

Puget Sound Beach Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Projects

Murray Basin

Morgan Community Association Summary of Discussion *April 21, 2010*

Overview

At the request of the Morgan Community Association (MoCA), King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) staff attended MoCA's quarterly meeting on April 21, 2010 meeting. Approximately 70 citizens attended.

MoCA representatives asked WTD staff to present information about the Murray Basin CSO Control project and respond to questions.

The following project team members attended:

King County Wastewater Treatment Division

Linda Sullivan, Capital Projects Managing Supervisor; Shahrzad Namini, Project Manager; John Phillips, CSO Control Program; Bill Wilbert, Environmental Programs Managing Supervisor; Martha Tuttle, Community Relations; Meredith Redmon, Community Relations

Tetra Tech

Jeff Lykken, Murray Basin Lead

Kellogg Consulting

Tammy Kellogg, facilitator

Summary of Questions and Input

Questions and input from the meeting attendees are summarized below.

Lowman Beach Park

Many attendees emphasized the significance of Lowman Beach Park to the community and asked the county to minimize or avoid disruption to the park. Some attendees expressed frustration regarding the existing wastewater facilities that are located in the park and objected to additional work in the park.

Some attendees noted that facilities located underground might be more acceptable in the park. Attendees asked if and how the park could be restored after construction.

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The group discussed why the neighborhood's existing infrastructure led to three alternatives proposed for CSO control involving some level of work in the park.

There was discussion of whether the county would provide "replacement" park property in the event of disruption to the Lowman Beach Park. King County staff confirmed that any decision about the use of park property or purchase of new park property would be made by City Council.

Distributed Pipe Storage in Beach Drive SW and Murray Ave SW

There was discussion about the duration and inconvenience of construction-related closures in Beach Drive SW, with significant concern about access to homes during construction. Some people preferred distributed pipe storage in Beach Drive SW and Murray Ave SW to storage in Lowman Beach Park.

Public Process

Several attendees asked that the county's timeline for proposing a CSO control alternative for the Murray basin be extended to allow for more public meetings and community involvement. The group discussed the possibility of forming a stakeholder committee for the CSO project.

Attendees asked the county to provide the technical information that is being used to evaluate the alternatives and for more detail about the potential alternatives. King County staff said that technical information would be posted on the county's website.

Protecting Puget Sound

There was interest in proceeding with the CSO control project without delay because of the need to help protect Puget Sound. Doubts about the need for the project to protect Puget Sound were also raised.

Potential Additional Alternatives

Several attendees felt that the county should explore additional alternatives for controlling CSOs. Suggestions included looking again at reducing peak flows using green stormwater infrastructure, reducing flows from the Barton basin to the Murray basin, building storage in Lincoln Park, building storage on a site near the bottom of the basin, and identifying CSO control opportunities as part of the redevelopment at The Kenney retirement facility.

Attendees questioned whether the alternatives being considered in the Barton basin and the Murray basin are adequate to control CSOs.