

## AGENDA

DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
City Council Chambers  
21630 11th Avenue S, Des Moines, Washington  
Thursday, November 21, 2024 - 5:00 PM

**Environment Committee:** Chair JC Harris, Vice Chair Yoshiko Grace Matsui, Gene Achziger

### CALL TO ORDER

### AGENDA

- Item 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETINGS OF 09.12.2024 AND 10.10.2024  
[09.12.24 Environment Committee Draft Minutes](#)  
[10.10.24 Environment Committee Draft Minutes](#)
- Item 2. SOURCE CONTROL PROGRAM UPDATE
- Staff will provide a status update on the City's 2024 Source Control program and a look ahead at the 2025 program  
[Source Control Environmental Committee Update](#)

### ADJOURNMENT

**DRAFT MINUTES – ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 09.12.2024**

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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM, Thursday, September 12, 2024 in the Council Chamber with the following in attendance:

**Council Members**

J.C. Harris (Chair)  
Yoshiko Grace Matsui (Vice Chair) absent  
Gene Achziger

**City Staff**

Michael Slevin – Public Works Director  
Tyler Beekley – Surface Water/Environmental Engineering  
Manager  
Tommy Owen – City Engineer  
Michael Posey – Surface Water Coordinator  
Matthew Hutchins – Assistant City Attorney  
Taria Keane – City Clerk  
Sara Lee – Deputy City Clerk  
Jodi Grager – Admin Coordinator I

Guests – Mayor Traci Buxton and Councilmember Matt Mahoney  
Barbara McMichael, Chuck Coleman and Bill Lindscott

**AGENDA**

1. Approval of the minutes from the 08.08.2024 meeting
2. Poverty Bay Shellfish Protection District Status
3. Final 2025-2030 SWM CIP Budget

**MEETING:**

1. Unanimous approval of the 08.08.2024 minutes.
2. SW/Environmental Engineering Manager Tyler Beekley provided a memo that included a summary of the background of the Poverty Bay Shellfish Protection District. The memo included an overview of the 04/04/24 Technical Committee Meeting with key Washington Department of Health (WDOH) and King County updates. An attachment to this item included data sheets from WDOH Shellfish Growing Area Section 360-236-3330. Manager Beekley stated all stations are meeting water quality standards and testing levels have been in compliance for the last few years. The Environment Committee members discussion included:
  - Stream monitoring
  - Improvements in sampling
  - Partnering with agencies for a healthy Puget Sound
3. The SWM CIP Plan lists projects that are priorities within the City. Item #3 includes a budget summary and individual project's progress reports.

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m. Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jodi Grager, Admin Coordinator

**DRAFT MINUTES – ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 10.10.2024**

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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM, Thursday, October 10, 2024 in the Council Chamber with the following in attendance:

**Council Members**

J.C. Harris (Chair)  
Yoshiko Grace Matsui (Vice Chair)  
Gene Achziger

**City Staff**

Tyler Beekley – Surface Water/Environmental Engineering  
Manager  
Matthew Hutchins – Assistant City Attorney  
Sara Lee – Deputy City Clerk

Guests – Joe Dusenbury, Brian Davis, Bill Lindscott, Burien Councilmember Sarah Moore

**AGENDA**

1. A discussion of the StART Committee’s upcoming shared state policy agenda with the Port of Seattle
2. A discussion of the SAMP Comment Period which opens October 21st, including a review of the 2017-2019 process
3. Discuss what, if any, next steps our two cities (Des Moines and Burien) can map out for better outcomes in 2025 on the SAMP and in the legislative sessions.

**MEETING:**

Environment Committee Chair JC Harris stated tonight’s meeting would not include staff presentation, instead, he introduced StART Committee member Joe Dusenbury of Des Moines and Brian Davis, Vice Chair of the Burien Airport Committee. Chair Harris reviewed historical background information that provided a foundation for the current agenda’s discussions. He suggested that the SAMP Comment Period should be extended into January of 2025 to allow for adequately informed comments. Mr. Dusenbury provided an update of the most recent StART meeting. At this meeting he learned that a national airport committee to focus on noise pollution will be organized. He recommended that a local representative apply to participate on this committee. Mr. Dusenbury shared that funds will be earmarked for a study on a second regional airport site. Since at least three previous studies have not been successful, the money would be better spent on funding other studies such as Airport Ultra-fine Particle Pollution. Mr. Davis confirmed that the SeaTac Airport high noise corridor has been shrinking over the years. Fewer properties meet qualifications for Port Packages. The cumulative effects of noise pollution has yet to be acknowledged by the Port of Seattle. Chair Harris indicated that he would be asking the Council to prepare a letter asking for an extension to the SAMP Comment Period. It is hoped that other affected cities would support this effort. Airport communities will need to be engaged in order to have a more positive outcome on future growth at SeaTac International Airport.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m. Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jodi Grager, Admin Coordinator



## SOURCE CONTROL PROGRAM UPDATE NOVEMBER 2024

### SOURCE CONTROL BACKGROUND

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- **Requirement Summary:** Under the 2024-2029 Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit (NPDES Permit), Source Control from Existing Developments was added as a new requirement.
- **Source Control Best Management Practices (BMPs):**
  - Behavioral BMPs: Encourage responsible actions like closing dumpster lids promptly and immediate spill cleanup to prevent pollution at the source.
  - Structural BMPs: Implement physical measures such as catch basin inserts and spill cleanup kits to capture and contain pollutants before they enter water bodies, ensuring water quality and compliance with regulations.
- **City Council Approval:** On June 23, 2022, the City Council approved an ordinance, allowing City Staff to initiate the source control program in Des Moines.
- **Business Inventory and Inspection Partnership:** In preparation for the source control program, an inventory of potential pollutant-generating sites was created. This led to the selection of 35 businesses for inspection in 2024.

### SOURCE CONTROL PROGRESS IN 2024

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- **Commencement of Source Control Inspections:** On June 30, 2024, BEA Environmental began conducting source control inspections in downtown Des Moines.
- **Inspection Highlights:** To date, a total of 40 inspections have been conducted in 2024, covering 35 businesses in the area. Notably, all businesses visited received "Keep the Lid Shut" stickers on their dumpsters as a preventative measure to safeguard against water contamination and 46 storm drains marked with "Puget Sound Starts Here" markers. Additionally, 23 businesses received complimentary spill kits, accompanied by spill response training. From these inspections, 9 action items have been completed by businesses, further underlining the program's commitment to maintaining source control measures and ensuring compliance with environmental regulations.
- **Positive Business Engagement:** It's worth emphasizing that all business owners have exhibited a receptive attitude towards BEA Environmental's feedback and recommendations. Importantly, there have been no instances where access for inspections was denied, underscoring a collaborative approach to maintaining environmental compliance.



## SOURCE CONTROL PROGRAM UPDATE NOVEMBER 2024

### TRANSITION TO CITY LED SOURCE CONTROL INSPECTIONS

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- **Shift from BEA Environmental to City Staff:** Beginning in 2025, the City of Des Moines will conduct source control inspections through City staff, phasing out the need for external consultants like BEA Environmental. This transition aims to build internal capacity and expertise in source control management, allowing for a more sustainable and cost-effective approach.
- **Training and Resources for City Staff:** City employees overseeing these inspections have completed trainings to ensure they are equipped to perform inspections and maintain compliance with NPDES Phase II requirements. The City is committed to upholding the same level of service and regulatory compliance previously provided through BEA Environmental.
- **Continuation of Source Control Efforts:** With City staff now leading source control inspections, businesses can expect a continuation of support, resources, and guidance in preventing pollutants at their facilities. This approach will reinforce the City's commitment to local environmental stewardship and efficient resource management.