

# San Diego Region Municipal Stormwater Permit Copermittee Management Committee

## Meeting Summary

Thursday, January 16, 2003, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30a.m.  
City of Santee, 10601 Magnolia Avenue: Building 8

Chair: Teresa Brownyard, County of San Diego

### Copermittee

Representatives:

City of Carlsbad – Jayne Strommer	City of National City – Din Daneshfar
City of Chula Vista – Muna Cuthbert	City of Oceanside – Mo Lahsaie
City of Coronado – Charles Caminini	City of Poway – Danis Bechter
City of Del Mar – Mikhail Ogawa	City of San Diego – Ruth Kolb
City of El Cajon – Julie Hampel	City of San Marcos – Jasen Boyens
City of Encinitas – Kathy Weldon	City of Santee – Rob Zaino
City of Escondido – Cheryl Filar	City of Solana Beach -
City of Imperial Beach – Hank Levien	City of Vista – Meleah Ashford
City of La Mesa – Driss Elwardi	County of San Diego – Jon Van Rhyn

Other Participants:

Daniel Arvizo – City of Lemon Grove	Jeff Murphy – County of San Diego
Art Barnett – MEC Analytical	Devon Muto – PBS&J
Severo Chavez – BDS Engineering	Todd Snyder – County of San Diego
Robert Collins – City of San Diego	Erik Steenblock – City of Santee
Dennis Davies – City of El Cajon	Michele Stress – County of San Diego
Paul Davy – County of San Diego	Arsalan Dadkah – DMAX Engineering
Nancy Gardiner – Brown and Caldwell	Christopher Warn – MEC Analytical
Marco Gonzalez – Surfrider	Nancy Winiarz – Port of San Diego
Paul Hardwick – SANDAG	Chad Crandall – Berryman & Hennigar
Rosanna Lacarra – MEC Analytical	Nathan Chaney – Port of San Diego
Anne Lee – Foley and Lardner	Mayela Padilla-Gillan – Port of San Diego
Ron Miller – Sempra Energy	Liz Dean – City of Poway
Ben Keasler – Camp Pendleton	Rob Chichester – CNRSW Environmental
Cindy Paulson – Brown & Caldwell	Cory Binns – CalTrans
Cid Tesoro – County of San Diego	Patti Krebs – IEA
Eliana Barreiros – City of San Diego	Stacey Baczkowski – RWQCB, San Diego
Linda Isakson – City of Oceanside	

## **I. Introductions / Program Updates / Announcements**

Teresa Brownyard, County of San Diego, opened the meeting by providing Copermittee representatives and other attendees an opportunity to introduce themselves. In the interest of time, Copermittees opted not to provide jurisdictional program updates. It was noted that most recent activity has been focused on writing Jurisdictional

Urban Runoff Management Program (JURMP) Annual Reports, which are due to the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) on January 31, 2003.

## **II. Administrative Issues**

- Copermittees discussed whether to revert to a monthly meeting frequency, or to continue meeting on a bi-monthly basis. There was general agreement that a bi-monthly frequency is adequate, with the understanding that more frequent meetings may be scheduled based on need.
- The next Copermittee Management Committee meeting was scheduled for February 20, 2003 at the City of San Diego Mission Valley Branch Library (10am – 12pm). At this meeting, Copermittees will be asked to vote to approve the FY 2003-04 shared costs budget.
- Copies of the final 2001-02 MEC monitoring report were distributed in CD format to all Copermittees. The report will also be posted on the Project Clean Water Copermittee web page, and hard copies will be made available to each jurisdiction upon request.
- Agendas for the January 17, 2003 California Association of Stormwater Quality Agencies (CASWQA) meeting were distributed.

## **III. San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Update**

Stacey Baczkowski announced that the RWQCB has recently completed its review of jurisdictional Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plans (SUSMPs). Comments and, where they are warranted, Notices of Violation will soon be distributed to Copermittees. Ms. Baczkowski noted several common comments:

- Some submittals include draft, not final, versions of the JURMP;
- Some signed certification statements are missing;
- There are instances where the word “Copermittee” is used in places where the jurisdiction’s name should be indicated instead; and
- The definition of “receiving waters” has in some instances been altered.

With respect to JURMP Annual Reports, Ms. Baczkowski indicated that the RWQCB will be looking closing at items where annual updates are required.

## **IV. County of San Diego Alternative Funding Source Study**

Cid Tesoro, County of San Diego, presented findings from the County’s ongoing study of long-term funding options for its stormwater program. The preliminary results are largely in line with the findings of a similar study conducted by the Project Clean Water Legislative and Regulatory Issues Technical Advisory Committee (Leg TAC); that is, the study found that there are many advantages to pursuing a regional approach to funding, and that this approach will likely require the imposition of some type of fee. There is general agreement that relying on General Funds to support stormwater programs is not a viable long-term strategy. The County study therefore considers several different types of fees, including stormwater fees, utility surcharges, and development/impact fees, among others. The approval of such fees would require a majority vote in each participating jurisdiction, and the County has already designed a model that is very similar to that of the City of San Diego. It was noted that under the County’s proposal, other jurisdictions would have the ability to design their own fee assessment model. Some type of governing body to manage generated funds would likely be required, but it is unclear at this time what form such a structure would take. A joint powers authority (JPA), which allows many different types of governance structures, is one potential option.

The County's study will be finalized and presented to the Board of Supervisors within the next 60 days. An aggressive tentative timeline has been established in that the County is hoping to get a fee proposal on ballots before the end of this calendar year. Mr. Tesoro offered to meet individually with each municipality interested in learning more about the County's proposal.

Copermittees agreed that further discussion would be necessary to adequately consider the County's proposal. Mr. Tesoro agreed to set-up a special meeting on this topic for the month of February.

## **V. Other Business**

This item was moved forward on the agenda to benefit those parties who would not be participating in the discussion and approval of Watershed Urban Runoff Management Program (WURMP) and JURMP submittals. No issues were raised at this time.

## **VI. Approval of the Unified WURMP Document \*APPROVED\***

Jeff Murphy, County of San Diego, noted that comments raised at the Copermittees' December 19, 2002 working meeting have since been incorporated into the Unified WURMP document, which will be submitted to the RWQCB on January 31, 2003. In response to these comments, the document's cover has changed to accurately depict county watersheds, and the term "geocode" has been changed to "code".

Ruth Kolb, City of San Diego, made a motion to approve the Unified WURMP for submittal to the RWQCB. Jon Van Rhyn, County of San Diego, seconded the motion. Copermittees then voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

## **VII. Approval of the JURMP Annual Report Common Activities Section \*APPROVED\***

Jon Van Rhyn, County of San Diego, noted that each Copermittee had received a revised final draft of the JURMP Annual Report Common Activities Section, which incorporated comments made at the Copermittees' December 19, 2002 working meeting, and via e-mail correspondence. The document consists of five parts: the document body and four attachments.

- Document Body - Copermittees considered a suggestion made by Julie Hampel, City of El Cajon, which would have changed the final paragraph in the Conclusions and Recommendations section. After much discussion, it was decided that the old paragraph should remain. Copermittees then discussed whether the document body should include two additional pie charts and one table submitted for consideration by the County of San Diego. The charts illustrated FY 2001-02 complaint referrals from the regional stormwater hotline. There was general consensus that the chart illustrating referrals by pollutant type should remain, while the chart illustrating referrals by jurisdiction should be excluded due to the potential for misinterpretation. Copermittees agreed that the table summarizing referrals by jurisdiction should be included.

Ms. Kolb made a motion to approve the document body of the JURMP Annual Report Common Activities Section, with the changes discussed above incorporated. Driss Elwardi, City of La Mesa, seconded the motion. Copermittees then voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Mr. Van Rhyn then led a discussion of four attachments to the Common Activities Section.

- Attachment 1 includes documentation (agendas and summaries) from Copermittee Management Committee meetings held during FY 2001-02. This particular item was not discussed in detail.
- Attachment 2 consists of a collaborative regional response to BMP implementation issues raised by the RWQCB in most Copermittees' JURMP comment letters. Some Copermittees questioned the utility of this collaborative

response since not all Copermittees received the same set of comments. Disclaimer language reinforcing the idea that each Copermittee is free to act independently of the regional response was then proposed and discussed.

- Attachment 3 consists of a collaborative regional response to the issue of illicit connection / illicit discharge (IC/ID) trigger levels raised by the RWQCB in most Copermittees' JURMP comment letters. One suggestion was made. As a result, "diazinon / chlorpyrifos" was changed to read "diazinon and chlorpyrifos."
- Attachment 4 consists of a collaborative regional response to the issue of long-term assessment strategies raised by the RWQCB in most Copermittees' JURMP comment letters. Some Copermittees again expressed concerns with submittal of this collaborative response since not all Copermittees received the same set of comments.

Jasen Boyens, City of San Marcos, made a motion to approve the four attachments to the JURMP Annual Report Common Activities Section, incorporating the minor modifications discussed above. Muna Cuthbert, City of Chula Vista, seconded the motion. The Copermittees then voted 19-1 to approve the motion.

### **VIII. Discussion of Proposed 2003-04 Shared Costs Budget**

Ruth Kolb, City of San Diego, presented a recommended Copermittee shared costs budget for FY 2003-04. Jon Van Rhyn assisted in the presentation. A total proposed budget of \$1,030,649 was presented. It included the following elements:

- Regional Outreach (\$40,000)
- California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) Dues (\$15,000)
- Regional Receiving Waters Monitoring Program (\$975,649)

The proposed outreach budget of \$40,000 is the same amount as budgeted for FY 02-03. It includes an integrated pest management (IPM) element (\$38,000) and Countywide industrial / commercial workshops (\$2,000).

An additional \$15,000 was proposed for California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) dues. CASQA was formerly called the California Stormwater Quality Task Force. The \$15,000 figure reflects a reduction of \$5,000 from the previous annual cost of \$20,000 due to the City of San Diego's joining CASQA individually. The \$15,000 cost would be split between the remaining 19 Copermittees according to the formula approved in their Memorandum of Understanding (45% population, 45% land area, 10% equal division).

The proposed monitoring budget of \$975,649 is reduced \$131,498 from the FY 02-03 budget of \$1,107,147. This is primarily due to the deferral of the budget's reporting element (\$121,508) to FY 04-05. Other minor savings are due to a reduction in budgeted Toxicity Identification Evaluation (TIE) work. Overall, this budget also represents a one-time diversion of funds to allow participation in the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) Bight 03 Study. In doing so, the Copermittees would use funding allocated for the Ambient Bay, Lagoon, and Coastal Receiving Water portion of the program (Ambient Bay Program) to pay for the additional cost of the SCCWRP study, but would recoup these costs by not conducting the Ambient Bay Program again until the FY 05-06 season. Some additional temporary savings would also be diverted to allow a one-time dry weather mass loading element (\$50,154) and participation in upcoming Stormwater Monitoring Coalition (SMC) projects (\$50,000).

A summary of Ms. Kolb's PowerPoint presentation, which provides added detail on proposed costs, is attached to these notes. This presentation was for information only. Copermittees were informed that they would be asked to adopt this proposed FY 03-04 budget at their February 20, 2003 Management Committee meeting. The group generally expressed conceptual approval of the proposed budget, but during discussion, a couple of Copermittees expressed a desire to re-convene the Budget Workgroup to look for additional cost savings. A follow-up meeting was scheduled for January 30, 2003. After this follow-up meeting, final recommendations of the Workgroup will be forwarded to Copermittees for consideration and adoption at their February 20, 2003 meeting.

## **IX. Next Meeting**

The next Copermittee Management Committee meeting will be held from 10am – 12 pm on Thursday, February 20, at the City of San Diego's Mission Valley Branch Library.

## **X. Action Items**

- Schedule special Copermittee meeting to discuss the County's recent funding study – **County of San Diego**
- Schedule Budget Workgroup meeting to look for additional reductions to proposed FY 03-04 Shared Costs Budget – **City of San Diego**
- Post MEC Monitoring Report to Project Clean Water web site – **County of San Diego**