

## **AD HOC STAKEHOLDER MEETING SUMMARY**

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Date: August 17, 2011  
Time: 9:00 am- 11:30 am  
Place: Whatcom County Public Works, Civic Building, Garden Room

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| 1. | Intro and review of agenda  |
| 2. | Changes to the Status-Quo   |
| 3. | Stakeholder Recommendations |
| 4. | Next Steps                  |

### **MEETING ATTENDANCE**

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| George Boggs – Whatcom Conservation District | Nathan Row – APC Consultants               |
| David Galbraith – PSE Engineering            | Peter Gill – Whatcom County PDS            |
| Colleen Mitchell – 2020 Engineering          | Roxanne Michael – Whatcom County PDS       |
| Tim Kennedy - Building Industry Assoc.       | Dustin Atchison – CH2M Hill                |
| Darcy Jones – Jones Engineers                | Kathy Berg – Birch Bay Resident            |
| Craig Parkinson – Cascade Engineering Group  | Keturah Witter – Re Sources                |
| Ingrid Enschede – Whatcom Public Works       | Linda Twitchell – Building Industry Assoc. |

### **MEETING MATERIALS**

- Summary of Potential Program Changes
- Slides: [www.co.whatcom.wa.us/pds/naturalresources/specialprojects/pdf/ad-hoc-meeting-20110817.pdf](http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/pds/naturalresources/specialprojects/pdf/ad-hoc-meeting-20110817.pdf)

### **MEETING CONTENTS**

#### 1. Review Agenda

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

#### 2. Changes to the Status Quo

The meeting was started with slides recapping the four Ad hoc meetings that have occurred prior to this meeting. This meeting was intended to summarize the issues that the group has discussed and to measure support for moving forward with changes to the program. The intended benefits to the community and the land owners was highlighted.

#### 3. Stakeholder Recommendations

The issues discussed at the focus meetings were summarized in the slides. Proposed changes to address those issues were summarized in a handout (see Attachment A). In addition to the changes listed in the handout, the following ideas were discussed:

- Off-site mitigation for stormwater impacts
- Special study areas to establish basin specific stormwater volumes and flow capacity

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- Provide a customer survey of LID program with permit applicants as part of program evaluation criteria.
- Have an adaptive management program that requires we look at maintaining, adjusting, or eliminating the program after five years.
- Outreach and education on maintenance of private LID stormwater facilities is needed, is this a service that BBWARM could provide?
- PDS should ask existing permit applicants if they are interested in adjusting their proposal to meet LID requirements?
- Should a committee be set up to advise on LID projects? How about using the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee?
- Can projects retroactively apply for LID qualification?
- If project applicant wants to modify a pending project to be LID, can they do so without additional permit fees?

#### 4. Next Steps

Technical review over the past two months has resulted in a number of significant changes related to simplifying the LID program, and tying the critical areas regulations closer to the Birch Bay Watershed Characterization Pilot Study. The group has agreed to review the code when the proposed changes (see Attachment A) have been made, at which time another Ad hoc Stakeholder meeting will be held to get final feedback before getting further input at a Birch Bay town hall meeting and then Planning Commission.

*Action Item:* Make changes as proposed in the handout and discussed at the meeting. Bring back the changes to code and supporting materials to the Ad Hoc Stakeholder group for feedback.

## Summary of Potential Program Changes

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### Low Impact Development

- Simplify the LID Point system
  - Remove Open Space and Critical Area categories, add one page checklist
- Point System Should Encourage Redevelopment
  - Retention of existing trees, Reducing impervious, Revegetation, Treatment
- Develop outreach and educational materials on Whatcom County LID standards and costs
- Align with our stormwater standards with NPDES performance requirements
- Define what is “managed” stormwater
- What surfaces count toward stormwater threshold for requiring engineered facilities
- Define what qualifies as an LID BMP
- Develop maintenance requirements to be recorded with the site
- Work on BBWARM fee reduction, tie it to facility maintenance
- Establish evaluation criteria to review program in 5 years

### Habitat Mitigation Fund

- Focus off-site mitigation on habitat creation
- Tie “avoidance” criteria to Pilot Study results
- Require LID to minimize impacts to buffers
- Come up with list of candidate sites to prioritize restoration
- Pilot the program with evaluation criteria