

ENVIRONMENTAL HEARINGS OFFICE

Minutes of Meeting

July 10, 2007

9:30 am

The July 2007 meeting was called to order by Chair Kathy Mix in the Boards' office in Lacey, Washington. Present were Chair Kathy Mix, Board Members Bill Lynch and Andrea McNamara Doyle, Administrative Appeal Judges Phyllis Macleod, Kay Brown and Cassandra Noble, Administrative Manager Robyn Bryant, Hearings Coordinator Judy Greear and Administrative Secretary Debbie Joblonski. Minutes of the June 2007 meeting were read, edited and approved.

Handouts were distributed for review for the month of June 2007, which included the pollution, shoreline, forest practice, hydraulic, and environmental and land use appeals filed, a brief summary of all cases that have closed, and the Case Statistics Report.

Appellate Update

Chair Kathy Mix reported that the Puget Soundkeeper Alliance v. Ecology and Northwest Marine Trade Association v. Ecology cases were remanded back to Department of Ecology. The parties are trying to settle the matters. Allen and Janet Stanford v. San Juan County was affirmed by San Juan Superior Court. Pamela and Robert McCauley v. Mason County was appealed to Mason County Superior Court. Richard Shorett and Judson Shorett v. San Juan County was appealed to San Juan County Superior Court and AGC & BIAW v. Ecology was appealed to Thurston County Superior Court.

VEBA

Robyn Bryant reported that there has been some changes with the VEBA program. Everyone will review the changes and a new contract will need to be signed by the Chair.

Office Progress

Cassandra Noble reported that the navigation buttons and the search feature is being worked on as part of the update to the EHO website. The final comments on the FAQ's are to be in by July 25th so they can be put on the website. Deadline to launch updated website is September 1, 2007.

Opinion Editing

The next meeting will be July 18th to discuss how to coordinate editing and merging.

Plain Talk

There is a report due on Plain Talk. Cassandra Noble will be working on that report.

Legislature

Bill Lynch reported that there will be two pieces of legislation that EHO will be presenting next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Debbie Joblonski
Administrative Secretary