



Discovery Clean
Water Alliance

Board of Directors Meeting Second Quarter 2023 MINUTES

Friday, June 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

In-Person / Remote Meeting via GoToMeeting

District Board Meeting Room, 8000 NE 52nd Court, Vancouver, WA 98665

Present:

City of Battle Ground:	Troy McCoy, alternate for Shane Bowman
Clark County:	Sue Marshall
City of Ridgefield:	Ron Onslow
Clark Regional Wastewater District:	Norm Harker

Staff: Clark Regional Wastewater District: John Peterson, David Logan, Matt Jenkins, Robin Krause, Kristen Thomas, Laine Keniston; City of Battle Ground: None; Clark County: None; City of Ridgefield: None.

Attendees: Clark Regional Wastewater District: Denny Kiggins, Neil Kimsey, Britny Carrier, Connie Pekarek; City of Vancouver: Frank Dick; Clark County: None; City of Battle Ground: None; City of Ridgefield: Lee Wells; Foster Garvey Legal Counsel: Lee Marchisio; Interested Citizens: Dan Clark; Guest Speakers: None

Regular Business Meeting

Call to order:

Vice-Chair Onslow called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Late Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Consent Agenda

Action:

Troy McCoy moved, seconded by Sue Marshall, to approve the Consent Agenda, approving the March 17, 2023 meeting minutes; and ratifying claim warrants #10616-10618 in the amount of \$2,139,355.73 for March 2023, claim warrants #10619-10621 in the amount of \$3,042,427.54 for April 2023, claim warrants #10622-10627 in the amount of \$4,553,177.59 for May 2023; authorizing the Alliance Executive Director to sign the City of Vancouver and Discovery Clean Water Alliance Interlocal Agreement for Columbia River Wet Weather Ambient Conditions Study; and adopting Resolution No. 2023-01, adopting the Alliance Investment Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Operator Reports – First Quarter 2023

Matt Jenkins presented the Operator Report covering the Salmon Creek Treatment Plant (SCTP), Ridgefield Treatment Plant (RTP), and the Alliance Transmission System operations and treatment performance through March 31, 2023. He noted that SCTP and RTP treatment performance was stable throughout the first quarter of the year, and that all NPDES permit limits were met.

Mr. Jenkins provided an update on the maintenance accomplishments and priorities of the treatment plants, noting that SCTP staff successfully completed a system-wide CMMS transition from the County's software to the District's Lucity platform in Q1, which was a large undertaking. He also reported that one of the program's two local biosolids agricultural operations will terminate biosolids use at the end of 2024.

Mr. Jenkins provided an update on the operations and maintenance of the Alliance Transmission System, reporting that design and permitting for the replacement of the standby generator at the 36th Avenue pump station will continue throughout Q2.

5. Capital Program Report – First Quarter 2023

Robin Krause presented updates on the capital program and capital project activities. He presented a Capital Program Summary status report for the District-led capital projects included in the 2023-2024 budget period. He provided updates on projects in construction, projects in design, and projects in planning.

Mr. Krause then presented an update on the SCTP Phase 5A Package 2 Effluent Pipeline project. He explained that the contractor completed boring under the BNSF railway to install the 60" steel casing to house the 48" outfall pipe on May 11.

Mr. Krause provided updates on the timelines for a number of ongoing projects, including secondary process improvements at the RTP, and primary sludge pump and SCADA system replacements at the SCTP. Supply chain delays continue to extend project timelines, though staff completed early procurement to purchase equipment without significant cost increases due to inflation.

Mr. Krause presented a chart showing the budget and schedule status of a number of Alliance CIP and R&R projects, showing a majority of the projects tracking within budget or on schedule.

6. Treasurer Report – First Quarter 2023

David Logan presented the staff report, covering the First Quarter 2023 Financial Report reflecting the results from operations for all funds, as well as cash and investment balances as of March 31, 2023.

Mr. Logan noted the next important dates for the 2023-2024 Operating & Capital Budget Amendment processes and anticipated no changes to Regional Service Charges (RSCs) with the budget amendment process. Mr. Logan also reported on the successful 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and State Auditor's Office (SAO) Audit.

7. Regulatory Compliance Program Report

Kristen Thomas presented the staff report, including an update on the Industrial Pretreatment Program, the CDC/WEF National Wastewater Surveillance System (NWSS) Monitoring Project, State and Federal Water Quality Regulatory Processes for the Columbia River Monitoring Program, and PFAS Legislation and Regulation.

8. Administrative Lead Report

John Peterson presented the Administrative Lead (AL) staff report, highlighting the following items, which were included in the agenda packet:

- 1) Ecology 2022 Outstanding Performance Awards: SCTP & RTP – Washington State Department of Ecology awarded the Alliance-owned and District-managed SCTP and RTP with the 2022 Outstanding Performance Awards for 100% compliance in 2022. Mr. Peterson noted this is a significant accomplishment during a difficult year of transition.
- 2) 2023 Legislative Session – Mr. Peterson provided a summary of the items most applicable to the Alliance responsibilities.
- 3) Federal Advocacy Updates – the Administrative Lead continues to evaluate opportunities for federal funding with the assistance of CFM Advocates. The \$3M Alliance funding request has been submitted to the respective Appropriations Committees by Senator Murray and Congresswoman Gluesenkamp Perez.
- 4) Regional Planning Update – Mr. Peterson provided information on capital projects in the current Alliance Capital Plan, including planned future investments in the regional transmission system, liquids treatment systems, solids treatment systems, and support facilities.
- 5) Member Agency and Public Engagement Services – Mr. Peterson shared information about the recent tours provided to local, state, and federal officials. Staff conducted a successful open house event at the SCTP on June 6th, focusing on neighbors near the facility.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Prepared and edited by Alliance Administrative Lead staff. Approved by the
Discovery Clean Water Alliance Board of Directors on:

September 15, 2023

Norm Harker, Secretary