

**San Diego Regional Storm Water Copermittee
Management Committee
Meeting Summary**

Thursday, March 16, 2006, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
City of Encinitas, Poinsettia Room
505 South Vulcan Avenue
Encinitas, California 92024-3633

Copermittee

Representatives:

City of Carlsbad – Elaine Lukey	City of Oceanside – Mo Lahsaie
City of Coronado – Kimberly Godby	City of Poway – Danis Bechter
City of Del Mar – Roseanna Lacarra	City of San Diego – Drew Kleis
City of El Cajon – John Phillips	City of San Marcos – Ken St. Clair
City of Encinitas – Paul Hartman	City of Santee – Rob Zaino
City of Escondido – Cheryl Filar	City of Solana Beach –
City of Imperial Beach – Todd Snyder	City of Vista – Linda Isakson
City of La Mesa – Malik Tamimi	County of San Diego – Kathleen Flannery
City of Lemon Grove – Cora Long	Port of San Diego – Karen Helyer
	Regional Airport Authority – Richard Gilb

Other Participants:

Jamie Aderhold – J ² Environmental	Art Barnett – Weston Solutions
Kelly Barker – County of San Diego	Arsalan Dadkah – DMAX Engineering
Meleah Ashford – Ashford Engineering	Joanne Branch – San Diego County Office of Education
Helen Perry – City of Santee	Sheri McPherson – County of San Diego
Roger Morrison – City of Poway	Mikhail Ogawa - Mikhail Ogawa Engineering
Mayela Padilla – City of Encinitas	John Quenzer – DMAX
David Pohl – Weston Solutions	Jon Van Rhyn– County of San Diego
Lisa Skutechi – Brown and Caldwell	Erik Steenblock – City of Chula Vista
Margarita Mogollon - County of San Diego	Chris Stransky – Nautilus Environmental
Bev Stumman – Downstream Services	Chiara Clemente – San Diego RWQCB
Jayne Strommer – PBS&J	Phil Hammer – San Diego RWQCB
Marilyn O’Neill – Nautilus Environmental	Merle O’Neill – Carlsbad Watershed Network
Shelia Rideout – CDM	Michael Griffiths – City of El Cajon

I. Introductions / Program Updates / Announcements

Copermittee representatives introduced themselves and provided updates on significant recent or upcoming activities. Members of the audience introduced themselves and made general announcements.

Announcements:

- The new Municipal Urban Runoff Permit was released for Public Review on March 10.
- Job Announcements:

- The County of San Diego has two Environmental Health Specialist III positions open. For more information check the County Job web site at <http://dhr-jam.sdcounty.ca.gov/announcements/06472301LWQnew.html>
- The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board has job openings. For more information contact Dave Gibson or check the State of California Web site at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9/misc/employment.html#jobs>
- City of El Cajon has a new Deputy Director of Development, Mr. Michael Griffiths, who will oversee the stormwater program.
- The City of Oceanside has received grant funding for Loma Alta Creek; they are currently in the process of initiating the scope of work.
- The City of Encinitas has finished the final assessment report for the Moonlight Creek treatment facility.

II. Administrative Issues

- The City of San Diego has decided to join the Regional CASQA membership. The County is working with the City to bring them into the existing membership. This may impact other jurisdictions which may see a small change in their share of the contribution for the membership.
- The Prop 50 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Project proposals did not get called back for submittal as full proposals. However, the County of San Diego, the City of San Diego and the County Water Authority are continuing to develop the IRWM Plan using the Project Clean Water Summit for the public process. The Clean Water Summit is scheduled for June 30 at the University of San Diego.

III. San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Update

Mr. Phil Hammer provided the update.

✦ Process and Timeline for Review and Approval of Draft Municipal Permit

There has already been a lot of interest in what changes have been made in the new permit. To help in understanding the RWQCB approach they have prepared a “Fact Sheet”. In addition, they will be sending out a table summarizing the changes. The following is the timeline for the review and approval process:

- **90 day Public Review** –from March 14, 2006 to June 16, 2006
- **Public Workshop** – April 26, 2006
- **Comments for Board Hearing due to RWQCB**– May 31, 2006
- **Public Hearing** – June 14, 2006
- **Posting of Comment Responses** – July 26, 2006
- **RQWCB Approval** – scheduled for August 9, 2006

Please note that comments will be received until June 16th, but those received past May 31st will not be incorporated into the documents given to the RWQCB members. If the Copermittees’ wish to do group comments at the public hearing the RWQCB staff will be happy to provide a timeslot on the agenda.

✦ Overview of RWQCB Reorganization into 3 Watershed Units

The RWQCB has reorganized their programs into three watershed units. These units will be responsible for Municipal, Industrial and Construction stormwater permits, 401 certifications and grant administration. Phil indicated that he will send out a list of contacts for each unit to the Copermittees. The following is a preliminary breakout of the watersheds:

Southern Unit – Dave Gibson will be the Supervisor and will oversee activities for San Diego Bay and Tijuana Watershed. Phil Hammer will be doing the municipal and industrial stormwater permits and Dat Quach will be doing the construction stormwater permit.

Central Unit – Chiara Clemente will be the Supervisor and will oversee activities for watersheds from San Diego River north to San Luis Rey River. Ben Niell will be doing the construction and municipal stormwater permits and Debbie Woodward will be managing grants

Northern Unit – Jimmy Smith will be the Supervisor and will over see all activities for the watersheds outside of San Diego County. At this time it is unclear if this includes the Santa Margarita River. Staffing for this unit was not identified.

IV. Presentation of 2004-2005 Regional Monitoring Results

Weston Solutions presented results from the Copermittees' regional monitoring report submitted on January 31, 2006. Dave Renfrew provided an overview of the 04/05 monitoring season results for each watershed, David Pohl provided a Regional overview and Art Barnett provided an overview of the revised Regional Monitoring Program for the new permit. The presentation can be found on Project Clean Water on the Copermittee Web page.

VI. Workgroup Updates

- The Outreach workgroup continues to provide presentations on new and updated programs in watershed outreach and education. The City of Escondido presented their Elementary School program entitled, "California's Water History" at the last meeting. CASQA and the State Stormwater Taskforce are sponsoring Phase II Workshops. The City of San Diego is working through CASQA and the RWQCB to bring these workshops to San Diego in May or June of this year. The San Diego County Office of Education expressed interest in hosting the workshops and has 34 school district representatives interested in participation. The workgroup made suggestions for the PCW web site which included making stakeholder information/projects in each watershed more easily accessible. One idea was to make a link from the lead watershed copermittee to a "Projects Fact Sheet". The lead copermittee would then be responsible for creating the Fact Sheet listing projects and NGOs involved. Copermittees discussed their concern regarding the need for increased coordination between WURMP groups' planned outreach activities and the Outreach Workgroup's regional outreach activities. Two new Public Service Announcements by the City of San Diego's Think Blue campaign, one on IPM funded by FY 04/05 Outreach budget and one funded by the Port of San Diego, are scheduled to be released in June of this year. Next Outreach Workgroup Meeting is on May 9th from 10:00 to 12:00. Location to be determined.
- The Regional Monitoring Workgroup reviewed the 04/05 monitoring results, discussed TMDL issues and recommended that the Copermittees have a Data Management Workgroup. Next Monitoring Workgroup Meeting is on March 21st from 10:30 to 12:30 at the County of San Diego, 9325 Hazard Way, San Diego 92123.
- The Dry Weather Monitoring Sub-workgroup has been discussing field datasheets, land uses, action levels, and had a presentation of the 2002 through 2004 dry weather results. Next Dry Weather Monitoring Workgroup meeting is on April 19 from 10:00 to 12:00 at the County of San Diego, 9325 Hazard Way, San Diego 92123.
- The Coastal Storm Drain Monitoring Sub-workgroup met on March 8th. There were no updates provided.
- The MOU Workgroup will be meeting on March 22nd from 10:00 to 1:00 at the County of San Diego, 9325 Hazard Way, San Diego 92123. This meeting is closed to the public and is for Copermittees only. If there is any content that participants wish to address on the MOU, please send your thoughts to Jon Van Rhyn by end of business March 21st so he can present the ideas in the meeting materials.

VII. Other Business

- The Stormwater Fee for the City of Encinitas did not pass. There was a 60% vote against.
- Coast Keeper made a presentation to the City of Oceanside on its SWELL program. Oceanside really liked the program and is considering it in their schools. It was suggested that the Copermittees consider having Coast Keeper come to a Management meeting and present the program.
- The Regional Monitoring Contract for the permit cycle is in progress. The results of the contract selection will be out from mid- to late-April.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Copermittee Management Committee will take place on Thursday, May 18, 2006 in the City of Chula Vista.