

# Healthy Watersheds Committee

Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Attendees: Jane C., Jenna S., and Jack B. (Community Volunteers), Ginny and Heidi (OLWS Board Members), Aaron and Tessie (OLWS staff)
2. Summary Presentation about OLWS Watershed Protection
  - a. 20 minute slideshow about the OLWS Stormwater Program
    - i. Question asked about why it is 9,880 program hours:
      1. The program hours were submitted with the original 1995 permit application as the minimum amount of hours that would be allocated to the program.
    - ii. Question about where to find answers to questions or report concerns:
      1. The OLWS website is a resource for finding answers and contacting about questions. The website as a link at the upper right corner for “Contact Us” or an email can be sent to [info@olws.org](mailto:info@olws.org)
    - iii. What streets do Clackamas County (CC) sweep and how often, the OLWS Stormwater Management Program Document (SWMP) states the county sweeps “curbed streets”?
      1. The 2013 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CC and OLWS is that the County will complete routine seasonal street sweeping within the district and street sweep one zone annually on CC-maintained street for the zone OLWS is performing stormwater maintenance (Zone 4 for this fiscal year). The SWMP says that CC will sweep “publicly owned, major arterials and curbed streets” “approximately twice per year” (From OM-1 BMP Description in Table on SWMP page 32). CC reports to OLWS the number of miles swept and volume of debris removed annually. CC does not request nor does OLWS give direction regarding the location or timing of the street sweeping.
    - iv. Are the stormwater monitoring tests completed by OLWS staff?
      1. Sanitary Treatment Plant testing is completed by OLWS staff, but stormwater testing is completed by a contracted testing facility.

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- v. How do we get more business involved in the Healthy Watersheds Committee?
  - 1. The Healthy Watersheds Committee is open to the public and follows Public Meeting Requirements for notification about meetings. This was the first meeting after a long break, so business members might not have read or understood the meeting notification.
- vi. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) permit expires September 30, 2026. Is there anything the Healthy Watersheds Committee can do for the permit renewal process?
  - 1. No, Brown and Caldwell is the contracted consultant working with all the permit co-permittees for the permit renewal. OLWS staff are working directly with the consultant on this process.
- vii. How does a property owner get stormwater improvements installed near their property?
  - 1. Each situation is unique so there is no single answer. Location and maintenance responsibilities are key factors to determine what is possible. Property owners should contact OLWS at [info@olws.org](mailto:info@olws.org) for general questions. If a property owner is interested in constructing something, specific permit questions can be sent to [permits@olws.org](mailto:permits@olws.org).
- viii. What does the Public want?
  - 1. Multiple public surveys have been completed over the years. A summary of the 2019 surface water management customer survey is attached, with comparison to the 2010 survey.

## 3. Discussion Topics

- a. Quarterly or monthly meetings were requested. Quarterly was selected.

Scheduled dates for future meetings, with topics:

- i. September 16, 2025 @ 6:30 PM – Program Partners Presentation by Lara, OLWS Water Quality Coordinator
- ii. December 16, 2025 @ 6:30 PM – Presentation on the Watershed Protection Annual Report submitted to DEQ
- iii. March 17, 2026 @ 6:30 PM – Discussion about FY27 Program Partners

## 4. Adjourned at 7:40 PM