



Discovery Clean
Water Alliance

Board of Directors Meeting Fourth Quarter 2025 MINUTES

Friday, December 19, 2025, 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: Shane Bowman

Clark County: Sue Marshall

City of Ridgefield: Lee Wells

Clark Regional Wastewater District: Norm Harker

Staff: Clark Regional Wastewater District: John Peterson; City of Battle Ground: None; Clark County: None; City of Ridgefield: None.

Attendees: Clark Regional Wastewater District: Neil Kimsey, Denny Kiggins, David Logan, Matt Jenkins, Bill Owen, Leanne Mattos, Kristen Thomas, Britny Carrier, Michaela Loveridge, Maria Swinger-Inskeep; City of Vancouver: Frank Dick; Clark County: Glen Yung; City of Battle Ground: Mark Herceg, Kris Swanson; Interested Citizens: Dan Clark, Tim Keal, Alexa Lee; Foster Garvey Legal Counsel: None; Guest Speakers: None

Regular Business Meeting

Call to order:

Chair Bowman 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:

Sue Marshall moved, seconded by Norm Harker, to approve the Consent Agenda, approving the September 19, 2025 meeting minutes; ratifying claim warrants #10747-10749 & ACH transactions in the amount of \$1,328,477.45 for September 2025, claim warrants #10750-10751 & ACH transactions in the amount of \$1,935,703.42 for October 2025, and claim warrants #10752-10753 & ACH transactions in the amount of \$1,559,438.70 for November 2025; and adopting Resolution 2025-02, adopting the Alliance Investment Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Operator Report – Third Quarter 2025

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 September 30, 2025. He noted that SCTP and RTP treatment performance was stable throughout the third quarter of the year, and that all NPDES permit limits were met.

Mr. Jenkins provided an update outlining the ongoing maintenance accomplishments and priorities at SCTP and RTP, as well as the operations and maintenance of the Alliance Transmission System.

5. Capital Program Report – Third Quarter 2025

John Peterson presented updates on the CIP Program, Repair and Replacement Program, as well as the Building Systems and Annual R&R Allowance projects. Mr. Peterson then ended with a budget update for 1Q-2Q 2026 project efforts.

Discussions took place regarding the new air permit with the Phase 5 expansion, which now requires digester gas treatment for hydrogen sulfide (H₂S); SWCAA provided Notice of Violation on 9/5/25; staff are working with SWCAA to resolve the challenges with obtaining full treatment levels. Staff will present the recommended path forward at the next Board meeting.

Further discussions took place regarding the new NPDES permit implemented for the RTP effective October 1, which set a new effluent temperature limit at 24.6 degrees C. There is currently no control system in place for operations to ensure compliance; staff are conducting screening analysis of available technologies and will provide more information at the next Board meeting.

6. Treasurer Report – Third Quarter 2025

David Logan presented the Third Quarter 2025 Financial Report reflecting the results from operations for all funds, as well as cash and investment balances as of September 30, 2025.

Mr. Logan reported on the early closeout of the \$10M PWB loan for Phase 5, explaining that by completing the project in less than 48 months, the Alliance received an interest rate reduction resulting in savings of \$275K.

Mr. Logan also noted the next important dates for the 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and SAO Audit.

7. Regulatory Compliance Program Report

Kristen Thomas presented an update on the Industrial Pretreatment program, the Washington Wastewater-Based Epidemiology project, PFAS Federal and State legislation and regulation, and the status of various permit updates. She further updated the Board that she is leaving the District at the end of December, relocating to Southern California. The Board thanked her for her hard work during her time with the District and wished her well in her new endeavor.

8. General Sewer Plan / Phase 6 Engineering Report Update

Kristen Thomas and John Peterson presented an update on the progress of the General Sewer Plan and Phase 6 Engineering Report. Their presentation included flow/load projections, Battle Ground transmission options, a liquids treatment update, biosolids management evaluation, support facilities and other supporting elements.

Discussions took place regarding Clark County's Comp Plan update; Director Marshall noted that the County will be selecting a preferred alternative and hopes to have a final plan by June 2026.

John Peterson followed with a policy question to the Board regarding how involved they would like to be with the upcoming 2026 Capital Plan update, 2027-2028 Budget and General Sewer plan update processes. Discussion ensued and the Board agreed that they would be comfortable with shorter reports on the routine items, and more frequent meetings if necessary to provide policy guidance/decisions as needed to move things forward. Mr. Peterson will provide a proposed plan for 2026 engagements at the next meeting.

9. Administrative Lead Report

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

- 1) Federal & State Advocacy Update – Mr. Peterson provided an update on the development of the 2026 Federal and State Agendas.
- 2) Communications Program Update – Mr. Peterson shared information about the ongoing efforts to keep the public, state and federal elected officials and offices, and Member agencies, updated on the work of the Alliance.
- 3) Neil Kimsey Recognition of Service - Mr. Peterson and the Board thanked Commissioner Kimsey for his consistent support and guidance during his years of service with the Alliance since its inception. Mr. Kimsey complimented the District for its excellent work in managing the affairs of the Alliance and expressed thanks to all the Alliance Members for the excellent partnership environment that has developed under the Alliance structure.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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

March 20, 2026

Secretary

