

Meeting Minutes

City of Bainbridge Island Environmental Technical Advisory Committee

November 19th, 2020

Location: Zoom

Call to Order at 3:24 PM

Member Attendees:

Charlie Kratzer
Juan Rovalo
Steve Saepoff
Dylan Frazer
Benjamin Harrison

Members Absent:

Michelle McClure
Melanie Keenan
Jane Hannuksela
Casey Schmidt

Council Liaison: Christy Carr

Guest Presenter: Jason Flowers, Murraysmith

COBI staff: Annie Hillier

Minutes from September 24th, 2020 meeting approved by 5-0 vote.

COBI-funded study on tertiary wastewater treatment options

- Jason Flowers, lead wastewater treatment engineer for Murraysmith consultants, gave a 50-minute presentation on the study. This included answering many questions from ETAC.
- Murraysmith researched the levels of many contaminants of emerging concern (CECs) in both the influent and effluent from the BI main treatment plant. Some CECs were effectively removed by the treatment processes, while several were not. Overall, none of the CECs exceeded any established drinking water standards. In general, standards have not been established for these CECs for the protection of the receiving waters (Puget Sound).
- Jason presented several treatment options to increase the removal effectiveness for CECs.

True-Brown habitat management plan (HMP)

- Annie Hillier, planner with COBI, gave an overview of the expected review role for ETAC. With the loss of Casey Schmidt and Karl Shearer from the HMP sub-committee, the ETAC sub-committee is down to two members (Juan Rovalo and Steve Saepoff). ETAC will try to add 1-2 members to the sub-committee for future HMP reviews.
- Juan and Steve have put together some initial responses and will meet in the coming weeks to finish their comments. At that point a short ETAC meeting will be planned to approve the comments that can then be forwarded to COBI Planning.

Groundwater Fact Sheet

- Charlie revised the fact sheet with inputs from Casey, Dylan, and Juan. This version was included in the meeting package. After some discussion and a few additional comments, the fact sheet was approved by a vote of 5-0, with the assurance that some comments will be addressed. These include adding a mention of coordination with the Climate Action Plan, simplification of trend analysis, and improved placement of figure 7 title.
- Charlie will make the agreed-upon changes and forward the fact sheet to COBI Public Works with a recommendation on who to send it to at KPUD and USGS for their review.

Meeting adjourned at 5:11 PM



Charlie Kratzer, Chair 12/30/20