



## Healthy Watersheds Committee

Meeting Minutes for September 16, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Attendees: Jane C., Jenna S., and Jack B. (Community Volunteers), Ginny (OLWS Board Member), Lara and Tessie (OLWS staff)
2. Presentation about OLWS Water Quality Coordinator position
  - a. 30 minute slide show about the OLWS Water Quality Coordinator staff position
    - i. Question about applying for grant funding for OLWS
      1. OLWS does not apply for stormwater grants but our program partners will use our funding agreements to leverage grant opportunities. An example is EcoBiz showing our funding agreement to support additional grant funds to use for the creation of educational videos
    - ii. Question about how the test site locations and testing types were selected
      1. The test locations were determined by the MS4 co-permittee group as part of our MS4 permit. The required tests are set by DEQ.
    - iii. Follow-up question: Are the same sites used for each test every time?
      1. Yes, tests occur at the same site to create a long-term data collection of the pollutants to determine trends.
3. Question and Answer period
  - a. Discussion about increasing fish passage in the OLWS boundary and [6PPD-quinone](#)
    - i. Increased fish passage within our boundary is a topic that OLWS residents have stated is important to them. 6PPD is a chemical additive to tires to slow them from breaking down too quickly. This chemical reacts with ozone to create 6PPD-quinone, which is toxic to fish and lethal for coho salmon. There needs to be a balance to reduce 6PPD-quinone in our stormwater and increasing fish passage to avoid creating a system where the fish can enter but the water is too toxic for their

survival. OLWS is working with our Program Partners to identify locations that will create the greatest benefit for infrastructure to trap 6PPD-quinone from road runoff before it enters our streams and creeks. Maintaining proper tire pressure is something the public can do to help reduce this toxic chemical from entering waterways.

- b. What is the status of the Walta Vista Culvert Replacement project?
  - i. OLWS is comprised of private property and Clackamas County right-of-way. The Walta Vista and River Road Culvert Replacement Project is a 2012 Clackamas County stormwater and roadway project that was being designed in partnership with Oak Lodge. The project received funding for 30% design which was completed in 2013. The 2016 cost for the culvert work was estimated at \$3.4 million. The Boardman Wetland project was estimated to cost half that amount, so the focus of Clackamas County and Oak Lodge staff was placed on constructing the Boardman Wetland project instead. Eight months ago, OLWS Staff asked Clackamas County staff about the Walta Vista project status and we were told that this project is currently not planned due to the high construction cost and complexity with the design location.
  - ii. There is a Clackamas County and OLWS partnership project for Boardman and Arista area called the [Boardman Flood Attenuation Options Study](#) Project. Waterways Consulting is the consultant for the project and a Public Meeting to get feedback about the different alternatives presented is tentatively planned for October 21, 2025, at OLWS Tech Services Conference Room. Clackamas County will be sending out meeting information prior to the event.

4. Adjourned @ 7:30 PM