



### **December 3, 2013 VLWP 49th Meeting Summary**

The forty-ninth meeting of the Vancouver Lake Watershed Partnership was held on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at the Port of Vancouver Administrative Offices.

#### **Attendance:**

##### **Member Present**

Jane Van Dyke  
Lehman Holder  
Don Jacobs  
Gary Kokstis  
Thom McConathy  
David Page  
Jacquelin Edwards  
Vernon Veysey  
Brian Carlson  
Iloba Odum  
Joe Laxson  
Steve Prather  
Ron Wierenga  
Patty Boyden

##### **Member Seat**

Citizen  
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City of Vancouver  
WA Dept. of Ecology  
Clark County Public Health  
Clark Public Utilities (Alternate for Doug Quinn)  
Clark County Environmental Services  
Port of Vancouver

##### **Other Agency Members Present:**

Dorie Sutton  
Annette Griffy  
Jeff Schnabel  
Brett Raunig

##### **Association:**

City of Vancouver  
City of Vancouver  
Clark County Environmental Services  
WA Dept. of Ecology

##### **Public in Attendance:**

Jackson Gross

Smith-Root

##### **Project Management Team:**

Phil Trask  
Eileen Stone  
Alex McManus

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##### **Not in Attendance:**

Bruce Wiseman  
Debrah Marriot  
George Medina  
Ralph Dannenberg  
Allen Lebovitz  
Anne Friesz

Port of Ridgefield  
Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation  
WA Dept. of Natural Resources  
WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

### **Opening of Meeting**

Phil Trask welcomed everyone to the 49th Partnership meeting and reviewed the agenda.

### **Public Comment**

Phil asked for any public comment. No public comment was brought forward.

### **Partnership Feedback on Second Draft of Recommendations Report**

Phil asked for feedback from the group on the second draft of the Recommendations Report. He noted that any major concerns should be raised during this meeting so that changes would have agreement from the group. The Partnership was generally pleased with the changes that had been made based on their comments on November 13, 2013. The Partnership agreed the tone was more characteristic of the Partnership's beliefs and the narrative better told the story of the Partnership. Most comments and suggestions for the second draft were changes to word choice, grammar, and formatting.

The majority of the meeting was a discussion of the potential costs and how to incorporate cost into the report. Some Partnership members wanted to see estimated dollar values for actions discussed; the Partnership had considered broad cost estimates in earlier discussions of lake management actions. Other Partnership members suggested a more abstract discussion of cost, acknowledging that cost has been considered but there is a great amount of uncertainty about actual definitive cost values. The Partnership agreed that an abstract explanation of costs and how cost was incorporated into the process would be the best way to frame the discussion.

The Partnership voiced several suggestions about word choice and improving clarity of some sentences explaining complex concepts and scientific studies. The project management team noted those changes and they will be reflected in the final draft. The Partnership agreed that the final sentences in the management action section describing the Partnership's support towards each action (indicating further consideration or not) should be given greater emphasis. The Partnership suggested pulling those sentences out into bullet form to highlight them. For graphics, the Partnership wanted to see more detail in the next steps of planning process flowchart, incorporating detail from a previous timeline product.

Brian stated that he had some edits on the Ecology SPMD section that he would provide to the Project Management Team. It was agreed that Brian would send draft text to Eileen and it would be sent out to the Partnership members present for their agreement.

After Partnership members had time to voice their opinions and comments about the report in the general discussion, Phil went around the table and asked each member individually if they would sign the report when the final version becomes available. All Partnership members in attendance said they would sign the report with this round of comments incorporated into the final version. Patty asked if members who were not present had indicated whether they would sign the report. Phil and Eileen indicated they spoke several members who indicated they would sign. However, George Medina has indicated for some time that while the Corps will support Partnership efforts as they can, he does not see the Corps as a signing Partnership member although we have always included him as such. He does not want there to be any perceived conflict of interest if the Corps was to provide assistance with Partnership work. The group requested that the Corps be removed from the signature page due to George's concern.

The final report will be available for Partnership review December 11, 2013 and the signing will be on December 18, 2013. As not all members will be present to sign on the 18<sup>th</sup>, a report with the signature page will be at the Port for members to sign before the 18<sup>th</sup>, with the plan to have all signatures before the January 28, 2014 meeting.

#### **Close of Meeting**

Phil thanked the group for their work and closed the meeting.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

##### Partnership:

Wednesday, December 18, 2013, 4-6 pm

Tuesday, January 28, 2014, 4-6 pm

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