

San Diego Regional Stormwater Copermittees Regional Program Planning Subcommittee

Meeting Notes

Co-Chairs Todd Snyder and Jon Van Rhyn

Date	Location	Agenda Summary
5/2/2012 Start time: 10:00 AM End time: 1:00 PM	County of San Diego 5201 Ruffin Rd, Ste P San Diego, CA 92123	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant scope of work for draft strategic monitoring approach • RWQCB Q&A Session • Recap Q&A Session • May 16 PPS Meeting Planning

Meeting Attendance:

Number of Voting Copermittees at this Meeting: 10

VOTING MEMBERS

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Carlsbad
Elaine Lukey
James Wood | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of El Cajon
Jaime Campos | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Escondido
Cheryl Filar
Jeff Warner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Lemon Grove
Malik Tamimi |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Oceanside
Alison Witheridge | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Poway
Roger Morrison | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of San Diego
Heather Stroud
Andre Sonksen
Andrew Kleis
Sumer Hasenin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Vista
Paul Hartman |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Port of San Diego
Allison Vosskuhler | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County of San Diego
Jon Van Rhyn
Todd Snyder
Christine Sloan
Jo Ann Weber | Stephanie Gaines
Teresa Brownyard
Sheri McPherson | |

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Chula Vista
Khosro Aminpour
Marisa Soriano | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Coronado | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Del Mar
Mikhail Ogawa* | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Encinitas
Erik Steenblock |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Imperial Beach
Chris Helmer | <input type="checkbox"/> City of La Mesa | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of National City
John Quenzer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of San Marcos
Reed Thornberry |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Santee
Helen Davies
Pedro Orso-Delgado
Shawn Hagerty
Julie Procopio | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Solana Beach | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airport Authority
Annie Martin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary
Scott Cartwright |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
Laurie Walsh
Eric Becker | | | |

*Indicates consultant representing copermittee

1. **Introductions and Announcements**
2. **Administrative Issues**

The May 17th RMC meeting is cancelled.

3. **Copermittee Business**

The City of San Diego presented a proposed consultant scope of work to develop a draft strategic monitoring approach and revised permit language. The consultant would be tasked with developing a strategic monitoring approach that would complement the development of the WQIPs, on a watershed basis. The consultant would also be tasked with preparing draft proposed permit language to supplement the WQIP requirements in Provision B. See attached for detailed scope.

The City of San Diego has offered to pay for this consultant effort.

Khosro Aminpour (City of Chula Vista) mentioned that the scope should address the fact that some pollutants are out of the jurisdictions' control.

4. **Q&A Session with RWQCB Staff on Administrative Draft MS4 Permit**

Eric Becker and Laurie Walsh represented the RWQCB at this meeting.

- A. **Process for Stakeholder Comments & Recommendations on Administrative Draft**

Copermittee Representation at Workshops

RWQCB staff is open to expanding the number of representatives at the focused workshops to 15-20, not including RWQCB staff, and possibly room for additional people in the audience. The Copermittees asked that all 21 be represented. RWQCB staff indicated that 21 Copermittee representatives is too many and will not be allowed. Once a facilitator has been selected, they will determine the final number of attendees.

The Copermittees indicated that increasing representation from NGOs may not help with the technical nature of the workshops. RWQCB staff indicated that they would consider that in their discussions with the facilitator.

Schedule for Workshops and Written Comments

RWQCB staff indicated that the timeline that had previously been distributed at the public meeting on 4/25 will be delayed; a revised schedule is forthcoming.

The Copermittees asked that RWQCB staff consider 3-4 weeks between workshops. The Copermittees also asked that the RWQCB consider holding legal meetings on a separate, parallel track from the technical workshops.

It is anticipated that each workshop will be 4-6 hours.

Workshop Documentation and Facilitation

The Copermittees asked that the RWQCB develop a system to report out from workshops. The Copermittees offered to develop meeting notes and/or pay for facilitation. Coordination is needed with Orange and Riverside Counties regarding the selection of a facilitator. Workshop agendas will need to be worked out with the facilitator. The Copermittees asked that the RWQCB consider splitting JURMP workshop into two sessions.

B. Discussion of Draft Permit Language

RWQCB staff made it clear that they are open to changes to the Permit wording and that they welcome written suggestions.

Monitoring and Assessment

RWQCB staff indicated that the intent of the Permit is to use existing monitoring programs and add focus rather than to expand. The Copermittees indicated that the Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) shows that illicit discharge/illegal connection (IDIC) elimination efforts are not always an effective use of resources. It still seems like a lot of “bean counting” in regards to the monitoring.

The Copermittees indicated that the monitoring in the draft Permit does not seem outcome-driven. It seems to force everyone to start by considering all pollutants to be a priority, even though current monitoring is already starting to generate more specific priorities for pollutants.

The Copermittees expressed concerns that the draft Permit seems to be a huge cost increase and doesn't really answer key questions about what can be done.

The RWQCB representatives suggested the Copermittees write the language they would prefer for the Permit and the RWQCB will consider that language, even if such language proposes an entire new permit section.

RWQCB indicated that the Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) is intended to be very similar to a Comprehensive Load Reduction Plan. The Copermittees do not think that the draft language reads that way and will suggest edits.

Compliance Measurement

Again, there seem to be disconnects between the spoken intent of the Board and the Copermittees' interpretation of the draft Permit language.

RWQCB staff indicated that they are trying to avoid future TMDLs by using targets in Permit.

The Copermittees expressed concerns about other sources (outside of the control of the Copermittees) that contribute pollution to receiving waters.

Jon Van Rhyn (County of San Diego) expressed that the Administrative Draft Permit only focuses on receiving water and MS4 discharge targets and does not address assessment of programmatic success, such as influencing the awareness and behaviors of targeted populations that Copermittees regulate.

C. Next Steps

Copermittees will coordinate with Orange and Riverside Counties regarding workshop facilitation and meeting notes.

RWQCB staff will revise the workshop schedule; the first workshop will be pushed to a later date.

RWQCB staff will forward its counsel the request for a separate track of legal discussions.

5. Recap Q&A Session

Funds are available for facilitation and note taking at RWQCB workshops (estimated cost of facilitation is about \$25,000). Todd Snyder (Co-Chair) will send an email with scope and fees for vote (see item 3A above). RBF would be available to take notes. Although the facilitator will likely be funded by the Copermittees, he would coordinate directly with the RWQCB.

Individual written comments from each jurisdiction would be preferred over one regional comment letter, although it would be best for all jurisdictions to have common themes and topics for their comments.

Jurisdictions should let RWQCB staff know about concerns regarding increased workshop participation from other non-Copermittee groups.

In general, good communication in between workshops is more important than representation from each jurisdiction.

Jurisdictions should consider how some pending legislation may impact the Permit, including SB900, AB 2117, and SB1306.

6. May 16 PPS Meeting Planning

ICM and LD Workgroups will be tasked with providing feedback at the meeting regarding specific suggestions for revised permit language (including support/backup).

The Monitoring Workgroup will provide feedback on scope.

The County will provide a basic structure for each workgroup to express their findings.

Legal representatives will also report out at the meeting.

7. Action Items

Action Item		Responsible Party	Timeline
1	Coordinate with Orange County and Riverside County regarding workshop facilitation and meeting notes.	County of San Diego	ASAP
2	Develop revised schedule and decide about a parallel track of legal meeting (outside of the technical focus workshops)	RWQCB	TBD pending action item #1
3	Email out consultant scope and fee for a vote	Todd Snyder	ASAP
4	Develop basic structure for other Workgroups to communicate suggested changes to Permit Language.	County of San Diego	Prior to May 16 PPS Meeting.

8. Next Meeting

Date: May 16, 2012

Time: 10 AM to 12:00 PM

Location: County of San Diego, 5201 Ruffin Rd, Suite P, San Diego, CA 92123

Agenda Items for next meeting: See Section 7 above

FY2011-12 REGIONAL TASKS AND WORK PRODUCTS
(for inclusion in Annual Report)

Working Body	Task/Work Product	Program Implementation	Status
Regional Program Planning Subcommittee	Permit Re-issuance Support	Copermittees have met with the Board regarding the draft Permit language. Action items have been identified for a coordinated approach to developing comments and suggestions about the Permit language.	Ongoing
Regional Program Planning Subcommittee	Regional Standards for Reporting and Assessment	Copermittees have approved a conceptual approach for this task.	Ongoing
Regional Program Planning Subcommittee	Development of Watershed Program Approach	Due to Permit re-issuance, this task was determined by the subcommittee to no longer be necessary at this time.	Removed

Working Body	Task/Work Product	Program Implementation	Status
Regional Program Planning Subcommittee	Regional Framework/Guidance for TMDL Implementation Planning	BMP abstracts and the Special Studies Framework are being finalized.	Ongoing
Regional Program Planning Subcommittee	Watershed Activities Database	Copermittees are to enter new information and validate the information entered by the consultant. Through use of the database, Watershed Leads are evaluating the database and will bring any issues or suggestions to the County for consideration by the RPPS.	Ongoing