San Juan County
Water Resource Management & Storm and Surface Water Advisory Committees
Minutes
Town of Friday Harbor Fire Hall
January 10, 2018

Members attending: Kyle Loring, Gary Sale, Laura Jo Severson, Kimbal Sundberg, Vicki Heater, Bob Eagan, Buck Smith

Staff: Kyle Dodd, SJCHCS; Kendra Smith, SJCPW; Bill Watson, Council

Public: N/A

Minutes from December 13, 2017 approved.

Updates
County – Provided background on the purpose of the water element in response to recent discussions by the Committee. The element should provide information on the current state of water resources, and describe how we are currently managing them. Then the plan should generally discuss where we want to go with water resource management. Specific tasks/development changes go on the Implementation List.

ECY – Legislature back in session with 3 priorities: 1. McCleary decision – trying to determine how to fund education. 2. Capital budget – has been held since June 30, 2017, mainly due to political deadlock on Supreme Court HIRST decision. 3. HIRST decision legislative fix.

Discussion on R.O. treatment and how it is reviewed at the County level and whether or not we need to add a statement in the Element to ensure data is collected.

Comp. Plan Water Use Element work product
Continued discussion of current draft of document. Comment that the draft needs more consistency. Should revisit what we are trying to communicate with the Element. Discussion about where we want to go with Clean Water Utility. Some specific comments were accepted to incorporate into the draft.