

**CLARK COUNTY
CLEAN WATER COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

As of May 7, 2014

Update the Clean Water Program Fee Reduction to Public Schools

Background

At the April 2, 2014 Clean Water Commission meeting, the commission discussed their “desire to continue a working relationship with the schools and to find a way to create opportunity and compromise”. During the May 7, 2014 commission meeting, members might consider “a recommendation the Board of County Commissioners”.

Since the April meeting, Department of Environmental Services, Clean Water Program (county) staff are actively working with school districts, who filed Clark County Clean Water Program Fee appeal (i.e. Battle Ground, Evergreen and Vancouver Public Schools).

Current Activity

The county decided to honor the school district’s argument that should have until July 31, 2014 to complete the “*Phased in Stormwater Fee Waiver Program*”. The program criteria are the following:

1. Best Management Practices Training to be completed by July of any given year to be included in the role of the tax roll information.
2. Ensure all stormwater facilities located on school property shall pass inspection conducted by the county. All correction shall be complete July of any given year to be included in the role of the tax roll information.
3. Schools who complete Washington Green School Program, Water Environmental Category Level 1 training will qualify

School districts that complete the criteria for their respective schools will be granted a Clean Water fee reduction to that specific school.

Example

1. A school district with a Clean Water fee	\$25,000
2. School fee reduce	<u>\$2,000</u>
3. Clean Water Program fee	\$23,000

Next Steps

To date, only Evergreen and Vancouver public schools have expressed interest providing the necessary documentation to complete the Phased in Stormwater Fee Waiver Program.

Currently, county and these school districts are reviewing the assessment to the parcels within each district. The goal is to have this effort complete by May 31, 2014.