

CARA Review Committee

July 17, 2013 Meeting Summary

Meeting Attendees

Committee members that attended the meeting:

- Steve Davenport**, Spokane County Building and Planning
 - Lloyd Torgerson, Torgerson Properties
 - Steven Holderby, Spokane Regional Health District
 - Rick Eichstaedt, Center for Justice/Riverkeeper
 - Guy Gregory, Washington State Department of Ecology
- ** alternate committee member

County staff and consultants that attended the meeting:

- Rob Lindsay, Spokane County Utilities
- Mike Hermanson, Spokane County Utilities
- Mike Murray, HDR Engineering
- Sarah Hubbard-Gray, Hubbard Gray Consulting

Welcome and Introductions

Sarah Hubbard-Gray, the meeting facilitator, welcomed the committee members and confirmed that everyone knew each other. Sarah explained that the goal for the meeting, which is the last committee meeting, is to get final input from committee members and attain committee support for the draft revised CARA code.

Sarah provided an overview of the work since the last committee meeting, which included 1) HDR's update of the Guidance Document to include more information on Level 3 phosphorus evaluations, 2) County development of the second draft revised CARA standard and Attachment P to incorporate more of the robust step-by-step process information from HDR's draft Guidance Document and address committee comments. Mike Murray explained the approach for Level 3 phosphorus evaluations and indicated that the HDR Final CARA Review Report will be finalized and posted to the CARA website after consideration of final comments provided at this last meeting.

Sarah asked if there were any comments or clarification on the June 19, 2013 CARA Review Committee meeting summary. No comments were provided.

Second Draft Revised CARA Standard Language

Rob Lindsay gave a presentation and explained the updates to the HDR CARA Final Report and second draft CARA ordinance revisions. Rob reviewed the comments provided on the draft CARA ordinance from the June meeting and explained how the second draft CARA ordinance and attachment were

revised. The committee reviewed the second draft CARA ordinance and Attachment P and provided a variety of comments and suggestions, including:

- Jim Harakas' comments (provided via email) on the draft Application Form were reviewed and discussed.
- Add Recharge Map to Appendix O of the CARA ordinance, with the other maps. Explain that the latest version adopted by the County Commissioners should be used. Make consistent with other CARA maps and ensure version control.
- Add title notices description.
- Include a placeholder in the ordinance for future addition of permit review fees.
- For site use/ownership changes – more coordination is needed between Utilities and Building and Planning; address changes in the review process (e.g., condition permit if site is not fully used to ensure that change of use is addressed when site use expands); and flag properties and follow up.
- Lloyd Torgerson asked how the revised CARA process will work and if it will change approval of commercial uses outside the UGA. Rob Lindsay and Mike Murray explained the data now being used, how sites with certain characteristics (e.g., recharge) would be allowed higher wastewater flows, and how developers can complete Level 2 and 3 analyses using site-specific data to determine if higher flows are protective of groundwater. Lloyd expressed frustration that the new science-based approach will not result in more commercial developments being approved since the allowed wastewater flows will not be significantly higher in many parts of the county. Rob Lindsay offered to meet with Lloyd and other developers following the meeting to explain the revised science-based CARA approach and answer questions.
- Committee members provided additional comments on the second draft CARA ordinance and Attachment P as each section was reviewed. Their comments were noted on the MS Word documents displayed on the screen and saved.

Next Steps

- Rob explained that he will make revisions to the draft revised CARA ordinance and Appendix P. Then it will be sent to County legal for review and then be submitted to the Spokane County Planning Commission for their review and consideration, followed by a public hearing process. The draft will also be sent to the Washington Department of Commerce for their review when it is submitted to the Planning Commission. A presentation will be provided to the Planning Commission (not scheduled).
- Sarah asked the committee to be sure to get any additional comments on the second draft CARA standard language to Rob by Wed July 24, 2013.
- Rob asked the committee members to stay engaged during the political process associated with review and adoption of the CARA revisions to help make sure the science basis and committee efforts and input don't get lost.
- Rob and Sarah thanked the committee members for their participation, time and contributions.

- Rob explained that he would keep the committee informed on next steps and let them know when new drafts are available for review and when meetings are scheduled. Sarah indicated that this was her last meeting and that she will make sure Rob has all the committee contact information.