Washington On-Site Rule Revision Committee (ORRC) ORRC Meeting # 6 Meeting Summary – April 18, 2019



Committee Members in Attendance:

Alyssa Barton, Environmental Groups, Alternate Art Starry, LHJs, Western WA, Alternate Betsy Howe, Citizens Groups, Primary Chuck Ahrens, WA On-site Sewage Association, Primary

Dave Jensen, OSS Design Engineers, Primary **Dave Lowe,** WA OSS Technology Manufacturers, Primary

Dave Tegeler, Citizens Groups, Alternate
Jeanette McKague, WA Realtors, Alternate
Jerry Stonebridge, OSS Designers, Alternate
Jim Bell, National OSS Technology Manufacturers,
Primary

John Kiess, LHJs, Western WA, Primary Jon Ness, LHJs, Eastern WA, Alternate Jon Sherve, LHJs, Eastern WA, Primary Josh Gunia, OSS Installers, Primary JR Inman, OSS Service Providers, Primary Laurie Morgan, WA Dept of Ecology, Primary Mike Moren, OSS Design Engineers, Alternate Rick Dawson, LHJs, Eastern WA, Primary Warren Iverson, Property Right Groups, Alternate Bill Dewey, Shellfish Industry, Primary

Others in attendance:

Corrina Marote, Skagit Co Public Health
Randy Trox, OR Dept of Environmental Quality
Stuart Glasoe, WA State Board of Health
Aleceia Tilley, WA Dept of Health
Jade Hudek, WA Dept of Health
Mike Dexel, WA Dept of Health
Leslie Turner, WA Dept of Health
Lisette Anson, WA Dept of Health
Randy Freeby, WA Dept of Health
Jeremy Simmons, WA Dept of Health

- Welcome/Introductions

The meeting began at 9:13 am. The facilitator reviewed the agenda and ground rules. Introductions were made around the room and over the phone. The facilitator asked one of the committee members to speak about a recent bill that was signed by the governor last night, Senate Bill 5503, which relates to this rule currently under revision. Department of Health (DOH) reminded the committee that section 3 of the bill was vetoed and the Governor's office's statement of why was read. One of the committee members noted that April 4th, 2019 Technical Sub-committee Meeting notes needed correction as there were committee members that were present but not noted on the meeting notes. The facilitator agreed with the corrections and stated the corrections were made and sent out, however, DOH will send the correction version again.

- Permit requirements -0200

The issue paper had several changes that were made at the policy and technical subcommittee before being presented to the ORRC. DOH asked if any questions needed to be addressed prior to voting. A suggestion was made to revise some of the verbiage from the definition of minor repair. Discussions continued about the suggestion. A committee member suggested the verbiage be changed to allow repairs of drainfields up to 15 fifteen feet (previously 10 feet) and other committee members agreed. A suggestion was made to add piping or conveyance in the definition of minor repair and the committee agreed. Another suggestion was made to change the language in subsection 6b, to match the language with other papers, specifically, the minimum land area paper. A call was made to vote on the document as displayed and was vetoed by a member for further discussion. Another call for voting for the document as it appears on the screen, however, there were follow up questions. Additional suggestions were made for additions to the issue paper and was supported by a committee member in order to clean up the language a bit. Changes were made to -0200(1). The facilitator asked if there were any concerns with content. A vote was requested by the committee for all the verbiage as it is displayed on the screen. Unanimously all primary committee members voted in agreement for the document as presented.

- Requirements for designs which facilitate O&M – 0238

The paper was brought forth from the technical subcommittee to the ORRC. The facilitator opened the floor for discussions or questions. A motion was made to remove some language from the issue paper. A committee member called for a vote with the removal of language and was seconded by another committee member. The committee unanimously voted in favor for the issue paper with the removal of the verbiage.

- Owner responsibilities -0270

DOH explained some of the changes made in the policy subcommittee to this issue paper. Discussion was opened to the committee. A suggestion was made to change 1b and was agreed upon by the committee. A suggestion was made to make changes to 1-k-ii. ORRC was reminded that subsection 2d is not a part of the discussion as it still under construction and to be spoken about in the June meeting. A motion to vote was called and seconded, on the document as displayed to the committee without subsection 2d. The vote was cast and counted as 13 in favor with 2 opposed.

A question was asked what happens to the tabled topics and the facilitator expressed that this information is available through the notes and the schedule is constantly updated to included tabled issues. An additional email is also sent with "parking lot" items, where tabled issues also are documented.

Discuss repairs of failures -0280
 An additional primary voting committee member entered the group for the next discussions and votes. DOH explained the discussions the policy subcommittee had prior to presenting this issue paper to the ORRC. The floor was opened to discussion. A suggestion was made for the

paper to the ORRC. The floor was opened to discussion. A suggestion was made for the language from recently signed SB 5503 be inserted in subsection 1a & 2 and agreed by the committee. The committee agreed to table inserting the language of the bill during this meeting, however, would like to review the changes at a later time, seconded and agreed upon from the committee. A vote was cast for approval as displayed to the ORRC, results were 14 in favor with 2 opposed.

A 45 minute lunch break was called.

- Discuss nitrogen reducing technology testing requirements
 After lunch, ORRC continued promptly at 12:15 p.m., although not all committee members had returned from lunch. DOH explained the discussions that ensued about the issue paper brought from the technical committee to the ORRC. A motion to vote was made and seconded. The vote was counted as 13 in favor, with none opposed.
- Discuss Minimum Land Area -0320 DOH recapped the discussion that occurred at the technical subcommittee. Discussion was opened to the floor. A motion was made to change the 10,000 sq ft minimum usable land proposal. A request to amend the previous motion and take out the suggestion, was seconded by another committee member due to the motion being redundant to what is already in the document. And due to the amendment, changes were made to the Table X to include minimum usable land area. A motion was called to show the mass loading, by showing the basis or factors, which can be done as footnote, as long as they are included into the issue paper. A motion was called to vote on the principle of the document as long as the ORRC can review and revisit Table XI and the assumptions that would be used. DOH agreed to update Table XI and to include scenarios to review. A vote was cast on the principle of the document with additional information to be redisplayed by DOH, 9 in favor with 8 opposed. DOH stated that the requested information could be given to the ORRC for review in the next couple of weeks. There were several concerns about this issue paper that the ORRC requested to see. Those being: justification of the numbers, to include where the numbers come from and confirmation of the ground water quality remaining high. There were additional concerns about the application of the proposal; contingents pertaining to lot size, 10,000 sq foot usable land area requirement and what will be done with wells. ORRC also requested for DOH to specify the values for residential in the guidance.

Before leaving, DOH discussed the update to the schedule, parking lot items and additional issues list. The meeting concluded at 2:54 pm.

Next ORRC Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday**, **June 20**, **2019** at Department of Health in Kent, WA.