



MARION WATER QUALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 13th @ 5:30 pm | Attendance in-person and virtually (via Teams)

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jeff Crowther, Member at Large Jake Hush, Member at Large Gary White, Member at Large Richard Walker, Chair, Member at Large Brenda Sanchez, Vice-Chair, Member at Large (via Teams) Rick Massey, Land Development
STAFF PRESENT:	Stephanie Pulvers, Marion County Public Works Cory Swartwout, Marion County Public Works Roxanne Toepfer, Marion County Public Works Maxwell Hepburn, Marion County Public Works Chris Trussell, Marion County Public Works
GUESTS:	Lyle Schellenberg Angela Plowhead Justin McGillivary
ABSENT:	Mark Grenz, Home Builders Association Brent Stevenson, Agricultural Industry
QUORUM:	Yes

MEETING OPENED	Richard called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Attendance was noted, and introductions were made.
MEETING MINUTES	Approval of May 23, 2024, Meeting Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion: Jeff moved to approve minutes; Jake seconded.• Discussion: None.• Results: Voice vote is unanimous – motion passes.
STAFFING UPDATE	Staffing Changes Stephanie Pulvers has stepped into the role of Stormwater Program Supervisor, previously held by Matt Knudsen. Matt remains with Marion County as an Onsite Wastewater Specialist 2.
REGULATORY UPDATES	Temperature TMDL Proposed rules for the Willamette Temperature TMDL replacement were submitted to the EPA, with a decision expected by September 15, 2024. The Willamette Subbasins' Temperature TMDL rules were adopted by EQC, pending EPA action. The Willamette River mainstem and major tributaries are tentatively scheduled for submission to the EPA on February 28 th , 2025.

TMDL for New Pollutants

No new information.

MS4 Phase II Renewal

The DEQ is finalizing language for the post-construction component of the MS4 Phase II permit. Expected to release draft language by year-end.

CHAIR/VICE CHAIR NOMINATIONS

Chair Nomination

Nomination of Gary White as Chair:

- Motion: Richard moved to nominate Gary White as Chair; Jeff seconded.
- Discussion: None.
- Results: Voice vote is unanimous – motion passes.

Nomination of Brenda Sanchez as Vice-Chair:

- Motion: Richard moved to nominate Brenda Sanchez as Vice-Chair; Jeff seconded.
- Discussion: None.
- Results: Voice vote is unanimous – motion passes.

CSRC MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Construction Site Runoff Control Discussion

Options for erosion and sediment control Mercury TMDL requirement were reviewed. Staff discussed potential incorporation of requirements into building permits and educational materials.

The committee deferred final action to allow more time for further information and feedback from stakeholders, especially the Home Builders Association.

STAFF UPDATES

Annual Reports

Staff is compiling annual reports for MS4 Phase II and TMDL programs, due in November. Prior reports are available on the county website.

Certification Prep Classes

OSU Extension will offer in-person laws and safety classes for pesticide licensing in February 2025.

Operations Projects

Staff reported on the next phase of the East Salem drainage ditch restoration project, set to begin in the coming weeks between Silverton Road and Sandringham. Staff noted efforts to streamline permitting by consolidating approvals for the entire project area, which will reduce processing time and costs.

Additional projects included recent dredging efforts at ferry paths. Staff also noted an upcoming culvert replacement in Woodburn which will improve fish passage.

Membership

The committee welcomed prospective members in attendance and noted ongoing efforts to fill vacant seats. Interviews will be scheduled as part of the membership review process, with formal approval pending from the Board of Commissioners.

COMMITTEE
UPDATES/FEEDBACK

Committee members provided feedback on the current Chair’s role and expressed appreciation for effective leadership.

The committee discussed the importance of continued engagement with community stakeholders, especially around key regulatory updates and construction site runoff control. Members agreed that these updates support transparency and ensure alignment with the county’s environmental goals.

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MEETING ADJOURNED

None.

Richard adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

November 12, 2024, at 5:30 pm – Marion County Public Works