

Deschutes River, Capitol Lake, and Budd Inlet TMDL Advisory Group Meeting

Thursday, January 24, 2013, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
311 Israel Rd. SW, Tumwater

Attendees

Citizen

- John DeMeyer

Deschutes Estuary Restoration Team (DERT)

- Dave Peeler

Ecology, WA State Dept. of

- Bob Bergquist
- Tracy Farrell
- Kim McKee
- Brett Raunig
- Lydia Wagner

Enterprise Services (DES), WA Dept. of

- Carrie Martin

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- Dave Ragsdale

Health (DOH), WA State Dept. of

- Mark Toy

Lacey, City of

- Julie Rector

LOTT Clean Water Alliance

- Karla Fowler
- Laurie Pierce

Olympia, City of

- Laura Keehan
- Patricia Pyle

Squaxin Island Tribe

- Scott Steltzner

Thurston Conservation District

- Amy Hatch-Winecka
- Kathleen Whalen

Thurston County Environmental Health

- Sue Davis
- Barb Wood

Thurston Public Utility District

- Linda Oosterman
- Chris Stearns

Transportation, WA State Dept. of

- Emily Miller
- Jeff Williams

Tumwater, City of

- Dan Smith

Weyerhaeuser

- Ken Johnson

General Updates

Revised Timeline: Ecology intends to submit the completed Water Quality Improvement Report (WQIR) to the EPA in 2013. There are many variables involved in this process which could affect the timeline. As one step in the process is completed, staff will move on to the next one and work to reduce the time needed to complete the WQIR. The following are key milestone targets for this effort.

- **January – May:** Ecology develops the draft WQIR. The advisory group continues to meet during this time to discuss load and wasteload allocations, key Implementation Strategy sections, and public outreach strategy.
- **July:** Ecology completes the draft WQIR.
- **July-August:** Ecology meets with the EPA and Squaxin Island Tribe (Government to Government) and provides them with the draft WQIR for review and comment.
- **August:** After Ecology has met with the EPA and SIT, the draft WQIR is provided to the Advisory Group for their review.
- **August-October:** Ecology will release the draft WQIR for a 45 day public review and comment period. During this time Ecology will hold public meetings to provide highlights of the report and related technical information.

- **September-November:** Ecology staff prepares Responses to Comments received during the public review period. The amount of time needed for this process is determined by the number of comments received, and their complexity.
- **December 2013:** Ecology submits the completed WQIR to the EPA for review and approval.

Implementation Projects: Lydia reminded attendees about Ecology’s commitment to acknowledge implementation work already completed or in process which benefits this watershed. There are two potential funding sources to help pay for implementation projects. Examples include riparian vegetation projects and pet waste stations. Both sources are fully funded and do not require a match. As with any other grant process, there are requirements regarding who can apply and what activities are eligible.

- **Directed Implementation Fund (DIF):** Grants from this fund support implementation projects which are ready to go immediately or within a short period of time. Ecology’s Water Quality Program staff reviews proposals quarterly. For more information or to send a proposal, contact Lydia Wagner at Lydia.Wagner@ecy.wa.gov.
- **Coastal Protection Fund (CPF):** This fund is managed by the Shorelands and Environmental Assessment (SEA) Program. This fund has a subaccount, the Terry Husseman Account. Grants from this fund support projects to restore or enhance the natural environment. More information is available online at www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/grants/cpf/index.html.

Nonpoint Source Work: Ecology’s Water Quality Program, Southwest Region, now has two Nonpoint Source Specialists.

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Lydia’s slides are available online at www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/tmdl/deschutes/advgrp/12413DeschutesAdvMtgTimelineUpdateLCWagner.pdf.

Load and Wasteload Allocations

Kim McKee and Lydia Wagner, Ecology, Water Quality Program

Kim provided an overview of the **Implementation Strategy** section of the Water Quality Improvement Report (WQIR). These sections are mandatory and boilerplate information is already included for some sections. Ecology will go into more detail about particular sections at a future meeting.

- Introduction
- What needs to be done?
- Who needs to participate in implementation?
- What is the schedule for achieving water quality standards?
- Monitoring progress
- Adaptive management
- Potential funding sources
- Summary of public involvement methods

Our efforts right now and for the next few discussions, are focused on the Implementation Actions and Responsible Parties. This information will go into the Implementation Strategy (part of the WQIR) as a more global view of the problem and solutions. Specific details such as when and how implementation occurs will go into the Water Quality Implementation Plan (WQIP).

The Advisory Group reviewed and commented on draft Excel® tables addressing Fecal Coliform Bacteria for the winter, winter-storm events, and summer. We used the EPA Office of Water program's "MyWATERS Mapper" tool to see aerial images of the watershed. This is available online at www.epa.gov/waters/enviromapper/.

Discussion and work on the bacteria tables should conclude at the February meeting. Work will then start on the tables addressing temperature and fine sediments. Attendees asked Ecology to provide any draft tables used for discussion before the meeting so they have time to review and come prepared with ideas. Lydia will send out the bacteria tables with the January draft meeting notes and additional tables will go out with meeting agendas. The draft bacteria tables used at the January meeting are available online at www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/tmdl/deschutes/advgrp/12413DeschutesAdvMtgDraftBacteriaTables.xlsx.

Open Comments: None

Next meeting

Date: Thursday, February 28, 2013
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Place: *Department of Labor and Industries
7273 Linderson Way SW, Tumwater, WA
Directions: [U # @ \ O](#)

***Please note the change of location.** *Due to circumstances outside our control, all remaining 2013 meetings will occur at a different location. Ecology staff is still working on the reservations and will share the information once location(s) are confirmed.*

Draft agenda: Conclude discussion about allocations for fecal coliform bacteria. Begin discussions for temperature and fine sediments.