



SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

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TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026, 6:00 PM
CITY OF WOODBURY PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING
2301 TOWER DRIVE

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Setting of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes – March 24, 2026
3. Public Open Forum
4. Election of Committee Officers DISCUSSION
5. Review of CCIP Funded Projects DISCUSSION
6. Watershed Management Plan Final Draft DISCUSSION
7. Upcoming Meetings & Events
 - a. September 22, 2026. 6:00 pm, CAC Regular Meeting
 - b. December 15, 2026, 6:00 pm, CAC Regular Meeting
8. Adjourn



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TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026, 6:00 PM
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CAC Members Present:

- Sam Behrends
- Laura Duffey
- Patty Goertz
- Dan Henely
- Sarah Lilja
- Howard Markus
- Jay Sockness
- Bill Sumner
- Jeff Mohr
- David Nuccio

SWWD Staff & Board:

- Kyle Axtell, Planning & Projects
Program Manager
- Abby Tekiela, Water Resources
Program Manager
- Sharon Doucette, Board President

CAC Members Not Present:

- None

Others:

- None

1. Call to Order & Setting of Agenda

Water Resources Program Coordinator Abby Tekiela called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm. Motion by Bill Sumner to accept the agenda as presented. Second by Patty Goertz. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Bill Sumner to approve the minutes from March 24, 2026, as presented. Second by Patty Goertz. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Open Forum – None.

4. CCIP Applications

Kyle Axtell (KA) introduced the item and collected ratings from CAC members. The committee then began the review of all received applications for consideration.



Stormwater Management & Resiliency Projects

KA provided a summary of the applications and opened the discussion to the committee.

Cottage Grove – Ideal Avenue Manhole Repairs

David Nuccio (DN) inquired about the feasibility of repair vs reconstruction of the manhole. Bill Sumners (BS) noted his recent experience with City of Newport street repairs.

Cottage Grove – L-P3 Flood Storage

Jeff Mohr (JM) asked about SWWD's ability to fund the project given its high budget request. Laura Duffey (LD) inquired about the project being contingent on road work. KA indicated that Washington County will complete the road work with or without this project, but it is ideal to complete the project during construction if it is going to happen. BS asked about the \$475k request for the project, noting that would utilize 2/3 of the total CCIP budget. KA replied that we shouldn't worry about budgeting for now, and that SWWD's staff and Board would sort that out. There may be additional reserve funds available.

Washington County – River Trail Ravine Stabilization Plans

Patty Goertz (PG) noted that her recent experience at the trail is that it is beautiful, but in bad shape. Sam Behrends (SB) indicated there is a lot of drainage over the trail. SB asked if there is potential for this project to be used as an example for similar erosion on the St. Croix. Sarah Lilja (SL) noted that proactive work to prevent erosion into the St. Croix is important and should be part of the consideration. Dan Henely (DH) remarked on his surprise that the erosion was exclusive to this one spot. PG noted that this site is an example of active erosion. KA added that the study proposed would assess the entire shoreline area along the trail within the park.

Woodbury – Interlachen/Tamarack Parking Lot Removal

Howard Markus (HM) related his experience as a resident of this neighborhood and expressed that he is in favor of reducing impervious surfaces but wondered if the area would be better used to expand the size of the retention pond the parking lot borders. KA stated that previous modeling has shown that increasing the size of the pond would not make a difference in the case of flooding. HM noted that given the growing likelihood of increased frequency and intensity of storms due to climate change will increase stormwater runoff and thus increasing pond size should be considered. DH wondered about the opportunity to dredge the pond and maintain it. SL noted that



the submitted application lacks detail. Committee came to consensus that this should not be recommended for funding.

Woodbury – Interlachen/Tamarack Parking Lot Removal

SL noted that if studies showed no flood benefit at the northern site, then money is better spent on the proposed city demonstration bee lawn associated with the southern site. KA added that this site has a much closer timeline, more advanced plans, and a lower budget.

Woodbury – Restoration of 6895 Bailey Road

Committee came to consensus that this project should seek funding through Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL). That program could provide more funding than SWWD's and the project is a great fit. If unsuccessful, Woodbury could reapply to SWWD in 2027.

The committee recapped the discussion of the six applications within the Stormwater Management & Resiliency Project section. SL noted that given the active erosion at the Washington County River Trail Ravine Stabilization Project, it was highly important. BS concurs.

The committee recommends funding support for the following projects:

- Cottage Grove – Ideal Avenue Manhole Repairs
- Cottage Grove – L-P3 Flood Storage
- Washington County – River Trail Ravine Stabilization Plans
- Woodbury – Interlachen Parkway Parking Lot Removal

The committee does not recommend funding support for the following projects:

- Woodbury – Interlachen/Tamarack Parking Lot Removal
- Woodbury – Restoration of 6895 Bailey Road

Equipment Purchases & Upgrades

KA provided high-level summary of the equipment purchases and upgrade applications received and reviewed each of the applications before opening it up to committee discussion.



Newport – Forestry Mower

Members of the committee inquired about the model of the forestry mower and the stated use of the mower. KA provided examples of work SWWD would like to see Newport undertaking.

Newport – Street Sweeper

Committee supports funding the application.

SoWashCo Schools – Flail Mower & Blower

PG voiced her support for funding the project. LD commented that proper staff training is important and should be part of any potential agreements. DN moved to separate the funding of the mower and blower and only fund the mower until further justification for the blower is made. KA agreed that there wasn't much support within staff for the blower.

Washington County – Chloride Reduction System

BS noted his general support of chloride reduction systems and wondered if there was a way to share the system jointly. PG and JM noted they had the same thought. JM cited his experience living in Grey Cloud Island Township, and that its roadway is essentially one large loop. JM noted he has seen an excess amount of salt along the main roadway, which is applied by a single individual who is contracted out to complete the work. KA will follow up with JM. DH noted that street sweeping is a generally scheduled activity and thus it is easier to share sweeping equipment compared to deicing equipment, which is needed at irregular times, making equipment more difficult to share. SB asked what the difference between the sweeper types were.

Woodbury – Hydromulcher

BS noted that the hydromulcher could potentially be shared among cities. Committee member Jay Sockness (JS) wondered if there was a way to ensure that equipment would be shared across multiple cities. DH noted that SWWD is in many cases the connection point between cities. SB wondered if contract wording could be developed to encourage sharing of equipment across cities would be useful. SB noted that, if funded, cities could be made aware of the equipment's existence and encouraged to request sharing.

Woodbury – Roadway Pre-Treatment Upgrade

Committee discussed the potential to share the pre-treatment systems, however, it was noted that the system would be a hard installation and thus would not be a shareable piece of equipment.

Woodbury – Street Sweeper

The committee expressed unified support.

The committee recapped the discussion of the seven applications within the Equipment Purchases & Upgrades section.

The committee recommends funding support for the following projects:

- Newport – Street Sweeper
- Woodbury – Street Sweeper
- Woodbury – Roadway Pre-Treatment Upgrade
- Washington County – Chloride Reduction System
- Newport – Forestry Mower
- SoWashCo Schools Flail Mower (only)
- Woodbury – Hydromulcher

Other Applications

Due to the lack of available funding in the program, KA suggested not recommending approving funds for the remaining applications. The committee agreed with this approach. Funds were not recommended for the following applications:

- Woodbury – Chloride Reduction Plan
- Woodbury – GREAT Study
- Woodbury – Stormwater Maintenance
- Woodbury – Turf Conversion

5. Biological Control of Purple Loosestrife

Abby Tekiela made the committee aware of the Purple Loosestrife Biological Control program hosted by the Wild Rivers Conservancy.

6. Other Business – None.

7. Adjourn



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The next CAC Meeting will be held on June 23, 2026, at 6:00pm. Patty Goertz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Second by Bill Sumner. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Tekiela

Abby Tekiela, Water Resources Program Manager

Date

Approved By:

David Nuccio, SWWD CAC Secretary

Date



Memo

To: SWWD Community Advisory Committee
From: Kyle Axtell, Planning & Projects Program Manager
Date: June 18, 2026
Re: Approved 2026 CCIP Projects

The following applications were approved by the SWWD Board of Managers for 2026 CCIP funding, upon CAC recommendation:

1. Cottage Grove – L-P3 Flood Storage	\$475,000	SW CCIP
2. Washington County – River Trail Ravine Stabilization Plans	\$25,000	LSC CCIP
3. Washington County – Chloride Reduction System	\$231,000	SW CCIP
4. Cottage Grove – Ideal Avenue Manhole Repairs	\$35,000	SW CCIP
5. Newport – Street Sweeper (not CCIP funds)	\$168,000	E Miss SUF
6. Woodbury – Street Sweeper	\$205,000	SW CCIP
7. Woodbury – Roadway Pre-Treatment Upgrade	\$30,000	SW CCIP
8. Newport – Forestry Mower	\$3,000	E Miss CCIP
9. SoWashCo Schools – Flail Mower	\$7,000	SW CCIP
10. Woodbury – Interlachen Pkwy Parking Lot Removal	\$59,000	SW CCIP
11. Woodbury – Hydromulcher	\$15,000	SW CCIP