

Advisory Committee Meeting #5

Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility

September 05, 2018 | 5:00 PM TO 7:30 PM

Geneva Fire Station, 4518 Cable Street, Bellingham, WA 98229

Decisions

- September 05 Agenda – Approved
- August 20 Meeting Notes – Approved
- Decisions related to Issue Paper #2 – Rate Structure Alternatives
 - Committee’s initial direction to FCS GROUP was to assume a two-part rate structure:
 - Part 1: Base Charge for both developed and undeveloped parcels. Base charge would be a flat rate, applicable to all parcels. This is intended to primarily recover fixed, programmatic costs such as education, outreach, NPDES compliance, monitoring, administration, billing, etc.
 - Part 2: Variable Charge for impervious surface area. This is intended to recover costs that are assumed to be generally variable in nature. In other words, costs that might go away if every parcel fully mitigated water quantity and water quality issues onsite.
 - Single family parcels would be grouped into three categories, based on actual impervious data: Small, Medium, and Measured. Measured parcels would receive a variable charge with no cap, while there would be a uniform charge for Small parcels and a larger, uniform charge for all Medium parcels. Non-single family parcels would be treated just like Measured single family parcels.
- Decisions related to Issue Paper #3 – Stormwater Rate Credits & Adjustments
 - Committee’s initial direction to FCS GROUP was to assume no rate credits at this time.
 - Rationale: Citing administrative burden and not wanting to offer credits for simply meeting development standards, the Committee’s initial direction was to assume no rate credits. In contrast, the Committee expressed interest in expanding the Homeowner Incentive Program (HIP).

Homework / Action Items

Committee

- Review issue papers and be prepared to discuss and / or make preliminary recommendations
 - Stormwater Capital Facilities Charges

FCS GROUP / Consultants

- Begin developing the rate structure analysis, based on initial direction from Committee.
- Tetra Tech to begin measuring impervious area for all parcels in the watershed.

County Staff

- None noted.

Agenda Topics Covered

- Call to Order / Roll Call
- Approve Agenda
- Approve meeting notes from August 20
- Staff Report / Response to Comments Received
- Discussion / Decision – IP#2: Rate Structure
- Discussion / Decision – IP#3: Rate Credits
- Public Comment Period
- Meeting Summary: Decisions Made & Action Items
- Adjourn