PUBLIC MEETING

CLALLAM COUNTY’S DRAFT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Monday, March 7, 2011
Board of County Commissioners’ meeting room (160)
Clallam County Courthouse
Port Angeles, WA

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

MEETING SUMMARY

Work Group Members Present:
- Hansi Hals, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe
- Derek Rocket, Ecology
- Carol Creasey, Clallam County DCD
- Sheila Roark Miller, Clallam County DCD
- Pat Willits, Citizen Representative
- John Cambalik, Puget Sound Partnership

Others Present:
NOTE: This list only includes persons who signed the attendance roster.
- Ken Hobson, Citizen
- Eric Carlsen, NOPLE
- Carol Johnson, NOTAC
- Annie O’Rourke, Drafting Solutions
- Ed Chadd, Citizen
- Steve Gray, Clallam County DCD
- Bob Campbell, FMLC
- Connie & Jim Beauvais, Citizens
- 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](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](http://www.clallam.net/realestate/html/stormwater_management.htm)

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.
2. Question/Answers

- Q: Does the plan address forest practices?
  A: No, forest practices are not included. Forest practices are under the jurisdiction of Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

- Q: Do single family residences include outbuildings and driveways?
  A: Yes. All impervious surfaces are included.

- Q: What is the current density in Clallam County and when will Ecology require the County to obtain an NPDES permit?
  A: The density varies throughout the County. It is unknown when or if Ecology will require the County to obtain an NPDES permit. The County is hoping that adoption of a county-wide stormwater plan will satisfy Ecology.

- Q: Is the County required to manage stormwater even if they aren’t subject to an NPDES permit?
  A: Yes. The draft Stormwater Plan provides a comprehensive approach for both rural areas and Urban Growth Areas. The Work Group attempted to develop a plan that would be suitable for the entire County.

- Q: Does the plan address run-off from County roads that impacts private property?
  A: The plan requires new development to manage their stormwater so that it won’t cause downstream harm. The Work Group also recommends that the County adopt a provision that would prohibit intentional discharges into county ditches.

- Q: What is permeable pavement?
  A: It is generally pavers with space between them that allows absorption or pervious asphalt/concrete.

- Q: Will the Small Project Drainage Manual be revised?
  A: Yes. It is currently being reviewed and revised by the County’s technical stormwater consultant.

- Q: Are there adequate staff resources to implement this plan.
  A: It is unlikely that Clallam County can implement the plan in its entirety without additional resources. Once the Work Group recommendations are finalized and the County has considered public comments they will need to assess resource needs and determine how to provide additional resources to implement the plan.

- Q: Will the County also adopt a Clearing and Grading Ordinance?
  A: The Work Group recommended that the County adopt a Clearing and Grading Ordinance as an integral part of its stormwater program.

- Q: Is the clearing and grading threshold per project or cumulative?
  A: The clearing and grading thresholds recommended are per project. The concern about cumulative impacts was discussed with the Work Group. Our technical consultant for the project researched this topic and found that cumulative impacts have not been a significant problem for other jurisdictions. Most people start a project when they have the money and do not plan a project to avoid regulations.
3. Public Comment

- DOT sprays guard rails on Highway 112 with Roundup to keep growth off. Runoff is contaminated and ultimately flows into streams. This needs to be addressed.
- The term “diversion of existing drainage course” needs to be defined.
- I am concerned about a funding source being burdened on people who live on only 11% of the County’s geographic area. Land owned by federal, state, city and tribal governments are not covered by the plan. Stormwater problems often originate on the lands that are not covered by the plan.

The Draft Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan is available at: