

Advisory Committee Meeting #6

Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility

September 19, 2018 | 5:00 PM TO 7:30 PM

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

Decisions

- September 19 Agenda – Approved
- September 05 Meeting Notes – Approved with a change.
 - Original

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.
 - Revised

Rationale: Citing administrative cost burden and not wanting to offer credits for simply meeting development standards, the Committee’s initial direction was to assume no rate credits.
- Decisions related to Issue Paper #2 – Rate Structure Alternatives
 - Rate structure to apply to developed and developable parcels only. – Approved
 - Rationale: This approach would not charge parcels that legally cannot develop. As a result, parcels with a perpetual conservation easement or other similar deed restriction would not be assessed a charge. This better aligns the rate structure pricing signal with the Lake Whatcom Management Program goals as they relate to water quality and development. As a result, the rate structure will be more equitable and defensible.
 - Proposed change in rate structure terminology as requested by County staff
 - Note: Not voted on, but generally agreed upon by committee members.
 - Original terminology as it relates to rate structure classes: Small, Medium, and Measured
 - Updated terminology: Small, Medium, and Variable

Homework / Action Items

Committee

- None noted.

FCS GROUP / Consultants

- Begin developing the preliminary Capital Facilities Charge calculation.
- Let County staff know if October 17 meeting is a go or no-go—by October 3.

City of Bellingham Staff

- Research deed restrictions that may or may not apply to watershed related properties owned by the City of Bellingham. E.g., conservation easement.

Agenda Topics Covered

- Call to Order / Roll Call
- Approve Agenda
- Approve Meeting Notes
- Staff Report/Response to Comments Received
- Discussion/Decision Follow-up – Rate Structure and Rate Credits
- Introduction – IP#4: Capital Facilities Charges
- Discussion/Decision – IP#4: Capital Facilities Charges
- Public Comment Period
- Meeting Summary: Decisions Made & Action Items
- Adjourn