# Washington On-Site Rule Revision Committee (ORRC) FINAL Meeting Meeting Summary – August 8, 2019



## Committee Members in Attendance:

Betsy Howe, Citizens Group Bill Dewey, Shellfish Industry Bruce Wishart, Environmental Groups Chuck Ahrens, WA On-site Sewage Association Cindy Alia, Property Rights Groups Dave Jensen, OSS Design Engineers Dave Lowe, Washington OSS Technology Manufacturers Doug McMurtrie, Tulalip Tribe Jeanette McKague, WA Realtors Jerry Stonebridge, OSS Designers Jim Bell, National OSS Technology Manufacturers John Kiess, Local Health Jurisdiction – Western WA Large County Jon Ness, Local Health Jurisdiction – Eastern WA Small County Jon Sherve, Local Health Jurisdiction – Eastern WA Large County Josh Gunia, OSS Installers JR Inman, OSS Service Providers Laurie Morgan, WA Department of Ecology Mike Moren, OSS Design Engineers Rob Drexler, WA Realtors Stuart Whitford, Local Health Jurisdiction – Western WA Small County

# Others in attendance:

Corrina Marote, Skagit County
Jeremy Simmons, WA Department of Health
Leslie Turner, WA Department of Health
Lisette Anson, WA Department of Health
Mike Dexel, WA Department of Health
Randy Freeby, WA Department of Health

# Committee Members not in attendance:

Jeff Parsons, Puget Sound Partnership
Jennifer Pouliotte, Puget Sound Partnership

Terry Hull, On-site Financing

### Welcome/Introductions

The meeting began at 9:09 AM. The facilitator reviewed the agenda, charter and meeting agreements. Introductions were made around the room and over the phone. DOH staff explained that, since the agency has a timeline to comply with in order to move forward to the informal comment period, the agency may opt to forward the recommendations made by the subcommittees for any issue papers not covered by the ORRC today. The facilitator confirmed 18 primary voters in attendance.

# Next Steps

DOH staff discussed the next steps of the rule revision and reviewed the updated timeline that can be found on the website. Staff explained that the informal comment period will run August 27 – October 8. After the informal comment period and suggestions have been collected, the ORRC will meet one final time for DOH to share the final draft language before the formal comment period and celebrate the participation of the committee. Staff shared that the dates are not yet final and will be final by next week. Information will be shared via email, GovDelivery, and on the website.

# Designs which Facilitate O&M

Staff explained that the changes to this issue paper were not revisited by the subcommittees. After discussions around the room, the ORRC chose to retract the issue paper and not vote on it.

#### Setbacks to Stormwater Facilities

Staff discussed the changes made. Additional revisions were made to the issue paper durign discussion. The ORRC voted unanimously, with 18 in favor for the language as displayed.

# Residential Sewage Quality

Staff discussed the changes from the technical subcommittee. After a brief discussion, the ORRC voted 14 in favor, 3 opposed and 1 abstention, for the language as displayed.

# Loading Rates

Staff explained that this issue paper was sent to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAG) instead of being assigned to a subcommittee for further review. After some discussion, changes were made to the issue paper.

The committee had a brief 10 minute break.

After the break, the ORRC had more suggestions on improving the verbiage. The ORRC chose to vote on the concept of the discussions had today and leave DOH to improve the verbiage for readability and clarity. The ORRC voted 15 in favor, 1 opposed and 2 abstentions for the concept of the discussion versus verbiage as displayed.

#### Minimum Land Area

Staff explained how this issue paper was finalized without being revisited by a subcommittee, because this issue paper had previously been presented at least twice to each subcommittee. Staff shared the changes. After a brief discussion, the ORRC voted, 15 in favor, 2 opposed and 1 abstention, for the language as displayed.

#### Sewage Products -0100

The ORRC voted unanimously, with 18 in favor, for the language as displayed with no discussion.

Proprietary Product Field Testing Table VI and Table IX
 DOH presented the changes made to the issue paper from the technical subcommittee. The ORRC voted 16 in favor and 2 abstentions for language as displayed.

The committee stopped for a 30-minute lunch.

After returning from lunch, the facilitator shared that from this point forward all discussions per issue paper will be shorten to 15 minutes to keep the ORRC on schedule. One primary voting member was excused during lunch, changing the amount of voters from 18 to 17.

- Proprietary Product Field Testing -0110, 0120, 0130
   Staff shared that the only portion that the ORRC is voting on today is on operation, monitoring and maintenance owner responsibilities, as the remainder of language had been voted on at previous meetings. After some discussion, changes were made to the language. The ORRC voted 16 in favor and 1 opposed to the language as displayed.
- Inspections with SSB 5503 incorporated After a brief discussion, the ORRC voted 16 in favor and 1 opposed for the language as displayed.
- Repair of Failures with SSB 5503 incorporated
  After a brief discussion, the ORRC voted 16 in favor with 1 opposed to the language as displayed.
- Remediation

The ORRC voted 16 in favor and 1 opposed without any discussion.

Sea Level Rise in Local Management Plans
 Staff presented the additional issue paper that the technical subcommittee had previously requested. The ORRC voted 7 in favor and 10 opposed the proposed language. The facilitator explained that the charter identifies a majority vote as 60%. The vote for this issue paper equals 58%.

# - Abandonment

Staff shared a summary of the discussion from the subcommittee and reviewed the changes. After a brief discussion on verbiage, a small change was made to the issue paper. The ORRC voted unanimously in favor of the issue paper with changes.

Define Fill and Protection Zone

Staff shared the changes to the issue paper. The ORRC voted 16 in favor and 1 abstention with language as displayed.

- Miscellaneous

Staff presented the issue paper. After a brief discussion, the ORRC voted 15 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention to the language as displayed

Remaining issues

Staff shared that there are several issues that the agency didn't address and that it is uncertain where they will land in the final draft rule language. These issues have been documented and staff plan to address them. None of the remaining issues will change the ideas/concepts agreed upon by the ORRC. Staff advised that any aversions/recommendations should be brought up during the

informal public comment period.

The facilitator is to forward the invitation for the celebratory meeting on 12/12/2019 at the DOH campus in Tumwater. Facilitator is also to email information regarding the informal comment period and the public workshops.

Meeting adjured at 2:03 pm.		

Next Meeting, December 12, 2019 at Department of Health – Building TC3, Conference Room 265.