Madison Park and Leschi.
- 3) Duwamish

Schedule: Expect scoping notification in June for the LTCP EIS. EIS is to be drafted by 2012. Once the EIS is completed, the LTCP will go to Council for approval. Once it is adopted, this will become SPU's life between 2015 and 2025.

Trish invited CDWAC to provide input on what impacts the EIS should address during the public scoping period.

Restore Our Waters Watershed Forum

**Bruce Bachen,
Susan Harper,
Sheryl Shapiro**

The June Watershed forum will be an opportunity to focus on Seattle's response to the challenge of cleaning up Puget Sound. SPU will present information about the Urban Watersheds strategy a key element of the Restore Our Waters program.. At the forum, panelists and speakers will focus on providing information to support neighborhoods and individuals to help improve stormwater management in Seattle. . Storm water is a global challenge and no one agency or group is going to solve it on its own. We will look at the resources and programs that are available and discuss ideas for meeting some of the challenges. . The forum will be held June 8th at REI and will be in place of our regular CDWAC meeting. It will run from 6:00-8:30PM. Susan asked the committee to think about what they would like to include in the forum. Committee input included a request to clearly identify what is required under the Clean Water Act and what is being done to meet the requirements. Committee members suggested that break out groups focus on commercial as well as residential efforts and directed at encouraging participation. The target audience should include activists, people in neighborhoods who are already on committees, architects, and GSI implementers. The committee was asked to help SPU engage the public to reach out to the community and invite them to attend.



There was discussion about the importance of recognizing of volunteers and various ways this could be done as part of the event.

WRAP UP

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Upcoming Events:

- Saturday is the Duwamish Alive event. The following week is Earth Day.
- There will be a public meeting on April 27th regarding cleanup of the Duwamish.
- Free rain garden seminar on April 21st 6:00—8:00PM – designed for homeowners
- Event coming up next month in the Chamber offices regarding the Seawall

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 11th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.