

## Summary

### Chambers-Clover (WRIA 12) Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Committee

#### Meeting Information:

Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 12:30 pm – 4 pm  
University Place Pierce County Library  
3609 Market Pl W, University Place, WA 98466

#### Committee Chair:

Rebecca Brown, Washington State Department of Ecology  
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Topic	Time	Action	Handouts	Lead
Welcome and Introductions	12:30	None		Chair
Approval of summary and review of agenda	12:40	Vote	- Agenda	Chair
Training: Hydrogeology	12:45	Presentation		Tom Culhane
Plan requirements overview	1:45		- Plan requirements document	
Break	2:15			
Public comment	2:30	None		
Operating Principles and Committee Structure discussion	2:45	Discussion	- Operating Principles	Facilitator
Next steps	3:45		Documents distributed following meeting.	Chair

#### ~~Next Meeting: February 13, 2019~~

Meeting materials are available on the WRIA 12 [committee website](#) and the [WRIA 10 committee website](#).

#### Committee Representatives and Alternates in Attendance

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Don Stanley	Lakewood Water District	Paul Bucich	Lakewood
Dan Cardwell	Pierce County	Ryan Mello	Pierce Conservation District
Cal Taylor	Tacoma	Russ Ladley (alternate)	Puyallup Tribe
Greg Volkhardt (alternate)	Tacoma	Char Naylor	Puyallup Tribe
Jessie Gamble	MBA Pierce	Kelly Still	WA Department of Fish and Wildlife
		Rebecca Brown	WA Department of Ecology

Committee members not in attendance: Squaxin Island Tribe, Chambers-Clover Watershed Council, Town of Steilacoom.

## Other Attendees

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Angela Johnson	WA Department of Ecology	Susan Gulick	Facilitator
Lisa Tobin (WRIA 10)	Auburn	Paul Marrinan (WRIA 10)	Puyallup
Lis Bockstiegel (WRIA 10)	WA Department of Fish and Wildlife	Michael Kosa (WRIA 10)	Sumner
Merita Trohimovich (WRIA 10)	Tacoma	Ken Gill (WRIA 10)	Fife
Allan Warren (WRIA 10)	Pierce Conservation District	Carrie Hernandez (WRIA 10)	Puyallup River Watershed Council
Lisa Spurrier	WRIA 10/12 Lead Entity	Burt Clothier	Pacific Groundwater
Megan Kernan	WA Department of Fish and Wildlife	Jeff Johnson	Water Co-op of Pierce County
Josie Cummings	BIAW		

### Approval of summary and review of agenda:

December meeting was approved with no changes.

No changes to the agenda.

### Training: Hydrogeology:

Tom Culhane presented on Hydrogeology. The presentation is available on the WRIA 10 and WRIA 12 webpages.

Tom and the chair fielded several questions. The answers/comments are summarized below:

- The committees will be looking at water use/consumptive use estimate this spring, in coordination with the sub-basin delineation.
- While each well has its own, small impact, the focus of the plans will be the cumulative impact of wells, and areas with a higher concentration of wells may have a larger impact on a single stream than wells even scattered through the watershed. The committees will need to characterize the watershed and the level of well pumping projected within the watershed and within sub-basins to determine what offset projects are needed.
- WRIAs 10 and 12 are well-studied and we have information on where the wells are or are projected to be. We will have to go through an iterative process to identify sub-basins, projections, and impacts and we will have to rely on available data.
- The committees may want to invite the USGS to speak about their model at the April meeting.
- Projects include both physical projects (water storage, water rights acquisition) and policy actions or recommendations.
- WRIA 12 is 90% covered by Group A water systems. The number of projected wells and their location will be concentrated in one area of the watershed, and small. That may impact the number of projects and where in the watershed they would go.

### Plan requirements overview

Rebecca presented on the plan components and timeline. The presentation and timeline hand out is available on the WRIA 10 and WRIA 12 webpages.

Rebecca fielded several questions. The answers/comments are summarized below:

- Projects that are “in time” refer to seasonal aspect of a project—such as a project that adds water all year round vs. a seasonal water right. Important because domestic wells have year-round impacts.
- The committee’s legal requirement is to come up with a plan with projects and actions, with the expectation that the projects and actions will be implemented, but there is no guarantee that the plan will be fully implemented. The project list should include a priority list, the entity responsible for implementing each project or action, and a timeline for implementation. Also, the project list should be based in reality—projects that are impossible to implement will not pass NEB determination.
- Projects included in 90.94 plans are the top priority for funding. Water for water projects are also prioritized. Habitat or other projects to protect or enhance salmon are a lower priority, but may also receive funds from other grant programs focused on habitat and salmon recovery.
- The projects listed in the plan may include projects that protect or enhance salmonids, regardless if whether the project also offsets consumptive water use. Habitat projects are included in the NEB determination.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment.

**Operating Principles:**

Most discussions are captured in changes/updates to the Operating Principles. The main points of discussion are summarized below:

Decision-making:

- Options for decision-making are only for decisions made along the way, not the final decision.
- Want there to be consistency in how all of the WRIAs are operating – a lot of committees are going toward full consensus.
- Concerned about any options for decision-making that allow an entity to stop the process.
  - Important that fallback position is ECY write the plan, because that means that local members are not writing the plan – could be good motivation.
- Consensus w/ majority vote will give the group a better chance to get to a final plan.

Quorums:

- For the quorum, if 2/3 committee is not at the meeting, any decisions would have to roll over to the next time a quorum is present.
  - If there is a quorum but only 2/3 of committee approve, that means less than ½ of the full committee approves something – flawed?

Attendance:

- Issue with “disappearing members” – If ECY has legal concerns about putting language in OP, then go under the assumption that ECY will deal with those situations as they arise.
- Keep a table of committee member (entity) participation to include in final plan.

Plan Direction:

- May need to define “scope” of committee so that everyone can be on the same page, and not come to road blocks on legal interpretations, etc.
- Would be good to know what Squaxin Island Tribe’s main objection is, and how that plays into what decisions the committee will be making.
  - Chair’s understanding that some of their disagreement is with Ecology’s policy decision to focus only on future permit-exempt domestic wells.

**Next Steps:**

Next meeting is Feb. 13, 2019 at 12:30 pm at the University Place Library.

- Presentation on instream flows.
- Presentation on salmon in the watershed.
- **Decision** on inviting these ex officio members: TPCHD, JBLM
- **Decision** (hopefully) on the Operating Principles.
- **Homework:**
  - Review changes and updates to Operating Principles.
  - Watch [instream flows video](#):

March:

- Possible shared date with WRIA 10 for several trainings that apply to both watersheds.
- We *may* have a permanent facilitator by next month's meeting, and definitely by March.

**Action items:**

1. Chair will compile edits and changes to the Operating Principles.
2. If you need someone else from your agency or organization to sign the operating principles, please share the document with them, and please provide Chair with any concerns about approving and signing the document before the February meeting.
3. Chair will post presentations and handouts on the website.

**Parking Lot:**

- If the plan is not approved by the committee and goes to the SRF Board – is that process open to public review?
  - The SRF Board process can do whatever they want. Looking into it.
- Keep a table of committee member (entity) participation to include in final plan.