

Reclaimed Water Rule Advisory Committee

November 29, 2006 10:00 – 2:30

Dept. of Ecology, Lacey, Washington

DRAFT Meeting Summary

Attendees: See attached list

Action Items (for Ecology)

- Research and answer question from Ann Wick regarding wetlands.
- Clarify further the committee's role and ability to address issues not specifically identified for the rule.
- Clarify differences between statutes, rules and guidelines.
- Clarify how to address water and waste water plans.
- Use case studies in presentations.
- Add liability to Topic 2 on Topics of Interest List.
- Provide committee with information on regulations in other states. Briefly explain why each item was selected and highlight major points.
- Provide overview of committee budget.
- Provide a schedule of tasks and deadlines.

Action Items (for Representatives)

- **All** - Order EPA guidelines (Kathy and Melissa will send the information in a separate email)
- **All** - Review guidance titled **Water Rights Impairment Analysis**. (Attached to email of this summary.) Let us know if you have any significant questions or issues. Also, let us know if you would object to Ecology posting the guidance on the web.
- Association of Washington Businesses - Get back to Ecology with recommendations for additional representation from the private sector.

Agreements

- Keys to Success (Ground Rules) with two additions as noted below.
- Agenda items for January meeting
- The committee agreed to use the 4 major groups under Topics of Interest and asked Ecology to pick a starting place.

Opening

- Melissa McEachron welcomed the group, provided updates and introduced the committee facilitator, Lori Isenberg, President of Northwest Dynamics, Inc.

Committee Process

- Lori conducted introductions and facilitated a discussion on the Keys to Success. There was unanimous support for the Keys to Success, with the addition of the following two items.

- Desire to encourage (and record in minutes) differing opinions for the benefit of the decision-makers.
- Ability for the committee to revisit issues later in the process when additional information is gathered.

Walk Through the Statute

- Katharine Cupps presented information and answered questions on the requirements and constraints of Ch. 90.46 RCW. (PowerPoint).

Preliminary Scoping –Major Sections of the Rule and Prioritizing for Future Meetings

- Kathy Cupps explained how she summarized the committee’s Topics of Interest list.
- Kathy also led the discussion on prioritizing the major sections of the rule.

Impairment of Existing Water Rights

- Robert Barwin -ECY-Water Resources Program, explained impairment of existing water rights, case law, and perceptions.
- Paul Fabiniak-ECY- Water Resources Program explained Ecology’s impairment analysis guidance.

Wrap-up

- Lori reviewed the action items and obtained agreement that these were correct, with minor additions.
 - Committee agreed on Agenda topics for January.
 - Lori presented an analogy (suggested by a committee member) that the process the committee needs to undertake is similar to putting together a puzzle.
 - Carefully study the picture on the box so you know what you are trying to accomplish.
- The next 2-3 meetings will be dedicated to helping the committee develop a shared understanding of the existing reclaimed water program. The focus will be on what is working and what is not. Presentations will include:
 - The overall permitting process
 - The current (1997) standards
 - Design criteria and technical guidance
 - Planning and Reports
 - Case studies



Attendees

Department of Ecology

Katharine Cupps, Agency Lead
Melissa McEachron, Rule Coordinator

Department of Health

Brad Avy, Program Manager

In attendance

Members

Department of Ecology (WRP)	Lynn Coleman
Department of Ecology (WQP)	Nancy Winters
City of Walla Walla (Phone)	Hal Thomas
City of Olympia	Tikva Breuer
King County	Peggy Leonard
Spokane County	Bruce Rawls
Kitsap County	Keith Folkerts
LOTT Alliance	Karla Fowler
Sno-King Water Alliance	Ginger Desy
Evergreen Valley Utilities (phone)	Clint Perry
Washington Water & Sewer Assoc.	Walt Canter
Washington Public District Assoc.	John Kounts
The Center for Justice	Bonne Beavers
Pacific Northwest Clean Water Assoc.	James Hagstrom
Association of Washington Businesses	Chris McCabe
Department of Agriculture	Ann Wick
Puget Sound Action Team	Scott Redman
Department of Corrections	Garin Schriever

Alternates

Department of Ecology	Robert Barwin
Evergreen Valley Util.	Mark Nelson