

From: Helen Reddout [<mailto:hred54wa@embarqmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 01, 2012 10:17 AM
To: McKinney, Charlie (ECY)
Subject: Information needed

I would like the names of the companies and the executives in the chemical companies and crop companies that named Stewart Turner to represent them on the GWMA committee.

Thank you,

Helen Reddout

On Aug 1, 2012, at 3:57 PM, McKinney, Charlie (ECY) wrote:

Helen,

When the search for GWAC members began, I asked around for some recommendations on someone with agronomic expertise who could fill the Crop or Fertilizer Group slot. Steve George, Yakima County Farm Bureau president had a couple of recommendations, one being Stuart Turner. I called Mr. Turner and with his previous GWMA experience, training and approach, thought he was a good fit. I received an unsolicited letter of support for Mr. Turner from Natural Selection Farms in Sunnyside. I do not know of any companies that have named him to represent them.

Sincerely,
Charlie McKinney

From: Helen Reddout [<mailto:hred54wa@embarqmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2012 4:21 PM
To: McKinney, Charlie (ECY)
Subject: Information needed

Please confirm you have received this. Thanks

You do realize that this gives the Dairy Federation three people representing their interest. Steve and Stu are paid employees of the Dairy Federation. . They have been for years. The unsolicited letter is from a dairy operation not a fertilizer or spray company

Second question , if Farm Bureau is on the GWMA board why isn't Sierra Club or River Keepers represented?

Where are the people most severely impacted by the water pollution? Title 6 says they should be represented.

I am very concerned about the make up of the board. It seems very lop sided

Sincerely,
Helen

From: "McKinney, Charlie (ECY)" <cmck461@ECY.WA.GOV>
Date: August 7, 2012 11:11:16 AM PDT
To: Helen Reddout <hred54wa@embarqmail.com>
Cc: "Tebb, G. Thomas (ECY)" <GTEB461@ecy.wa.gov>
Subject: RE: Information needed

Hello Helen,

In response to your concerns, Ecology believes that the makeup of the GWAC provides sufficient representation of the diverse stakeholders around the nitrate contamination problem to develop effective solutions and fulfill its mandate; the exception being Hispanic community representation which I will address below. To be successful, we need a variety of people at the table including those that represent the industries and land uses that are implicated as sources of the nitrate contamination; they will need to take responsibility for being part of the solution. There is bound to be some overlap in interests among members. I remind you that the County GWMA application document suggested appointment of one "environmentalist" representative. Ecology appointed representatives from three environmental groups to make sure that interest was strongly represented. I suspect that many of the GWAC members would each have their own preferences about the makeup of the committee if it were up to them.

As for organizational representation, the Farm Bureau is included because they provide representation for agriculture, the major land use that must be involved in finding and implementing solutions to the nitrate problem. It seems that the Sierra Club or the River Keepers have no such direct relevance not already represented by the included environmental organizations such as yours.

Ecology agrees that representation of the people most impacted by the pollution, especially the Hispanic community, needs to be strengthened. I am in the process of finding out if Robert Morales will be able to serve actively on the Committee; if not a replacement will need to be found. I will bring up to the group the idea that perhaps we should appoint a second representative for this community (as well as their alternates). I have also been involved in discussions with EPA and Ecology Environmental Justice advocates about seeing that EJ is considered by the Committee as it conducts its business. Tom Eaton will make a proposal to the group about that.

Sincerely,
Charlie McKinney