

**CLARK COUNTY
CLEAN WATER COMMISSION**

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Public Service Center, 6th Floor Training Room
1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Present

Jim Carlson, Troy Maxcy, Don Moe, David Morgan, Brian Peck, Susan Rasmussen, Virginia van Breemen

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Absent

Nancy Olmsted, Art Stubbs

Clark County Staff

Tom Donovan, Earl Rowell, Bobbi Trusty, Ron Wierenga

Public

Ryan Deardorff, Peggy Deardorff, B. Susanna Meeks

Quorum

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

Agenda and material review

1. Agenda
2. June 6, 2012, Meeting Notes
3. Draft Letter to BOCC
4. Revised Work Plan for 2012

Approval

The June 6, 2012, notes were approved as submitted.

Clean Water Commissioners: Communications with the Public

Mr. Maxcy spoke with employees working at Camp Bonneville regarding a recent EPA report of contaminants at the location. The report was requested because of concerns that stormwater runoff is mixing with unexploded munitions and could potentially contaminate private wells. Mr. Maxcy recommended that the county should do more to get the message out about the work going on at Camp Bonneville and how it provides a boost the local economy.

Mr. Carlson attended the stakeholder meeting regarding the consolidation of advisory groups in the Department of Environmental Services. He is in favor of the consolidation because it will provide an avenue to review the whole environmental concern, filling some gaps and provide better outcomes. Ms. Rasmussen asked how it would affect the Clean Water Budget, and Mr. Wierenga said that we are hopeful that it will reduce the amount spent on the commission with better outcomes. Mr. Wierenga reminded folks that this pilot project is one of the County Reconfiguration Committee's recommendations to reduce spending and be more efficient.

Public Comments

Ms. Deardorff introduced herself, her son (Ryan Deardorff) and asked to video tape the CWC meeting to promote interest in and clean up of Lacamas Lake. Ryan asked the commission if they would help clean up the lake. Mr. Carlson acknowledged that the commission will do everything they can to help, but have limited resources. The commission can speak about how managing stormwater protects surface water bodies, including Lacamas Lake.

Action Items

Draft letter to the BOCC regarding Clean Water Program budget concerns

The CWC reviewed the draft letter that Mr. Morgan had written to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) regarding budget concerns. They decided if a letter goes to the BOCC, it should recognize the budget problems (dwindling fund balance), acknowledge that the fee has stayed fixed for 12 years, NPDES requirements have become tougher, and take out any references to a fee increase. The letter should also affirm that the CWC has the BOCC permission to engage the community and enhance peoples understanding why they are paying the Clean Water Program fee.

It was decided, that Mr. Morgan would receive comments (e-mail) from the other commissioners and at the August meeting, the CWC would make a motion to approve or table the letter.

Clean Water Program Update

Proposed 2013-2014 CWP Budget Update

Mr. Wierenga gave a presentation regarding the development of the 2013-2014 Clean Water Budget (copy attached). He explained the county's budget process, timeline, and anticipated program revenues and expenditures. He asked the Clean Water Commissioners (CWC) what other information they wanted or questions they had regarding the budget.

The CWC thought the information presented was very helpful. They will review it and follow-up with Mr. Wierenga if they have any questions or concerns.

Public Comments

None

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbi Trusty

Action Items

- Draft letter to the Board of County Commissioners regarding budget – Mr. Morgan

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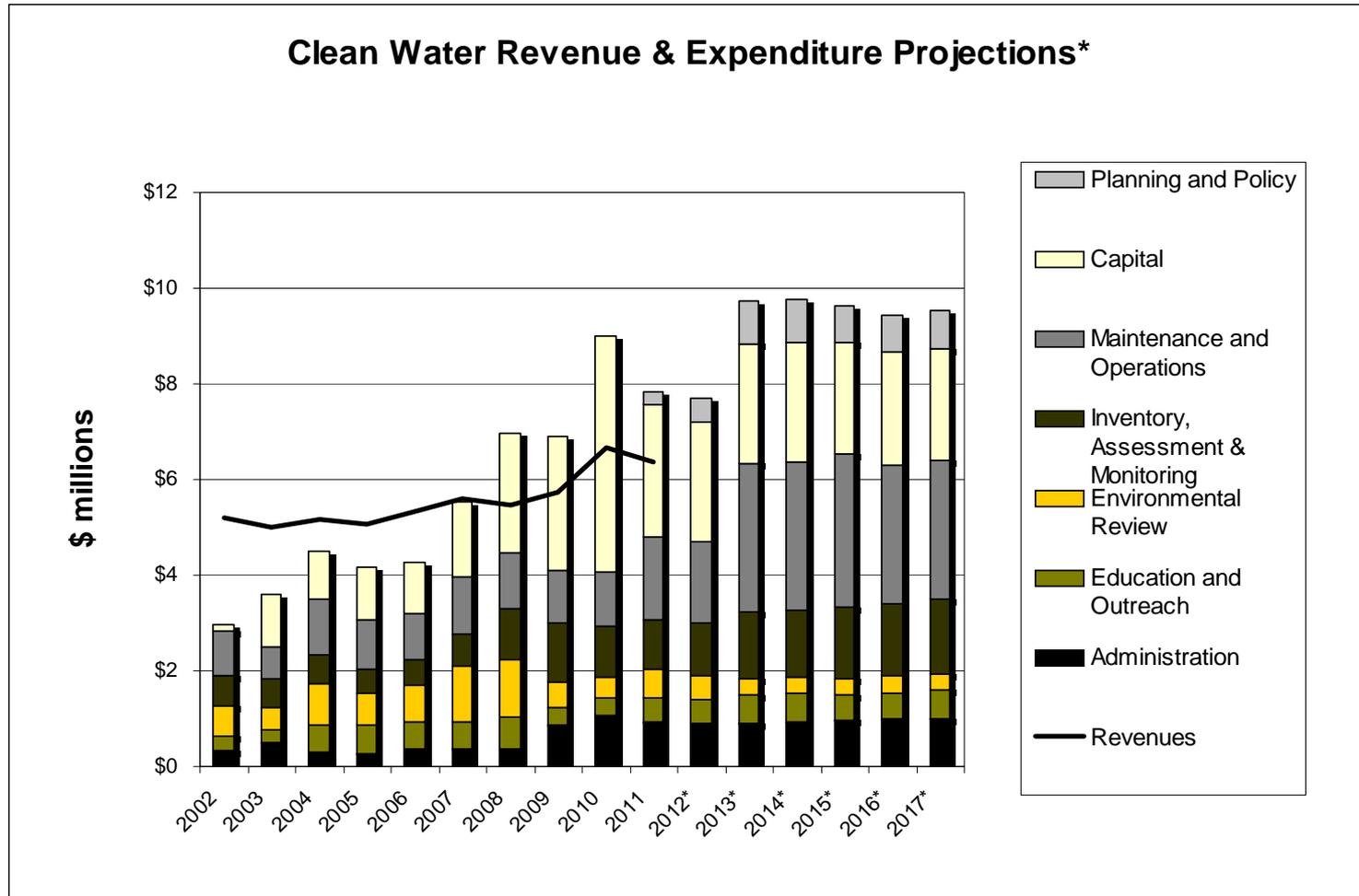
2013-14 Clean Water Budget Development



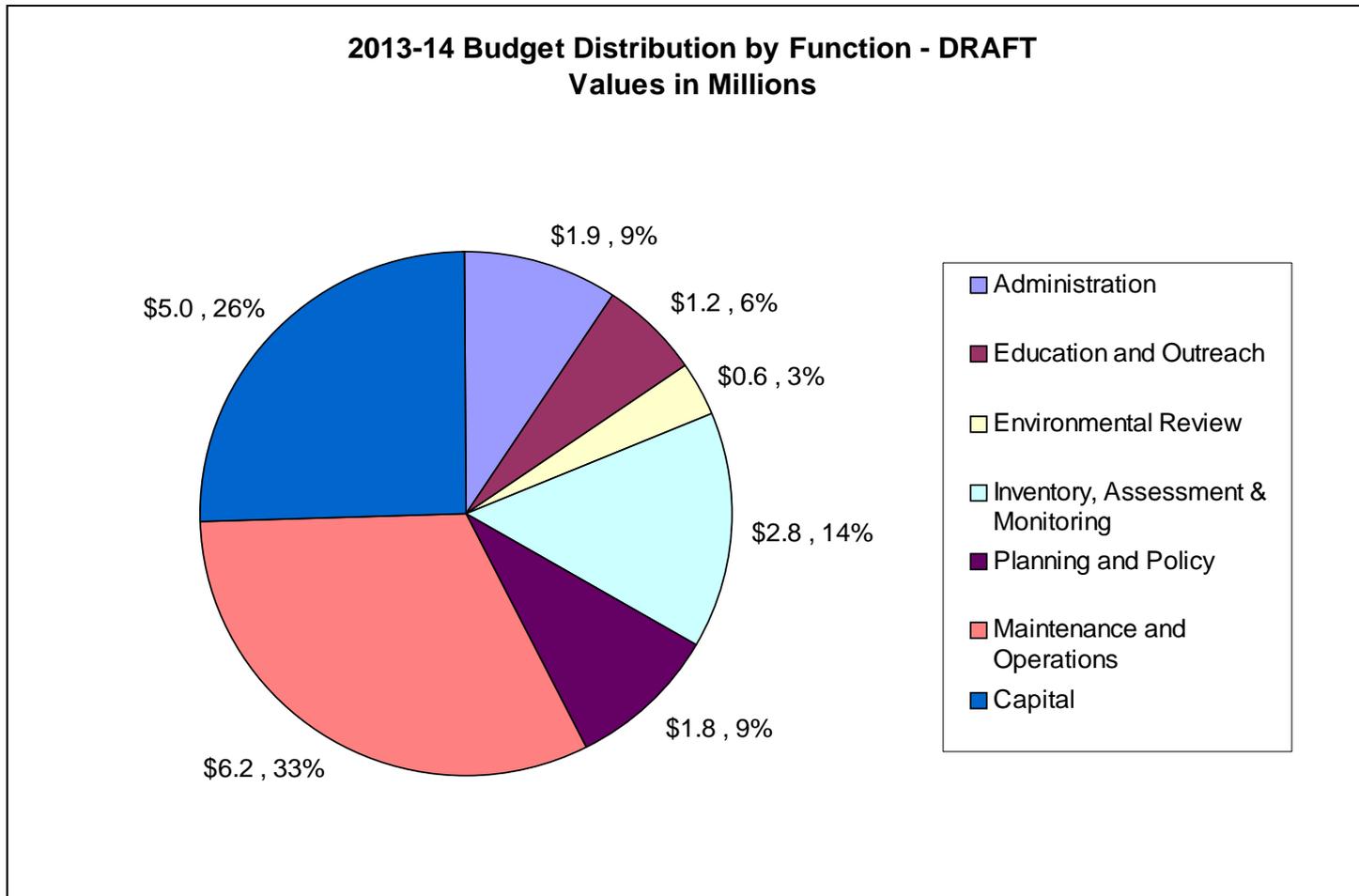
Budget Process and Timeline

- Clean Water is an enterprise fund
- Revenues must balance expenses
- Controllable vs Non-controllable expenses
- Budget developed by function and expense type
- Budget Office provides a baseline budget to departments in May
- Budgets submitted by departments in July
- Increases or decreases in baseline budget require BOCC approval
- Department budget request published in October
- County Administrator recommended budget published in November
- Public hearings held in December
- Budget adopted by BOCC in December

Revenues and Expenditures



2011 Revenues and Expenditures



Clean Water Commission Role

- CCC 13.30a
- “The commission shall make recommendations to the board of county commissioners on such matters as the focus of the SWMP, program service levels, financing, and policies on surface and stormwater issues.”

Clean Water Commission Input:

- Are funds being appropriately proportioned among functional areas?
- Should budget be increased or reduced in particular areas?
- Is there a need for additional budget detail?