

## Meeting Minutes

### City of Bainbridge Island Environmental Technical Advisory Committee

March 18, 2021

Location: Zoom

#### **Members Present:**

3:07 PM -- Charlie Kratzer, Ben Harrison, Dylan Frazer, Melanie Keenan, and Steve Saepoff

3:20 PM – Jane Hannuksela joins

#### **Members Absent:**

Michelle McClure

Casey Schmidt

Juan Rovalo

Minutes from February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting approved by 5-0 vote.

#### Hoveida habitat management plan (HMP)

- The ETAC Review Comments on the Hoveida HMP were approved by a 5-0 vote.
- Charlie will transmit the comments to Annie Hillier, COBI Planning after the meeting.

#### Chair Report and other items

- COBI Public Works hired a LT Hydrologist on 1/8/21, Maureen Whalen, currently working for Environment Canterbury in New Zealand. Maureen started working on 2/22/21 as an independent contractor. In May/June she will transition to COBI for the 2-3 LT Hydrogeologist position in charge of developing a Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) for Bainbridge Island.
- ETAC would like another update on the groundwater monitoring on Bainbridge Island from COBI/KPUD
- Charlie was contacted by Deb Rudnick of the BI Watershed Council about interest in hearing a presentation by Laurie Geissenger (Seattle City Light). In the mid-1990s, Laurie was the Vice-Chair of the advisory committee that developed a GWMP for the sole-source aquifer on Vashon Island (adopted in 1998). This would take place at the Watershed Council May meeting and could include either all of ETAC or just the ETAC GWMP sub-committee of Charlie, Melanie, Juan, and Casey.
- According to Christy Carr, the next edition of COBI Connects (May 2021) will have a Council Message by Christy. This would be a great opportunity to include the GW Fact Sheet and introduce the topic of the fact sheet, GWMP process, and the hiring of Maureen Whalen.
- Charlie is going to contact Kristen Drew, Communications Director for COBI, about the formatting of the GW Fact Sheet for inclusion in COBI Connects. It looks like the margins

can be reduced, allowing for enlarging some of the figures in the fact sheet and still staying within the 4-page limit. Charlie will also add that the fact sheet was peer-reviewed by USGS and KPUD.

WRIA 15 revised draft report

- At the March 3<sup>rd</sup> joint meeting with UAC, it was discovered that the methodology for projecting permit-exempt (PE) wells for Bainbridge Island is not well defined in the WRIA15 report. The projection of 491 PE wells to be added in the next 20 years seems unreasonably high. Chris Wierzbicki is going to ask the WRIA15 committee for clarification and get back to UAC and ETAC. At that point, the ETAC sub-committee on the WRIA15 report (Melanie, Ben, Charlie, and Juan) will discuss on-line. There may be another UAC/ETAC joint meeting as well. In the meantime, ETAC will hold off on any letter of recommendation to the City Council about the report.

Meeting adjourned at 3:59 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charlie Kratzer', is positioned above a horizontal dashed line.

Charlie Kratzer, Chair 9/16/21