

**CAO REVIEW COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES – March 20, 2008**

Attendees:

Committee Members: Ryan Drum, John Evans, Patty Miller, Jim Slocomb, Barbara Thomas, Stephanie Buffum, Stephanie O’Day, and Amy Windrope.

Public: Vicki Heater, Environmental Health - Water Specialist; Mark Tompkins, Environmental Health – Manager

Staff and Consultant Present:

Tom Cowan, Facilitator.

Shireene Hale, Senior Planner, Community Development and Planning Dept.

Lynda Guernsey, Notes Taker, Community Development and Planning Dept.

Time and Location:

8:45 a.m. – 1:50 p.m., San Juan Island Grange, 152 First Street North, Friday Harbor.

Next Meeting(s):

9:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m., Orcas Hotel

Meeting:

- January 31, 2008 notes accepted.
February 28, 2008 notes accepted with changes. Page 2 – typo; Page 2 ACOC d. Army Corps of Engineers; Correct date from 28th to 29th.
- Citizen Input: There were no citizens to speak.
- Shireene introduced Vicki Heater as a speaker. Vicki stated that upon WRIA’s preliminary review of the CARA document, she wanted the committee to how much they appreciated the hard work that had been done. WRIA will be working on the issues for years to come. WRIA did feel there were issues not addressed and if the CAO committee would table the CARA section for now, then WRIA would work on them for the next few months and then meet with the committee to discuss them. Mark Tompkins stated his support for this approach. After discussion, a date of June 19, 2008 was agreed upon for WRIA and the CAO committee to come back together.
- Vicki and Mark went through with the CAO committee, the 7 items from the List for inclusion in the CARA ordinance fro the WRMC, 3-08, to make sure they were understood. Items for WRIA to look at:
 1. The language in #1.

2. Hydrologist in #4, a list of the situations when a hydrologist when need to be used.
 3. Language to be very specific so decisions can be clearly made, no dueling hydrologists.
 4. Discussion of maps, their effective dates and their concurrency with ordinance.
 5. Grey water and desal issues discussed. WRIA can review desal but won't have information as soon as committee would like. More discussion was held regarding review of desal by WRIA in new subdivisions, requests from the County Council, and timing of work to be done.
 6. Item #2, need to define objective of CARA aquifer recharge – frame what's going to show up in the ordinance.
- Discussion of Comprehensive Plan and U.D.C. docket process and the idea of putting groundwater put through this year or hold and put all sections through at one time next year. The committee will wait until after the meeting with WRIA on the 19th of June to make decision on whether or not to take groundwater ahead separately or not. That way they can review the language for the ordinance and have a timeline for the other sections completion.
 - More discussion of desalinization. Vicki to get a copy of Jean Ritchie's analysis to the committee.
 - Discussion of what is policy and how effective it is.
 - Comprehensive Plan, Section B, Element 2 – Land Use

By consensus, in 2.5B Critical Areas:

1. Change in language to #1, page 1 – Insert the word “that” between “ensure” and “there” in the first sentence. Add to the end of the first sentence, to be made part of that sentence, - as of the date of adoption of this ordinance, unless otherwise noted.
2. Change in language to #5, page 1 – Delete the word “harm” in all occurrences and replace with “additional loss”.
3. Change in language to #7, page 1, - Allow existing uses to continue at their present levels but apply new regulations to preexisting uses if additional loss to Critical Areas is quantified. ~~harm to Critical Areas is identified.~~
4. Change to #12.d. Wetlands (4) – Insert RCW paragraph.

Moved by Jim Slocomb, seconded by Barbara Thomas, to adopt Comprehensive Plan, Section B, Element 2, Land Use as modified above. The vote will allow for minority reports on sections a member might not agree on. Ryan Drum – yes, with option; Patty Miller – yes, with option; Stephanie O'Day – yes, with option; Jim

Slocomb – yes; Stephanie Buffum – yes; John Evans – yes, with option; Todd Goldsmith – yes; and Barbara Thomas – yes. Motion passed unanimously with options for minority reports.

- Discussion of Draft Proposed CARA Amendments to the San Juan County Unified Development Code dated February 21, 2008.

By consensus:

In 18.60.270 Groundwater Protection Standards:

1. A new item D. added that address the recommended changes by WRIA, that included when items are required to be done by WRIA, and the role of the County Hydrologist.

In 18.60.250 Extension of urban-level capital facilities and services into rural areas, D. and D. 2.:

1. Add reference to 18.60.250 F. as – except as called out in 18.60.250 F.

In 18.60.250 Extension of urban-level capital facilities and services into rural areas, F.:

1. Items 2., 5., and 6., should be deleted. Though this was not a motion a roll call vote was done, those that vote no have the option to submit a minority report. Ryan Drum – yes; Patty Miller – yes; Stephanie O’Day – yes; Jim Slocomb – no, with option; Stephanie Buffum – no, with option; John Evans – yes; Todd Goldsmith – abstain; and Barbara Thomas – no, with option.

- Citizen Input: There were no citizens to speak.
- Shireene asked if the County should inspect any business next to public water supplies, or wells, or critical aquifer recharge areas.

Ryan Drum – yes; Patty Miller – no, use education; Stephanie O’Day – no, use education; Todd Goldsmith – yes, with certain thresholds and chemicals defined; Jim Slocomb – yes; John Evans – no; and Barbara Thomas – yes.

- Consensus that the next time an item comes forward for vote that a member feels they need time to review before voting, then that item will be tabled until such time as review is completed.
- Discussion of lists by use categories. For the next meeting, Shireene will look at the I.B.C. use categories and Jefferson County document.

- Discussion of inspections. Consensus that inspections be done by 1. Registered Environmental Health Specialist 2. Generic inspection done by San Juan County Community Development and Planning or Health and Community Services.
- Discussion of the words “shall” or “are” in 18.30.140 C. 1. Ryan Drum – shall; Patty Miller – abstain; Stephanie Buffum – are; Todd Goldsmith – shall; John Evans – are; and Jim Slocumb – shall.
- Discussion of funding for inspector.
- Discussion of Strategy for Protecting Groundwater in San Juan County document dated February 28, 2008. Consensus, that in 3.e., the word “Establish” be deleted and replaced with “Provide annual” and the words “and storage capabilities on” be deleted and replaced with “ to populated ferry and”.
- Discussion of Stormwater.
- Discussion of LIDs.