

Department of Ecology – Water Quality Financial Assistance Council Meeting

March 15, 2017

In Attendance: Shelly McMurry, Pat Brommer, Daniel Thompson, David Dunn, Don Gatchalian, James Kelly, Bruce Lund, Dave Caterson, Bob Amrine, Kahle Jennings, Jeremy Simmons, Dan Kaplan, Ben Rau, Don Seeberger, Brian Cochrane, Jessica Schwing

Welcome and Introductions, [Shelly McMurry](#)

Budget update

No capital budget

Suspension letters went out about operating

Operating and reappropriation past

Thursday is deadline

HB 1075 Bill-Decent compromise.

Decent budget-\$210 for SRF

Centennial \$35M (funds one year of projects) Keep talking about changing list process to project 2nd year of biennium. Future talk more about how we use the list process to support 2 year funding request. We used to get 2 years of budget.

Stormwater \$30M-restore old

\$25 for new

We have \$39M in delayed projects. Reappropriated money with no money tagged to it.

State match for SRF cap grant was put in in the wrong that we can not access. Trying to get fixed. Trying to get modified language to get a treasures transfer. It is tax exempt. Requires taxable bond. The treasure has to transfer into 727.

SBCA bond swaps to \$70-80M fix the MTCA shortfall

Republicans Hirst bill. Hopeful for

Our FY18 IUP is ready to go.

If there was no capital budget. We could still issue \$80M to issue. Plan B.

Place holder in for supplemental for Centennial. Having the money packaged up is important. Some

Hirst-supreme court says that the county is responsible to ensure water rights is available before issuing permits.

Carbon tax had mitigation money.

Bill to change the operator certification fee program. Piece it out 1. Create the account and 2 ask for the change to the statutes to cover increased costs. Account is set up. Next session, ask for change in fee. \$67,000/year is collected and swept from the general fund. Change so we would do a work assessment costs. We would eliminate cap. Insert details! Working on language and will send out to stakeholders.

Feedback-Small systems may have hardship.

Hired Lola Florez? NEP

King County is in the running for WIFIA funds. 43 nationwide. \$1-2 B. Georgetown treatment (CSO) \$128M requested. Interested in lesson's learned

SRF and Centennial

In process of finalizing response to comments. Won't be finalized until Maia approves. 8/9 scheduled for her approval. 16 comments. Some complicated things raised. 5 people showed up to the public hearing. Main comments was request to allow us to develop a Sponsorship program. Expand definition of water quality to allow purchase of land for. Request to fund mind reclamation. Expand eligible applicants to publically owned industrial wastewater treatment facilities. Look for announcement after 8/9.

Thank you to FAC for providing input, advice and guidance.

8/14 cycle open

Sewer Rate Study

Provide presentation

Single family rates

Are communities setting

Would like to see the ratio of rates to MHI.

State what it is appropriate for how it is used. Designed for this and what it is appropriate for. What it is developed for and appropriate to be used for. Consider relationship with number of communities that aren't sewerred. No "fake news"

Plans going forward-How often to update? 2006 was the last survey. We knew they are out of date. Not sure how often. When the agency website is modified, made available

Input on handout-by next week.

Do we know which of the communities have addressed increased nutrient water quality standards.

AWC would like to partner

Would be powerful to merge all utility rate's and partnership with DOH.

Needs Survey

See presentation

Feedback from FAC-What data should we be looking for? What do you want to see?

- We need to better show the needs annually and semiannually
- Looking at CIP's or survey? Start look at CIP's. Stormwater usually isn't in CIP's. Chicken and EGG.
- CIP's tend to be "wishlists" delegitimizes the data. Maybe six year
- Water quality, capacity or replacement
- CIP's are based on GMA-Growth
- Can use the GMA plans
- Sometimes communities don't break out needs by transportation or water/sewer.
- Information in permit's might help identify need.
- Needs versus wish for septic system
- Include information to communities/guidance for what communities to could include in CIP's in the future to help gather this data in the future.
- Ask about emerging contaminants issues. Might be

Add Sean to the FAC meeting distribution list.

Agricultural-Ben Rau

Voluntary clean water guidance for agricultural practices

What practices, where do you implement them and support compliance in different water quality pollutants.

How much cost, time/operation and maintenance. What is eligible, update funding guidelines. BMP's we should be funding that we aren't now. ID universe of BMP's. Each year look at a handful. Soliciting people to be on the advisory. Technical-literature review/currently what we know. Avoid situation where certain people like certain BMP's. What does the science say. Not going to do new studies. Which ones are applicable? What do we use to determine effective? Pollutant reduction measures. Implementation side-what are the costs. Gotten 20

responses of interest in being on the advisory. Kick off in September. 10-14 on each group. Looking for mix of people representing different expertise and stakeholders represented.

What does effectiveness? Focus on pollutant removal-Nutrients, pathogens, temperature.

Consider including social scientist to the technical. Key piece to implementation is how to influence change. What gets people to implement?

Will find the best available science?

Lower Yakima groundwater study-WSU and scientist. They looked at all the BMP's and effectiveness. The suggestion was made to look at what research used.

Concern about establishing a hierarchy and tying. Should be voluntary compliance for

8-10 meetings per year. Start in September 2017 and be done by September 2018.

Increased participation

- Important to get small rural counties
- Be clear-Need to know the purpose, what it does and the benefit of showing up. Keep pulse on what is going on. Help us get our message out. Ecology can't lobby but FAC participants can.
- Spokane, Pullman,
- Bring in people from stormwater group
- Having options for Webex
- Having in more central location
- Used to pay for travel
- Having a growth management perspective-
- Better environmental council-Jessica
- APWA-Dave
- Set up wide angle video option
- Send Bob an e-mail for better conservation district association

King County, Dan Kaplan-Issue with auditor on when

Centralia, Kahle Jennings-Analyzed vegetables grown in biosolids to show they are safe. Interesting results. Kahle will send one pager to Shelly

Don Gatchalian-Lower Yakima basin report ready by September 2018. Yakima county is watching state budget. County is trying to decide how to address Hirst case. County looking to buy senior water rights.

Bruce-HB1677 Public works reform bill. Funding was swept from account. There is a loan list and waiting to see if there will be funding. Removed legislative approval for funding list. Applications will be submittal. System improvement team-wide range of folks to look improving infrastructure financing for water (wastewater/stormwater). Required to put together a report by December of 2018. Group will form in September/October. Maybe at IACC. It was

developed as a response from criticism about from legislature. Allowed the possibility about doing grant.