

# San Diego Regional Stormwater Copermittees Regional Program Planning Subcommittee

## *Meeting Notes*

Co-Chairs Todd Snyder and Jon Van Rhyn

Date	Location	Agenda Summary
10/3/2012 Start time: 1:00 PM End time: 3:00 PM	County of San Diego 5510 Overland Ave San Diego, CA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates on Permit Reissuance</li> <li>• FY 11-12 Budget Expenditures</li> <li>• Carryover of Funds to FY 12-13</li> <li>• Reference Study – Year 2</li> </ul>

**Meeting Attendance:**

Number of Voting Copermittees at this Meeting: 9

**VOTING MEMBERS**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Carlsbad <b>Elaine Lukey</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of El Cajon <b>Jaime Campos</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Escondido <b>Cheryl Filar</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Lemon Grove <b>Malik Tamimi</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Oceanside <b>Cynthia Mallett</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Poway <b>Steve Strapac</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Vista <b>Doug Coppi</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Port of San Diego
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of San Diego <b>Cary Brown</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County of San Diego <b>Jon Van Rhyn</b> <b>Todd Snyder</b>	<b>Scott Norris</b> <b>Joann Weber</b>	<b>Sheri McPherson</b> <b>Christine Sloan</b> <b>Deborah Mosley</b>

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Chula Vista <b>Khosro Aminpour</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Coronado <b>Rosanna Lacarra*</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Del Mar <b>Mikhail Ogawa*</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> City of Encinitas
<input type="checkbox"/> City of Imperial Beach	<input type="checkbox"/> City of La Mesa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of National City <b>John Quenzer*</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of San Marcos <b>Erica Ryan</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Santee <b>Helen Davies</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Solana Beach <b>Taryn Dunbar</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airport Authority <b>Annie Martin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary <b>Hilary Potter</b>

\*Indicates consultant representing copermittee

**1. Introductions and Announcements**

Copermittees introduced themselves.

**2. Administrative Issues**

**3. Subcommittee Business**

**A. Updates on Permit Reissuance**

The Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) announced an additional focused meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 24 from 9:30 AM to 3 PM at the City of Vista.

Per conversations between Todd Snyder (County of San Diego) and Eric Becker (RWQCB), the RWQCB is anticipating releasing a redline iteration of the tentative order by October 12 and releasing the formal tentative order and completed fact sheet by October 31, one week after the focused meeting. Eric Becker also indicated the RWQCB is leaning toward a 60-day public comment period on the tentative order and still anticipating adoption of the permit by Spring 2013.

Dave Gibson (RWQCB) also recently announced that November 14 there will be a formal RWQCB workshop dedicated to the MS4 Permit with all Board Members present. The County of San Diego indicated they would be mobilizing to have some elected officials and higher management persons at the November 14 meeting and encouraged other Copermittees to do the same.

Khosro Aminpour (City of Chula Vista) questioned why there was no separate comment submittal from the Attorneys' Group on the administrative draft permit. Todd Snyder (County of San Diego) responded that the attorneys focused their primary efforts on providing input on Provision A for the Copermittees. In addition, they requested a meeting with RWQCB Counsel during the administrative permit review process; however, RWQCB Counsel would only meet if the Attorneys' Group provided a list of their items for discussion. The Attorneys' Group decided they would wait to meet with RWQCB Counsel until after the tentative order is released for public review.

**B. FY 11-12 Budget Expenditures**

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

Sheri McPherson (County of San Diego) previously sent via email the detailed backup for Fiscal Year 11-12 (FY11-12) expenditures. Todd Snyder (County of San Diego) walked through the summary (see attached) of the expenditures.

For FY11-12, the Program Planning Subcommittee (PPS) had an approved budget of \$190,747. The budget was modified in August by moving money between tasks with the overall amount remaining the same. Through the end of FY11-12, a total of \$91,377 has been billed and spent. An additional \$82,334 remain committed to task orders, leaving \$17,036 of the PPS budget uncommitted for FY11-12.

Todd Snyder (County of San Diego) motioned for approval of the FY11-12 expenditures as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Carryover of Funds to FY 12-13**

***Overall***

From the sum of all the workgroups, the uncommitted funds from FY11-12 total \$295,741. If no funds are carried over to FY12-13, then the uncommitted funds will be distributed back to the Copermittees per the cost sharing agreement. The Land

Development Workgroup, Monitoring Workgroup, and PPS presented requests for carrying over the uncommitted funds to FY12-13.

***Land Development Workgroup***

Christine Sloan (County of San Diego) presented an overview of the Hydromodification Monitoring Plan (HMP) Monitoring Project and a request for carryover of funds to FY12-13.

The HMP Monitoring Project requires the Copermittees to monitor 10 sites (3 development sites, 1 reference site, and 1 urban site for high geomorphically susceptible areas and 3 development sites, 1 reference site, and 1 urban site for medium geomorphically susceptible areas). The purpose is to assess if assumptions in the HMP are correct, if BMPs are sized adequately, and determine the effect of development on downstream areas. The HMP Monitoring Project must provide, to the RWQCB, an update to the monitoring plan in 2013 and a final report in 2016 at the end of the 5-year assessment. The project team, consisting of representatives from the County of San Diego, City of San Diego, ESA-PWA (consultant) and Weston Solutions (consultant), have already spent 2,270 staff hours on the HMP Monitoring Project and researched over 187 potential sites. Risks to the HMP Monitoring Project include a fixed budget and scope, fixed permit-determined schedule, access (safety, liability), weather, and development timing. The potential sites for monitoring have restrictions, including fitting into the permit-required criteria, rights to access, and safety issues.

There are three phases to the HMP Monitoring Project. Phase 1, completed FY11-12, started with the pilot project, 2 reference sites, and 2 urban sites. Phase 2, started October 1, 2012, is to include monitoring of 10 sites through 2016. Phase 2 also includes updating the monitoring plan, incorporating the project's initial findings and input from both the RWQCB and HMP Technical Advisory Committee. Phase 3 is to include assessment of BMPs as developments are completed.

Refer to the attached slides for further details on the HMP Monitoring Project.

The Copermittees discussed the benefits of including the multiple sites identified as having low geomorphic susceptibility in the final report and including data from developers as they complete geomorphic assessments during project development to determine their required BMP sizing. Christine Sloan (County of San Diego) shared the Land Development Workgroup has discussed having a database of geomorphic assessments for the region, but there is no funding or lead for that effort.

***Land Development Workgroup FY12-13 Budget***

Through Phase 1 of this process, the Land Development Workgroup has learned that identifying and retaining sites is one of the biggest challenges and has consumed

more resources than planned. The Land Development Workgroup is also contracted with the consultants to monitor 30 events (3 events per site), complete 10 geomorphic assessments/mini surveys, update the monitoring plan, and continue data analysis and reporting.

Christine Sloan (County of San Diego) reviewed the FY11-12 expenditure summary for the Land Development Workgroup (refer to slide 30). The Land Development Workgroup spent \$197,654 of their \$237,482 budget for FY11-12, leaving \$39,828 unspent. The Land Development Workgroup revised their FY12-13 requested budget based on lessons learned from Phase 1 of this process, increasing the HMP Monitoring budget from \$288,750 to \$411,398 (a difference of \$122,648). The Land Development Workgroup is requesting \$39,828 in existing commitments to be carried over to FY12-13 from the Land Development Workgroup funds and an additional \$82,819 from the overall Copermittees' funds, for a total carry over amount of \$122,648.

#### ***Monitoring Workgroup***

Joann Weber (County of San Diego), on behalf of the Monitoring Workgroup, requested a total of \$26,000 to be carried over. These funds will be used to review and provide preliminary written comments, provide a cost estimate of the monitoring, and provide draft talking points for the RWQCB Focused Meeting on October 24. Refer to the handout for detailed information on the scope and estimated costs.

#### ***Program Planning Subcommittee***

Todd Snyder (County of San Diego) reminded the Copermittees that for FY12-13, the decision was made to consolidate all permit reissuance tasks and budgets under the PPS Workplan and Budget. The FY12-13 PPS Workplan and Budget, as approved January 19, 2012, by the RMC, allocated \$90,000 plus contract management costs for permit reissuance support. From July 1, 2012 to date (approximately 3 ½ months), Todd estimated that approximately \$80,000 has already been spent. Per the RWQCB schedule, there may be five to eight more months of work. Todd requested additional funds to be carried over and added for permit reissuance support.

Erica Ryan (City of San Marcos) stated that the consultant support has been very helpful with the permit reissuance process and would not want to underfund that task. Khosro Aminpour (City of Chula Vista) questioned how much was spent in FY11-12 for permit reissuance support. Todd Snyder (County of San Diego) estimated approximately \$110,000 was spent in FY11-12 for permit reissuance support.

Todd Snyder (County of San Diego) requested the remaining amount of carryover funds (after fulfilling the Land Development and Monitoring Workgroups requests) be carried over for the PPS for permit reissuance support (\$186,922).

***Regional Management Committee Recommendations***

The Copermittees discussed several options for presenting these requests to the Regional Management Committee (RMC).

*Option One*

**\*\*APPROVED\*\* (8 to 1, dissenting vote from City of San Diego)**

Recommend approval of carryover of all remaining funds totaling \$591,153; \$295,412 are committed to existing work and \$295,741 are not committed. Uncommitted funds are recommended to be distributed as follows: \$122,648 delegated to the Land Development Workgroup, \$26,000 to the Monitoring Workgroup, and \$186,922 to the Program Planning Subcommittee.

The dissenting vote on this recommendation was the City of San Diego, as the City would prefer to see the next version of the permit before committing additional funds to the permit reissuance process. Since the City of San Diego holds significant voting power within the RMC, additional options were considered.

*Option Two*

Make four separate recommendations to the RMC.

**\*\*APPROVED\*\* (9 to 0)**

1) Approve carryover of all committed funds.

**\*\*APPROVED\*\* (9 to 0)**

2) Approve carryover of \$82,819 for the Land Development Workgroup.

**\*\*APPROVED\*\* (9 to 0)**

3) Approve carryover of \$26,000 for the Monitoring Workgroup.

**\*\*APPROVED\*\* (8 to 1, dissenting vote from City of San Diego)**

4) Approve carryover of \$186,922 for the Program Planning Subcommittee.

*Option Three*

Postpone the October 11 RMC Meeting until after the next version of the permit is released. This would also postpone other business of the RMC Meeting, including approval of the FY11-12 expenditures.

*Option Four*

Review the Memorandum of Understanding to determine if it could be arranged such that the City of San Diego is credited their portion of the City's non-preferred carry over amount (portion of \$186,922) but the remaining Copermittees' portions are still carried over for permit reissuance support.

*Consensus*

The Copermittees reached consensus to allow the County of San Diego to review the Memorandum of Understanding, continue discussions with the City of San Diego, and propose a way forward, including potentially postponing the October 11 RMC Meeting.

**D. Other Topics**

The Copermittees are now headed into year 2 of the Reference Study. Scott Norris (County of San Diego) will be emailing the Copermittees with suggested contribution levels. Copermittees will need to complete their cost sharing agreements, get them executed and signed so that the County can follow up with invoices. Year 2 of the Reference Study will include a creek element and a beach element. Scott Norris is the contact for any questions on this issue.

**4. Action Items**

Action Item	Responsible Party	Timeline	
1	Review the Memorandum of Understanding, continue discussions with the City of San Diego, and propose a way forward, including potentially postponing the October 11 RMC Meeting.	County of San Diego	Prior to 10/11

**5. Next Meeting**

Date: October 17, 2012

Time: 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Location: County of San Diego, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

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**FY2012-13 REGIONAL TASKS AND WORK PRODUCTS**  
**(for inclusion in Annual Report)**

<b>Working Body</b>	<b>Task/Work Product</b>	<b>Program Implementation</b>	<b>Status</b>
Regional Program Planning Subcommittee	Permit Re-issuance Support		Ongoing
Regional Program Planning Subcommittee	Regional Standards for Reporting and Assessment		Ongoing
Regional Program Planning Subcommittee	Regional Framework/Guidance for Watershed-Based Implementation Planning		Ongoing
Regional Program Planning Subcommittee	Watershed Activities Database		Ongoing