

**Meeting Summary
Chambers-Clover (WRIA 12)
Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Committee
December 17, 2018 Meeting**

Meeting Information:

Monday December 17, 2018
12:30 pm – 4 pm
Steilacoom Town Hall, 1717 Lafayette Street, Steilacoom
Coffee and snacks available throughout meeting.

Committee Chair:

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	Topic	Time	Action	Handouts	Lead
1.	Welcome and introductions	12:30 pm	None		Chair
2.	Approval of agenda and October meeting summary	12:40 pm	Vote	- Agenda - October meeting summary draft	Facilitator
3.	Committee needs – training, information, collaboration, etc.	12:50 pm	Discussion	-	Chair
4.	Operating Principles	1:25 pm	Activity, presentation, and discussion	- Draft Operating Principles	Facilitator
5.	Next steps	3:25 pm	None		Chair
6.	Public comment – limited to 3 minutes per person	3:45 pm	None		Facilitator
7.	Adjourn	4:00 pm	None		Chair

Next Meeting: January 9, 2019

Meeting materials are available on the [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
Matt Curtis (alternate)	WA Department of Fish and Wildlife	Julian Close (alternate)	Puyallup Tribe
Cal Taylor	Tacoma	Paul Loveless	Steilacoom
Greg Volkhardt (alternate)	Tacoma	Kelly Still	WA Department of Fish and Wildlife
Jessie Gamble	MBA Pierce	Rebecca Brown	WA Department of Ecology

Committee members not in attendance: Squaxin Island Tribe, Chambers-Clover Watershed Council

Other Attendees

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Angela Johnson	WA Department of Ecology	Susan Gulick	Facilitator
Suzanne Skinner	Washington Water Trust		

Approval of agenda and November meeting summary:

- Committee approved agenda with no changes.
- Committee approved November meeting summary with one change to make Greg Volkhardt an alternate to the City of Tacoma. One abstention.

Committee needs: Committee listed known available data, potential collaborators, and data, training, and mapping needs.

Data Available	Data Needs	Training	Collaborations
USGS ground water model – in development	Data to support Appendix B from OP	ECY technical staff	LIO – Alliance for a Healthy South Sound
Salmon Recovery Plan	USGS geology maps	Tribal perspectives	JBLM
Chambers-Clover hydrology studies	Map of sewer vs. non-sewer areas	WRIA 11 information	
Pierce County data: Group A water system, sub-geography, well data (new annual permitted wells going back 20 years), group B water systems, instream flow data.	Map of group A water systems		
	Tacoma/Pierce Co Health Department rules and regulations		
	Water Quality information		

Additional committee needs/questions/comments:

- Different approaches to calculate growth and water consumption. Is it really growth of populations or the additions of new PE wells? Discuss what that difference is, and what is the benefit of looking at growth of PE wells vs general growth?
- What is the expectation coming out of the plan? The identification of projects? The identification of rules/policies/regulations? Lessons learned from Nisqually – the plan goes beyond what expectation was from ECY. Clarify the expectation from ECY.
- So many assumptions that go into calculation consumptive use of water, would be good to have info provided to the group of what info on methodologies is available. What are those assumptions and why/how have they been used?
- We can learn a lot from Kittitas Co – try to get info from them, assumptions, lessons learned from metering, etc.

Operating Principles:

Group exercise: What makes you feel like a respected member of the group? What do you want the committee to know about why you are here.

What makes you feel respected?	Why you're here?
Everyone listens to your opinion without preconceived notions.	This is an important process and Lakewood genuinely cares.
People don't come with a preconceived notion of how they want to vote – they may be open to changing their position as we go through this process.	Pierce Co may be affected by recommendations that come out of this process. Provide info from Pierce County. Want to make sure that decisions are politically supportable.
Not being dismissed, seeing that my thoughts are captured. Disagree without being disagreeable.	Able to help committee identify most effective strategies and projects from science-based and data driven.
Listen and be acknowledged.	Positive impact in Puyallup Tribe's U&A
Not just being listened to, but being heard. Ask clarifying questions if you don't understand.	Lakewood is on the tail end of the watershed, maintaining natural resources is important. They may not have many permit-exempt wells, but have impacts on watershed.
Work hard to make a good final product, respecting time involved. Strive to make something that doesn't just sit on a shelf.	Preserve the area for future generations.
Value the time that is put into the process. Don't show up with preconceived intentions.	Responsible growth and maintainable housing.
Respect the time and use it well.	Small town, only person available to attend meetings – here to represent the town.
Ask questions if you don't understand someone's position.	Guide process through as the chair, making sure that we are going in a direction of meeting NEB.

Committee went through the draft Operating Principles. Chair will supply a new draft of the principles with suggested changes by the first week of January.

General Comments:

- Who is writing the plan? Workgroup?
 - *Ecology is writing the plan with the support and help of the committee. A workgroup could be tasks with drafting portions of it, or reviewing drafts of the plan.*
- Cities don't have permit-exempt wells – isn't that something the counties should be deciding?
- Any opportunity to combine meetings with WRIA 10 (information sharing) would be appreciated.
- Town of Steilacoom won't go beyond legislative mandate.
- Risk of not getting final approval if decisions aren't consensus. Risk of one group holding up process.
- Get info from cities/counties on what kind of decisions would initiate a formal "local review".
- Would the group potentially be voting on expanding the scope of the intent? For example, Squaxin Island Tribe's interpretation of the law to do more than ECY's interpretation?

Next Steps:

- Next meeting: January 9, 2019.
 - WRIA 10 invited to January meeting.
 - Presentations on Hydrogeology and plan content.
 - Committee to review the new draft of the Operating Principles by January meeting.
- Recurring meeting date: 2nd Wednesday of every month 12:30 pm – 4 pm.

Public Comment:

- Suzanne Skinner, Washington Water Trust. Washington Water Trust has done a lot of work on water banking, and moving water around when there is a lack of water. If committee wants to know how those functions happen they will share information to the group.