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**PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**Nisqually Reach Septic System  
Operation & Maintenance Project**  
Advisory Committee  
Draft Meeting Notes: October 19, 2010

Sherri McDonald, RN, MPA,  
Director  
Diana T. Yu, MD, MSPH  
Health Officer

**Members present:**

Mat Buldis (Aquaculture), Randy Jackson (Septic Professional), Peter Heide, Laura Homan (DOH), Mark Fischer (Community Shellfish Farm), Randall Hurst (Septic Professional), Bryan Wilson, Gregory Moe (Realtors), Gene Brown (Homeowner Association), Cindy James (Ecology)

County Staff: Mark Swartout (Shellfish Protection District staff, Art Starry, Sue Davis, and Linda Hofstad (Environmental Health)

7:00 – 7:15 Approved Meeting Notes from July 20<sup>th</sup>  
Recap & questions  
PSP (red tide) posted from Johnson Pt. to Luhr’s beach late summer.

7:15 – 7:45 Discussed Program Costs & Draft Rate Structure

1. **Draft** program costs: annual estimate of \$259,347.00
  - a. Certificate Administration and data management cost = \$155,025
  - b. Dye test costs = \$11,286
  - c. Supplies = \$5,300
  - d. Quality assurance inspections, technical assistance and compliance = \$44,536
  - e. Workshop cost = \$43,200
2. **Draft** proposed annual rates:= total revenue per year = \$268,055
  - a. High Risk = \$135/system = total revenue \$27,000
  - b. Low Risk = \$60/system + billing rate for additional ERU on parcel = total revenue \$234,820
  - c. Community Drainfields = \$145/system = total revenue \$1,885
  - d. Food and Schools = \$145/system = total revenue \$4,350
3. Current Henderson rate for comparison – rates may be changed based after a 5-year review next year
  - a. High risk = \$94/system
  - b. Low risk = \$34/system
  - c. Community Drainfields = \$171/system
4. The group agreed that the rate structure should be equitable between Henderson and Nisqually.
5. Cost = \$259,347 and revenue = \$268,055 the difference would pay for a Senior and Disabled waiver of annual fees
6. Discussed whether to include the strip of parcels between the district boundaries and the Nisqually River.
  - a. Many systems in small area

- b. Have a history of complaints
  - c. Can adjust the boundary when the program is adopted
  - d. Doesn't make sense to omit this small area from the program when the ground is fairly level and hard to distinguish the drainage direction
  - e. Group agreed to include the area in this program
7. Senior/Disabled
- a. If there is a 100% waiver for Sr/Disabled, then can't provide the mobile home park incentive.
  - b. If there is a 50% waiver for Sr/Disabled, then the mobile home park incentive can be provided
  - c. Henderson has 100% waiver
  - d. Other parts of the county has a 50% SD reduction
  - e. The group decided a 100% waiver
8. Mobile park incentive – reduced rate of 1/3 to 1/2 of year 1 costs **if** the park provides:
- a. Site map of tanks and drainfields
  - b. Inventory list of all septic tanks and structures
  - c. List must include space numbers etc
  - d. Maintenance records of pumpouts and repairs
  - e. Group decided 1/2 off of year 1 cost

8:00 – 8:20 Reviewed *Draft* Program Proposal

- 1. Upon review of the entire program proposal the group agreed unanimously
- 2. Comments for committee members can be provided electronically by Dec. 1

8:20 – 9:00 Public Outreach Plan

- Schedule
  - Committee member involvement
- 1. Newsletter was sent out in July
  - 2. Website has been developed
  - 3. Open House
    - a. First open house - last week of January
    - b. Location options
      - i. Nisqually Wildlife Refuge
      - ii. River Ridge
      - iii. Lacey Community Center
    - c. Listening posts before a presentation and Q&A
    - d. Time is 6:30 to 8:30 or 9:00 PM
  - 4. Board briefing next week
  - 5. This committee will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of January to go over the open house material and finish planning.