

**San Diego Region Municipal Stormwater Copermittees
Management Committee**

Meeting Summary

Thursday, January 27, 2005

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

City of Santee – 10601 Magnolia Avenue, Building 8

Copermittee
Representatives:

City of Carlsbad – Jayne Strommer	City of Oceanside – Mo Lahsaie
City of Chula Vista – Khosro Aminpour	City of Poway – Danis Bechter
City of Coronado – Kimberly Godby	City of San Diego – Ruth Kolb
City of Del Mar – Rosanna Lacarra	City of San Marcos – Jasen Boyens
City of El Cajon – Julie Hampel	City of Santee – Not Represented
City of Encinitas – Meleah Ashford	City of Solana Beach – Danny King
City of Escondido – Cheryl Filar	City of Vista – Mikhail Ogawa
City of Imperial Beach – Maria Garcia	County of San Diego – Jon Van Rhyn
City of La Mesa – Hamed Hashemian	Port of San Diego – Karen Helyer
City of Lemon Grove – Not Represented	Regional Airport Authority – Mayela Padilla
City of National City – Din Daneshfar	

Other Participants:

Phil Hammer – San Diego RWQCB	Cora Long – City of Lemon Grove
Stacey Baczkowski – San Diego RWQCB	Kirk Ammerman – City of Chula Vista
Todd Snyder – County of San Diego	Marsha Cook – County of San Diego
Arsalan Dadkah – DMAX	H. Grima – City of San Diego Water Dept.
Jim Hogan - MACTEC	Lisa Skutecki – Brown & Caldwell
Donna Knott - SDCOE	Chris Stransky – Nautilus Environmental
Liz Giffen – County of San Diego	Bev Stumman – Downstream Services
Art Barnett – MEC / Weston	Amy Turner - Fuscoe
Roger Morrison – City of Poway	Rob Chicester – U.S. Navy
Mikhail Ogawa – Mikhail Ogawa Engineering	Chris Warn – MEC / Weston
Kelly Barker - County of San Diego	Shelby Tucker – SANDAG
Nancy Winiarz – Port of San Diego	Steve Carter – Tetra Tech
Michelle White – Port of San Diego	

I. Introductions / Program Updates / Announcements

All Copermittee representatives introduced themselves. In the interest of time, program updates were not provided and some also provided brief program updates. Members of the audience then introduced themselves in turn.

II. Administrative Issues

Committee Chair Jon Van Rhyn, County of San Diego, provided an update on administrative issues. The following three jurisdictions have replaced the City of San Diego as lead permittee for Watershed Urban Runoff Management Program (WURMP) development and implementation:

- ❖ City of El Cajon – San Diego River Watershed
- ❖ City of Del Mar – Penasquitos Watershed
- ❖ City of Escondido – San Dieguito Watershed

Mr. Van Rhyn discussed submittal of the Copermittees' FY 2003-04 annual reports. A final deadline of Friday, January 28, 2005 was established for submittal of the reports to the County of San Diego. The reports will be turned in to the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) on Monday, January 31, 2005.

Many Copermittees recently received notices for overdue invoices from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). Mr. Van Rhyn advised Copermittees to ignore the notices; they were sent out in error.

III. San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Update

RWQCB staff provided no update.

IV. Approval of Unified Annual Report – Common Activities Section *APPROVED*

Copermittee representatives were given ten minutes to review the draft Common Activities Section of the Unified URMP Annual Report. This year, common activities addressing both jurisdictional and watershed programs have been presented in a single, consolidated report. Several suggestions for minor changes were discussed. These included the following:

- ❖ Modify the text to note that both the City of San Diego and the Port of San Diego implement Toxic Hot Spots monitoring in San Diego Bay
- ❖ Modify the text to note that the coastal storm drain monitoring program was sent to the RWQCB in Summer 2001
- ❖ Modify the text to reflect that impervious surface coefficients developed as part of a pilot project in the San Diego River Watershed may be applied to other County watersheds as well
- ❖ Add a description of individual Copermittee participation in the Multiple Habitat Conservation Program (MHCP)

Ruth Kolb, City of San Diego, motioned to approve the Common Activities Section pending County staff's incorporation of the above changes. Danis Bechter, City of Poway, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Approval of Shared Costs Budget for FY 2005-06 *APPROVED*

Ms. Kolb, Chair of the Copermittee Budget Workgroup, presented the Workgroup's recommended shared costs budget for FY 2005-06. The budget breaks down as follows:

Budget Component	FY 2004-05	FY 2005-06
Regional Monitoring Program	\$991,994	\$1,115,994
Regional Outreach Program	\$40,000	\$40,000
Long-term Effectiveness Assessment	\$0	\$50,000
CASQA Fees	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total	\$1,046,994	\$1,220,994

One significant change from last year's budget is the addition of \$50,000 to supplement the Copermittees' contract for completion of a long-term effectiveness study, which will be submitted to the RWQCB as an attachment to the Report of Waste Discharge in August 2005. Jon Van Rhyn provided a detailed overview of this project, including costs, schedule, and scope. The Copermittees' Assessment Workgroup will be tasked with finalizing the scope-of-work for the long-term effectiveness assessment project. Mr. Van Rhyn's presentation is available for viewing on the Web at www.projectcleanwater.org/html/copermittees. Copermittees were informed that they have the option of paying for their portion of the long-term effectiveness assessment during this fiscal year, and receiving a credit for the same amount next year.

The appearance of an increase in the regional monitoring budget is due to a carryover balance that was credited toward the total amount invoiced for FY 2004-05. This credit (\$124,000) is not available for FY 2005-06.

Mikhail Ogawa, representing the City of Vista, motion to approve the shared costs budget as presented. Din Daneshfar, City of National City, seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

VI. Workgroup Updates

Monitoring Workgroup

Ruth Kolb and Jon Van Rhyn provided the update. The Monitoring Workgroup has been meeting frequently on the following issues:

- ❖ Reviewing changes to the FY 2003-04 Regional Monitoring Report prepared by MEC
- ❖ Brainstorming areas for potential improvement to the monitoring program in the next municipal stormwater permit

Outreach Workgroup

Marsha Cook, County of San Diego, provided the update.

❖ **PRISM Grant**

12 pesticide use tip cards are underway
Working to find nurseries that will participate in disseminating/displaying information
Public Service Announcements (PSAs) have been completed
Posters may be ready for March

❖ **Remaining Funds from the FY 2003-04 Budget (\$38,000)**

1. Print tip cards (English and Spanish)
2. Use funds to translate existing videos into Spanish

❖ **Municipal Training**

Forming a subcommittee to plan and present networking and training opportunities

❖ **Speakers Bureau**

This is an important issue that the Workgroup will focus on in the coming months and in FY 2005-06. Contact Marsha if you want to be involved and give presentations. Any presentations developed will be made available for others.

❖ **Other announcements:**

Green Wrench Guides are now available in Spanish, in limited numbers.

The City of El Cajon has offered to place all outreach materials on CD. There has also been some consideration for housing an FTP site for materials sharing. An FTP site would cost about \$120 month, but no outreach workgroup funds remain for this.

The next Outreach Workgroup will be hosted in Coronado, March 8, from 10am – 12pm.

Permit Re-issuance Workgroup

Jon Van Rhyn provided the update. The Permit Re-issuance Workgroup will meet on February 10, 2005. The topics for discussion will be potential changes to industrial and commercial programs under the new municipal permit. A follow-up meeting with RWQCB staff is scheduled for February 16, 2005.

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VII. Other Business

Mikhail Ogawa, City of Vista, noted that the Cities of Vista and San Marcos are being visited by the RWQCB for SUSMP program evaluation. Evaluations of other cities are likely to follow.

Khosro Aminpour, City of Chula Vista, announced a job opening for an environmental health specialist. The position will serve many functions in the stormwater program.

The City of La Mesa announced an opening for a stormwater technician.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Copermittee Management Committee will take place on Thursday, March 17, 2005. A time and location have yet to be determined.