

WATER UTILITY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

WUCC Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2007

Port Hadlock Library Humphrey Room

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am.

Members present included:

David Sullivan, Jefferson County Commissioner, Chair
Frank Meriweather, State Department of Health (DOH)
Neil Harrington and Susan Porto, Jefferson County Health Department
Larry Smith, Port Ludlow, Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc
Al Scalf, Jefferson County Department of Community Development
Dana Roberts and Jim Parker, PUD #1 of Jefferson County
Mike Langley, Kala Point Utility Co.

Consultants:

Marc Horton, HDR

Jeff Hansen, HDR

Citizens attending:

Walter Moa

David Cervanka

Amy Smith

Roger Struters

Drew Austin

Al Boucher

John Fleming

Old Business:

Consultant contract:

The PUD is willing to pay for CWSP manuals to be circulated to members. Al/Marc/Jim are to review the budget needs for consultant support to the WUCC and how to prepare a contract and paying for this support.

CWSP:

Marc Horton handed out the new CWSP's and members signed a form indicating which manual they received and these were listed by # on a spreadsheet to be kept by Jefferson County DCD. A digital version of the CWSP will be available by CD and should be posted on the County web page, either at the DCD site or the Environmental Health site.

PUD Service Area Changes:

Jim Parker handed out the sections of the CWSP found at 3-2 (Water Utility Service Areas), the requirement for comments and section 4-1 (Minimum Standards and Specifications) for design and performance specifications for both existing and new water utilities planning to install capital facilities. Jim Parker explained the PUD service area maps changes currently under review by the WUCC and various handouts including the maps. Jim explained how he had notified adjacent purveyors by letter and that these map changes only included adding future service areas.

Al Scalf moved that the WUCC approve the Service Area map changes as requested by the PUD. This would be forwarded on to DOH, who approves the water system plans. The motion was seconded by Larry Smith. The motion carried 7-0.

Olympus Beach Tracts:

The WUCC discussed the Olympus Beach Tracts service area located near Mats Mats which has 90 approved connections with 72 hookups currently being used. Frank Meriweather asked a procedural question about what map controls? The WSP or the CWSP maps? Marc Horton explained the CWSP maps control, as they are the official maps incorporated into the CWSP after the DOH approval. The role of the WUCC is to coordinate these service areas being various purveyors. The discussion involved the local fire district role, rate payer costs and the procedures for drilling of exempt wells within the service areas.

Further discussion continues on concerns about water rights and the relationship to exempt wells being drilled. This issue is of concern throughout the state.

Port Ludlow:

Larry Smith reviewed the update process for the Port Ludlow water system plan update. He asked about the SEPA review. The County will act as lead agency on behalf of DOH.

New Business:

Discovery Bay:

Frank Meriweather started the discussion about the Northrup water system in Discovery Bay. The WUCC members discussed reverse osmosis, drilling new wells and how to replace a well that has salt water intrusion and transferring water rights between an existing well and a replacement well.

Water Moa indicated he had been discussing the two systems in this area with Chuck MacLeasberry, a civil engineer, these two systems being the Northup system and the Moa system. The WUCC discussed how and who should serve Snug Harbor, the Store, and how the system would be installed in view of WDFW project area and/or crossing State Highway 101 right of way. Walter Moa was concerned with requirements to revise water system plans and requirements for non-community water systems from DOH. This discussion continues on questions about boundary adjustments, the role of the WUCC in compliance to legal requirements on service areas and drilling of exempt wells in service areas that have limited connections and water rights. More discussion continued on the definitions for timely and reasonable, and if the Courts will need to be used to clarify this issue.

Port Townsend:

The next issue reviewed was in regards to the area to the west of the City of Port Townsend and a request by Drew Austin to either hookup or drill exempt wells for residential use or available connections if a new subdivision was proposed. The service area in the CWSP for Port Townsend was reviewed as well as the future service areas for Port Townsend was discussed. Various questions came up regarding what is timely and reasonable, how to extend service lines to properties, and conditions of service from the local purveyors.

WRIA:

Neil Harrington updated the WUCC on the WRIA 17 planning unit efforts including the 43 recommendations, some dealing with municipal water issues. Other issues to consider would include: in stream flow rule making and relinquishments.

Public Comment:

Public Comment: The Chair allowed public comment throughout the meeting to incorporate citizen concerns on the various issues discussed by the WUCC.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Minutes prepared by Al Scalf

