

Committee Members in Attendance:

Betsy Howe, Citizens Groups
Bruce Wishart, Environmental Groups
Chuck Ahrens, WA On-site Sewage Association
Cindy Alia, Property Rights Group
Dave Jensen, OSS Design Engineers
Dave Lowe, WA OSS Technology Manufactures
Dave Tegler, Citizens Groups, *Alternate*
Jake Lowe, WA OSS Technology Manufactures, *Alternate*
Jeanette McKague, WA Realtors, *Alternate*
Jerry Stonebridge, OSS Designers
John Kiess, Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJs) – Western WA
Jon Sherve, LHJs – Eastern WA
Jon Ness, LHJs – Eastern WA, *Alternate*
Josh Gunia, OSS Installers
JR Inman, OSS Service Providers
Laurie Morgan, WA Department of Ecology
Rick Dawson, LHJs – Eastern WA
Rob Drexler, WA Realtors
Stuart Whitford, LHJs– Western WA
Terry Hull, On-site Financing
Warren Iverson, Property Rights Groups, *Alternate*

Others in attendance:

Stuart Glasoe, State Board of Health
Jade Hudek, WA Dept. of Health
Mike Dexel, WA Dept. of Health
Jeremy Simmons, WA Dept. of Health
Randy Freeby, WA Dept. of Health
Lisette Anson, WA Dept. of Health
Leslie Turner, WA Dept. of Health

Committee Members not in attendance:

Jim Bell, National OSS Technology Manufactures
Jeff Parson, Puget Sound Partnership
Doug McMutrie, Tulalip Tribe
Bill Dewey, Shellfish Industry

Welcome/Introductions

- The meeting began at 9:04 am. The facilitator reviewed the agenda and ground rules. Introductions were made around the room and over the phone. The shortened time of the meeting was discussed and the Local Management Plans issue paper was introduced.

- Local Management Plans

The issue paper had been discussed at the technical subcommittee then sent to the policy subcommittee before being presented to the ORRC. Immediately, some ORRC members shared that since the issue paper was released to the members within the last 24 hours, they would like to postpone any voting on this issue until they have received input from their constituents.

DOH provided some additional background on the management plans that was not shared to the policy or technical subcommittees. DOH explained that local management plans were first a product of the 2005 rule revision and that in 2006, RCW 70.118A, gave the State Board of Health direction to add Marine Recovery Areas (MRAs) to the local management plans. DOH stated that local management plans were added as a tool for local health jurisdictions (LHJs) to ensure that repairs were completed to correct/fix failing sewage systems. The requirement to develop basic local management plans included the whole state but the 12 Puget Sound jurisdictions were required to develop more involved management plans.

The representatives of the LHJs shared that the plan was also to encourage more engagement from the homeowners, specifically for ongoing operation & maintenance (O&M). ORRC members commented that this subject was being revisited, even though the issue paper had gone through both subcommittees simply because some members of the ORRC had not been to either subcommittee meeting. ORRC members questioned what resources DOH could offer to help with development of local management plans. DOH responded with possible guidance documents, templates, correspondence/coaching, even in-person technical assistance and potentially help with GIS files, technical assistance with sensitive areas and assisting to create a budget. However, DOH made clear, that they were unable to help fund local management plans. WOSSA representative expressed that they, too, would be willing to commit resources to help train operators/service providers.

Some members were concerned that the local management plans need to be large documents that would be difficult for the LHJs to complete. DOH explained that only the information that pertained to a given jurisdiction goes into their plan. For example, if one LHJ has boundaries off the coast of Puget Sound, then they must address information about MRAs.

ORRC committee members called for a vote as it was presented. The facilitator asked if anyone on the phone was ready to vote. The members on the phone expressed concern about voting because they wanted to discuss the proposal with their constituents. The State Board of Health liason suggested that the vote on the issue paper be postponed. He stated that the Board of Health would be much more likely to approve the recommendation to require management plans statewide if consensus, or as close as possible, was reached, particularly among LHJ representatives.

A straw vote was held to see if an official vote on the proposed language should be held. The straw vote was counted as, 7 out of 15 in favor for voting today on the issue and 8 out of 15 for postponing the vote until another date. It was requested that DOH provide another version of the issue paper without the strikeouts and coloring. Changes were made to the issue paper at: 1(j), 2(c) and section 4.

An official vote will be held in a short ORRC Go-To Meeting (webinar) on 1/10/2019 for the issue paper as updated by the ORRC. ORRC additionally requested that DOH share a link of the current management plans that are available on their website, and to share the link for the best management practices document.

[Current Local Management Plans](#)

[Puget Sound Septic System Management Programs, Best Management Practices Reference Manual](#)

[On-Site Sewage System Management Plan Guidance For The Twelve Puget Sound Counties](#)

Before leaving, DOH discussed the documents given to the ORRC today, parking lot items and additional issues list. The meeting concluded at 12:40 p.m.

Next ORRC Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 10, 2019** at Department of Health in Tumwater/Go-To Meeting for a quick vote of the Local Management Plan issue paper presented at this meeting.