

# City of Rockaway Beach

## Sourcewater Protection Plan Development Advisory Committee (SPPDAC) Meeting Minutes



**Date:** Monday, July 29, 2024  
**Time:** 10:00 A.M.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER** – Sandra Johnson, Chair  
Johnon called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Committee Members Present:** Sandra Johnson, Lydia Hess, Ron Cleman, Jay Udelhoven (arrived at 10:07 a.m.)

**Committee Members Excused:** Jason Maxfield

**Council Members Present:** Alesia Franken, City Council Liaison, and Mayor Charles McNeilly

**Staff Present:** Luke Shepard, City Manager (joined at 10:11 a.m.); and Melissa Thompson, City Recorder

**Consultants Present:** Suzanne de Szoeka and Mikaela Clarke, GSI Water Solutions, Inc.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – None Scheduled

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nancy Webster, Nedonna Beach resident, shared a desire for dialogue. She expressed concerns about the Sourcewater Protection Plan (SPP) Team and advocated for obtaining advice from independent experts. She provided a summary of her submitted written testimony and encouraged the committee to review it.

**5. NEW BUSINESS** – None Scheduled

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Prioritizing Risks**

Suzanne de Szoeka, GSI Water Solutions, Inc., shared a presentation providing an overview of a Drinking Water Protection Plan (DWPP), goals and objectives, and estimated schedule. Shepard joined the meeting. He confirmed that a Town Hall was scheduled for September 12, 2024.

**i. Draft Rockaway Beach Source Water Protection Plan Risks Prioritization Table  
(Surface Water)**

The Committee reviewed and provided comments on the surface water risk prioritization table.

Discussion and comments included:

- Added comments to access roads and pesticides (including herbicides).
- Requested more information on borrow pit risk and added rock quarry comment to access road risk.
- Request to rewrite vandalism to specify Infrastructure ends at intake.
- Acknowledge development and tourism in the plan outside of the risk scoring.
- Shepard explained other plans, such as the Water Master Plan and Water Management Conservation Plan, that address water supply and infrastructure outside of the watershed.

Hess made a **motion**, seconded by Cleman, to increase the unauthorized camping risk likelihood from 2 to 3.

The **motion carried** by the following vote:

Aye: 4 (Cleman, Hess, Johnson, Udelhoven)

No: 0

Hess made a **motion**, seconded by Cleman, to increase recreation risk likelihood from 2 to a 3.

The **motion carried** by the following vote:

Aye: 4 (Cleman, Hess, Johnson, Udelhoven)

No: 0

## ii. Rockaway Beach Source Water Protection Plan Risks to Groundwater Table

De Szoeki presented the Risks to Groundwater Table. She noted that the risks were outside of the watershed, and it could be reviewed more generally, but the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) wanted to see acknowledgement of each risk. There was discussion regarding review of the Groundwater Table and addressing it qualitatively in the plan, along with a reference to the Water Management Conservation Plan.

Hess made a **motion**, seconded by Cleman, that GSI address the risks to groundwater risk assessment qualitatively in the plan, along with a reference to the Water Management Conservation Plan.

The **motion carried** by the following vote:

Aye: 4 (Cleman, Hess, Johnson, Udelhoven)

No: 0

De Szoeki commented that GSI would also include a reference to the Water Master Plan, since the Water Management Conservation Plan it could address most of these issues:

Udelhoven made a **motion**, seconded by Johnson, that the committee make a formal recommendation to City Council to address these issues in the Water Master Plan or some other appropriate process.

The **motion carried** by the following vote:  
Aye: 4 (Cleman, Hess, Johnson, Udelhoven)  
No: 0

Council Liaison Franken confirmed that she would raise the recommendation with the City Council.

The Committee reviewed and confirmed that each groundwater risk should be included in the table. Chemical use was added to the table.

**b. Next Steps**

De Szoeki said GSI would integrate the input and update the table, and prepare for the Town Hall. Another meeting would be scheduled for early October to get feedback on strategies.

**c. Committee Comments**

There were no comments from the committee.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Hess made a **motion**, seconded by Cleman to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

The **motion carried** unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED THE  
10TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2024

  
Sandra Johnson, Chair

ATTEST

  
Melissa Thompson, City Recorder