American Lake – Lake Management District No. 1 Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2026, 4:00 PM
Council Chambers
6000 Main Street SW Lakewood, WA 98499

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Kate Read, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

American Lake – Lake Management District No. 1 Members Present: Kate Read, Chair; Kurt Spingath, Vice Chair; Todd Zuchowski, JBLM; and Weston Ott, City of Lakewood

Four board members were present; a quorum was reached.

American Lake – Lake Management District No. 1 Members Excused: Jeff Cox, Lake Resident; and Erich Schmidt, Camp Murray

Staff: Katie Foster, Associate Civil Engineer, Heidi Wachter, City Attorney, and Joanna LaVergne, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kate Read asked if everyone had a chance to read over the September 3, 2026, meeting minutes and Weston Ott motioned to approve the minutes. All ayes; minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joel Vranna spoke.

James Cooper spoke.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Katie Foster read over the draft work plan and asked the members if they had any additions or modifications. Discussion ensued. Chair Kate Read discussed the committees' educational efforts and the need to focus on that, as well. Katie Foster will update the work plan to show their intended educational visits, as well as their outreach efforts to include JBLM, Camp Murray and the Veterans Affairs in the future ALMD planning.

Katie Foster stated that the WALPA membership was an annual fee, which would need to be renewed every January 1st. It was agreed to wait until January 1, 2027 to join.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Kate Read asked City Attorney Heidi Ann Wachter to discuss the draft letter to the City Council regarding the formation of a new ALMD. Discussion ensued. It was agreed to add a bit more ALMD history to the letter for the new City Council members, and to wait to send the letter until November, after budget talks have been completed.

Chair Kate Read opened the floor for discussion regarding Board Member Jeff Cox's recommendations for the ALMD. Discussion ensued.

Chair Kate Read opened the floor for the Interlocal Agreement Template. Katie Foster presented the draft example she had created for the committee's perusal. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that they would want to try to have a similar agreement with Veterans' Affairs. Camp Murray would be covered under a different process.

Chair Kate Read opened the floor for discussion regarding the technical scope for the new ALMD. Discussion ensued. Kurt Spingath will look into other, current, LMD's that may have a process regarding water quality, that they can mirror for the new ALMD. It was agreed that the focus for the new ALMD seemed to be three-pronged and included: milfoil, filamentous algae and phosphorous sequestering/water quality.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no further board member comments.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting date is November 5, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Kate Read
Kate Read (Nov 7, 2026 20:29:05 PST)
Kate Read, Chair

Katie Foster
Katie Foster (Nov 6, 2026 08:49:36 PST)
Katie Foster, City Staff Liaison

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