

Attachment to Annual Report Question 13: Description of Public Involvement Mechanisms in Program Development

Overview

Clark County held scheduled and additional Clean Water Commission meetings to review stormwater management program activities and advise the Board of County Councilors on program development and implementation. The stormwater budget and policies such as code and manual adoption are approved through public involvement process including public hearings.

Stormwater Management Plan

The Clark County Stormwater Management Plan is a detailed description of how the county meets the requirements of Permit Special Conditions S5 Stormwater Management Program and S8 Monitoring and Assessment. The 130-page plan includes a description of public involvement in development of the Stormwater Management Program. Clark County posts the Stormwater Management Plan on the Public Works Web page and invites public comments on the plan.

Clean Water Commission

The Clean Water Commission is a nine-member advisory panel appointed by the County Manager. It provides a forum for public participation in the stormwater management program and also informs the County Councilors about stormwater topics and policy recommendations. The commission was created in 1999 by ordinance and is required by Chapter 13.30A of Clark County Code.

The commission is staffed by the Clean Water Division, supporting meetings held at least every two months and an annual presentation to the County Councilors. Public input is solicited at each meeting. The commission also provides input to the County Councilors via letters, reports or public testimony at councilor meetings.

Public Process for Program Actions

Actions taken to implement the Stormwater Management Program often include public input. Examples include SEPA review for county capital projects and code amendments, Planning Commission hearings for adopting equivalent stormwater code and manuals, public hearings for equivalent code and manual adoption, and stormwater program budget approval by the County Councilors. As part of equivalent stormwater code and manual development, stakeholder committees for technical and general issues played a key role in identifying and deciding issues in the draft manual submitted to Ecology in June 2014, final manual and code adopted in November 2015, and minor revisions in 2016.