PUBLIC MEETING

CLALLAM COUNTY’S DRAFT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Wednesday, March 2, 2011
DNR Olympic Region Office Conference Center
411 Tillicum Lane
Forks, WA
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

MEETING SUMMARY

Work Group Members Present:
• Hansi Hals, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe
• Carol Creasey, Clallam County DCD
• Sheila Roark Miller, Clallam County DCD

Others Present:
NOTE: This list only includes persons who signed the attendance roster.
• John Richmond, Citizen
• Ed Bowen, Citizen
• Robert Knapp, Clallam County DCD
• Susan Gulick, Sound Resolutions (Meeting Facilitator)

1. Overview of the Draft Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan
   • Carol Creasey, the project manager for Clallam County, and Susan Gulick, the facilitator of the Stormwater Work Group, provided an overview of the need for a stormwater plan and the preliminary recommendations for the Work Group.
   • The slides from the presentations are available at http://www.clallam.net/RealEstate/assets/applets/Presentation_Public_Meetings.pdf.
   • The Work Groups recommendations formed the basic structure of the draft Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan, which is available at http://www.clallam.net/realestate/html/stormwater_management.htm

2. Question/Answers
   • Q: Please explain the timing of peak flows.
     A: With increased impervious surfaces, precipitation cannot be absorbed. Therefore there is more stormwater runoff and peak flows are both greater and sooner than with natural vegetation.
   • Q: How do Tiers 1-3 vary with parcel size?
     A: The Work Group discussed whether the tiers should consider the percentage of a lot that is covered with impervious surfaces. They ultimately decided not to use a percentage because a small percentage of a very large lot can still have a big impact if the development is on the down-gradient edge of the property. If a development is in the middle of a large lot the stormwater management requirements should be relatively simple because there is ample room for the stormwater to be dispersed for infiltration.
   • Q: Who developed the Small Project Drainage Manual?

If you have questions or comments, please contact Susan Gulick of Sound Resolutions at (206) 548-0469 or by e-mail at Susan@Soundresolutions.com.
A: The manual was developed in the Clallam Conservation District in collaboration with Clallam County. It is now being reviewed and revised by a technical stormwater consultant.

- Q: Did the Work Group incorporate Low Impact development (LID)?
- A: The Work Group discussed LID and has a recommendation to encourage and provide incentives for expanded LID. The stormwater management techniques explained in the Small Project Drainage Manual are LID practices.

3. Public Comment
- We applaud your process, especially because it includes at least two briefings of the Planning Commission. This will ensure there is ample opportunity for public review.
- I don’t think replaced impervious surfaces should be included if the overall total of the impervious surfaces does not increase.
- It is important that the notice to title doesn’t become a lien on a property, which is not the intent. It is okay if it is a “buyer beware” provision.