

**San Diego Regional Stormwater Copermittees  
Regional Management Committee**

**Meeting Summary  
September 15, 2011**

County of San Diego  
5500 Overland Ave, Room 120  
San Diego, 92123

Copermittee  
Representatives:

City of Carlsbad – <b>Elaine Lukey</b>	City of Poway – <b>Malik Tamimi</b>
City of Chula Vista – <b>Khosro Aminpour</b>	City of Solana Beach – <b>Taryn Dunbar</b>
City of Del Mar – <b>Kelly Ogawa</b>	City of San Diego – <b>Drew Kleis</b>
City of El Cajon – <b>Jaime Campos</b>	City of Santee – <b>Helen Perry</b>
City of Encinitas – <b>Erik Steenblock</b>	City of Vista – <b>Paul Hartman</b>
City of Imperial Beach – <b>Chris Helmer</b>	County of San Diego – <b>Todd Snyder</b>
City of La Mesa – <b>Joe Kuhn</b>	Port of San Diego – <b>Karen Holman</b>
City of National City – <b>John Quenzer</b>	City of San Marcos – <b>Erica Ryan</b>
City of Oceanside – <b>Mo Lahsaie</b>	Regional Airport Authority – <b>Annie Martin</b>

Other  
Participants:

<b>Scott Taylor</b> – RBF/ CASQA	<b>Sheri McPherson</b> – County of San Diego
<b>Marisa Soriano</b> – City of Chula Vista	<b>Jon Van Rhyn</b> – County of San Diego
<b>Sara Agahi</b> – County of San Diego	<b>Tyler Huff</b> - AMEC
<b>Wayne Chiu</b> – San Diego RWQCB	<b>Julia Chunn</b> - Surfrider
<b>Christina Arias</b> – San Diego RWQCB	<b>Chris Hanger</b> – County of San Diego
<b>Nick Del Valle</b> – County of San Diego	<b>Amanda Archenhold</b> - Mactec
<b>Allison Gutierrez</b> – Port of San Diego	<b>Sarah Koppel</b>
<b>Jo Ann Weber</b> – County of San Diego	<b>Eric Mosolgo</b> – Brown and Caldwell
<b>Jill Witkowski</b> – San Diego CoastKeeper	<b>Christa Zacharias</b> – Nautilus Environmental
<b>Brett Bennetts</b> – Brown and Caldwell	<b>Rick Alzaga</b> – City of San Marcos
<b>Jim O’Day</b> – County of San Diego	<b>Gale Filter</b> - San Diego CoastKeeper
<b>Chris Haynes</b>	<b>Evan Lee-Fook</b>

**1. Introductions and Announcements**

Copermittee representatives and public participants introduced themselves. Karen Holman announced that Allison Gutierrez was recently promoted and will now be the primary contact for the Port of San Diego.

**2. Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) Update**

Wayne Chiu, San Diego RWQCB, provided a quick update on RWQCB staff activities. Staff received the Copermittees’ Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) at the end of June, and is currently reviewing the document. Draft permit language is in progress. Staff is currently putting together the language for a Regional Permit along with a fact sheet and expect to distribute an Administrative Draft to the Copermittees, Non-profit Organizations, Environmental Groups and Industrial Groups sometime around December - February. At this time, RWCQB staff is anticipating the permit schedule to be as follows:

Release of Administrative Draft: December 2011 - February 2012

Release of Public Draft: June – August 2012

## Adoption by Board Members: September – December 2012

Wayne indicated that all existing TMDL requirements will be incorporated into the new permit. Requirements for TMDLs that are currently in development will be incorporated after they are adopted. The plan is to maintain watershed boundaries as they are currently defined in R9-2007-0001. The exception will be the Santa Margarita Watershed, which will be on a phased approach until the Riverside County permit expires and they are incorporated into the Regional Permit. At this time, the thought is that there will not be a single Principal Permittee for the region. When asked if RWQCB staff is coordinating this permit with other Regional Boards, Wayne indicated that the Executive Officer is indeed talking with other Boards about the approach.

### 3. Administrative Issues

Jon Van Rhyn provided the following updates:

- FY 2009-10 Jurisdictional URMP Annual Reports are due to the County (5201 Ruffin Rd., Ste. P) by noon Wednesday, September 28; 3 CDs, no hard copies; Please follow the guidelines in the attached RWQCB electronic submittal guidance, which will be sent out again to the Copermittees;
- FY 2011-12 Working Body Work Plans and Budgets are due to the Program Planning Subcommittee by Monday, October 31;
- CASQA 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference to be held on September 26th - 28th at the Hyatt Regency Monterey (see <http://stormwaterconference.com/>); and
- The Project Clean Water Website has been updated. Please visit <http://www.projectcleanwater.org/>. Sheri McPherson will be visiting the various working bodies to provide training on the use of the website.

### Presentations

#### 4. San Diego Coastkeeper

Gale Filter, the new Coastkeeper Executive Director, provided an overview his vision of Coastkeeper's mission; 1) act as a watch dog on water issues, and; 2) keep an eye on government agencies to ensure they are doing the job they are charged with doing. Gale stressed that he believes in the power of collaboration, and that through collaboration we can achieve meaningful change on water-related issues.

Jill Witkowski, Legal Clinic Director for Coastkeeper, discussed their efforts to review JURMP Annual Reports with an eye towards the need for transparency of information to the general public. An outcome from this review was that letters were sent to each Copermittee pointing out incompleteness in their commercial and industrial facility inventories—specifically a lack of facility-specific information on potential pollutants and proximity to 303(d) impaired waterbodies. Jill pointed to the Port of San Diego and Airport Authority as models for compliance. To date, 13 jurisdictions are still considered to be noncompliant; others have contacted Coastkeeper with updated information. Coastkeeper will be requesting copies of the upcoming JURMP Annual Reports to review as soon as they are submitted. When asked what Coastkeeper intends to do with this information, Jill responded that they are interested in taking a more active role in assessing and enforcing facilities' compliance.

Some Copermittees expressed concern regarding the letters and noted that, even where inventories are reported consistently, the method of determining treat to water quality and how "tributary to" is defined varies by each jurisdiction; caution must therefore be taken to avoid over-interpreting inventory information.

Jill also provided an overview of Coastkeeper's "Pollution Patrollers". This group of volunteers is being trained to identify pollution incidents and Best Management Practice (BMP) violations. Currently, they are being sent out to public parks to ensure that BMPs are being implemented. They are building a database of results. Coastkeeper is expecting to send notices to the various jurisdictions as needed to ensure compliance. They are hopeful that they can work collaboratively with the Copermittees and that the Copermittees will feel free to ask Coastkeeper for assistance when needed.

## 5. California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) Update

Scott Taylor, Chair of the CASQA Board of Directors, provided an overview of CASQA's mission, who they are, and current efforts in stormwater quality management throughout the state. CASQA's goal is "advancing stormwater quality management, science and regulation" by focusing on long-range issues that influence programs and provide a strong collaborative voice at the State and Federal levels. Among many notable efforts, CASQA has continued to be involved in true source control initiatives and Construction Permit training. During FY 2010-11, CASQA continued to submit letters on pesticide registration, turned their true source control focus to galvanized steel, and continued to partner with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on providing training required on the Statewide Construction Permit. Looking forward, CASQA is preparing to establish a partnership with the SWRCB on the Statewide Industrial Permit training requirements, provide a statewide voice on funding of stormwater programs and NPDES fee increases, supporting stormwater permit processes, assisting in the interpretation of 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court decisions, supporting Phase II permittees, and actively engaging USEPA on a regulatory approach that focuses on true source control rather than treating at the end-of-pipe.

Scott encouraged the Copermittees to become involved, noting that all of CASQA's efforts are done by volunteers with the exception of the Executive Officer. The next quarterly Board of Directors meeting will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup> in Irvine at the Irvine Marriott, and will include presentations on transportation issues and national stormwater rulemaking. This meeting will be available as a webcast. In addition, CASQA's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will be held on September 26 – 28 in Monterey at the Hyatt Regency Monterey. On Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be eight in-depth workshops held. These will be available as webcasts. For more information visit <http://stormwaterconference.com/>.

Scott's presentation can be viewed at [http://www.projectcleanwater.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=83&Itemid=191](http://www.projectcleanwater.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=83&Itemid=191).

## 6. Copermittee Updates

### • Permit Reissuance

Jon Van Rhyn indicated that the Program Planning Subcommittee is continuing to identify and work through many of the technical and logistical issues associated with the re-issuance of a watershed-based Permit.

### • Unfunded Mandates

Jon Van Rhyn provided a summary of the status of the Copermittees' unfunded mandates claim. Recently, the L.A. Superior Court overturned the Mandates Commission decision on the L.A. County claim. At this time, it's not clear what the impact to the San Diego claim will be. The San Diego Claim was to be heard in the Sacramento Superior Court on September 9<sup>th</sup> but this was postponed to a future date. The court has asked for more time to prepare for the hearing.

The County continues to work on the development of the Reasonable Reimbursement Methods (RRMs). An RRM for regional meetings is near complete. The RRM for street sweeping will likely include a recommendation to claim contracted sweeping as actual costs, and to limit the RRM to jurisdictions that conduct their operations in-house. The RRM for MS4 inspection and cleanings is still in progress. As County staff work through the survey results more questions are surfacing. Copermittees should expect to hear from the County again on these questions.

### • Approval of Copermittee Work Products

To bring clarity to how regional work products are used, the Program Planning Subcommittee identified the following types of approvals/actions.

Types of Approvals or Actions

1. Working Body Approval: Products are kept at working body level
2. Regional Management Committee (RMC) Approval
  - A. Consent: Products agendized as consent items for RMC approval
  - B. Discussion: Products agendized for RMC for discussion / approval
3. RMC Info: Products brought as information items to the RMC

Each working body will be asked to self-assign work products to an approval type.

Examples of work products requiring the Management Committee approval are: MOU, prepared submittals to RWQCB, programs or activities to be jointly implemented by the Copermittees, Work Plans and Budgets, products for general distribution that will bear the Copermittees' name, standards or products that must be utilized by individual Copermittees, and work products representing commitments for individual Copermittees. The following table is a draft summary of FY 2011-12 work products and approval types. Each should be reviewed and confirmed or modified as appropriate by its respective Working Body.

Working Body	Work Product	Approving Body	Approval Type
Program Planning Subcommittee	Regional Framework / Guidance for TMDL Implementation Approach	RMC	Info
	Watershed Activities Database	Working Body	-----
	Regional Standards for Reporting and Assessment	RMC	Vote
Education and Residential Sources Workgroup	Tourism Video	RMC	Info
	Trash Public Service Announcement	RMC	Info
	Regional Education Plan Review and Assessment	RMC	Vote
	Materials Development (calendar, coloring book, pet waste bags, brochure)	Working Body	-----
Monitoring Workgroup	Source Identification Work Plan	RMC	Not applicable in FY 2010-11 (Plans already submitted to RWQCB)
	Receiving Waters Monitoring Work Plan	RMC	
	Monitoring Reports	RMC	Vote
Industrial, Commercial, and Municipal Sources Workgroup	Municipal Staff Training Video	RMC	Info
	Municipal Inventory and Program Standards	RMC	Vote
	Inspection Standards	Working Body	-----
	Mobile Business Database Maintenance	Working Body	-----
Land Development Workgroup	HMP Monitoring QAPP (other deliverables TBD)	RMC	Vote

- **FY 2012-13 Work Plans and Budgets**

Working Body Work Plans and Budgets are due to the Program Planning Subcommittee by 10/31/11. Every identified work product must:

- A. Have an identified deliverable date,
- B. Identify if funding is from previous FY carryovers, and
- C. Be designated with one of the following:
  - Working Body Approval
  - RMC Approval
  - RMC Info

- **Working Body Updates**

- i. Program Planning Subcommittee

Todd Snyder provided an update on three primary tasks for this fiscal year. Current efforts are focused on an evaluation of non-structural BMPs. This effort will culminate in an update in effectiveness on water quality and costs, as well as, social and political barriers to the implementation of these BMPs. In addition, the Subcommittee will be continuing on reporting and assessment standards and will provide input on the details of permit reissuance.

- ii. Monitoring Workgroup

Jo Ann Weber provided the update. Early in September the 2011-12 monitoring work plans were submitted to the RWQCB, the group is currently reviewing the bacteria regrowth study report that was conducted as a part of Bight 08, and will be working on an evaluation of bacteria sources for residential land uses.

- iii. Education and Residential Source Workgroup

Chris Helmer provided the update. Recently, the 2011 Regional Residential Survey was completed. The survey report is available on the Project Clean Water website. The workgroup will be reviewing the Residential Outreach Plan, evaluating approaches taken to date, updating the regional calendar for 2012, and sponsoring some outreach events. Chris asked the Copermitees for input on which events were important to the region.

- iv. Industrial, Commercial and Municipal Sources Workgroup

Nick del Valle provided the update. The Workgroup is working on identifying commonalities of the municipal with the commercial/industrial programs. Recently, the BMP toolbox and a municipal training video were completed. Both of these are available on the Project Clean Water website. Moving forward the Workgroup will be posting materials on Project Clean Water and updating the Mobile Business inventory.

- v. Land Development

Sara Agahi provided the update. To assist in the implementation of the HMP program, two sub-workgroups have been developed; 1) HMP Technical Sub-workgroup, and; 2) HMP Monitoring Sub-workgroup. Activities include assisting users with the use of the BMP Sizing Tool, resolving HMP technical questions and policy issues with developers and staff, conducting a third party review of both the BMP Sizing Tool and the San Diego Hydrology Model, and providing continuing education opportunities for using the HMP.

## 7. Year-end Accounting for FY 2010-11 Regional Shared Costs

\*\*\*\* APPROVED\*\*\*\*

Jon Van Rhyn provided a brief overview of the FY 2010-11 budget, summary of the submitted expenditure claims and request to roll over funds in the FY 2011-12 budget and work plan. Jon pointed out an error that had been made in the materials sent out to the Copermittees prior to the meeting – the Municipal Workgroup’s claims and rollover request were omitted from the summaries.

The total expenditure for FY 2010-11 was \$3,202,426, resulting in a remainder of \$333,089. Three working bodies requested a total of \$162,217 in rollover of funds; 1) \$124,750 for the Monitoring workgroup to compete the bacteria source study, targeted MS4 data analysis, and to work with the Southern California Monitoring Coalition; 2) \$37,988 for the Land Development Workgroup to complete the baseline geomorphic assessments required as part of the HMP monitoring program, and; 3) \$479 for the Municipal Workgroup to complete the development of a municipal inventory.

The Management Committee reviewed the shared costs and approved as follows:

- Motion: Approve the Working Body Requests to “roll over” unused funds from FY 2010-11 to FY 2011-12 and corresponding adjustments to FY 2011-12 work plans to accommodate the roll-over of funds.
- Moved by Helen Perry, City of Santee; seconded by Karen Holman, Port of San Diego.
- Vote: 18 for; 0 against; 0 abstaining
- Motion passed

## 8. Next Meeting

The next Management Committee meeting is scheduled for late November or early December 2011 at the County Operation Center Training Room.