

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

**Meeting Summary**

Thursday, March 17, 2005

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

City of Encinitas – 505 S. Vulcan Avenue, Encinitas, CA 92024

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 – Daniel Lottermoser
City of Del Mar – Roseanna Lacarra	City of San Marcos – Jasen Boyens
City of El Cajon – Julie Hampel	City of Santee – Erik Steenblock
City of Encinitas – Kathy Weldon	City of Solana Beach – Danny King
City of Escondido – Cheryl Filar	City of Vista – Linda Isakson
City of Imperial Beach – Maria Garcia	County of San Diego – Jon Van Rhyn
City of La Mesa – Malik Tamimi	Port of San Diego – Karen Helyer
City of Lemon Grove – Cora Long	Regional Airport Authority – Mayela Padilla
City of National City – Din Daneshfar	

Other Participants:

Bob Morris – San Diego RWQCB	Cathy Cibit – City of San Diego
Meleah Ashford – Ashford Engineering	Kirk Ammerman – City of Chula Vista
Todd Snyder – County of San Diego	Marsha Cook – County of San Diego
Arsalan Dadkah – DMAX	Paul Davy – County of San Diego
Jim Hogan - MACTEC	Lisa Skutecki – Brown & Caldwell
Lisa Kay – MEC / Weston	John Craig – Tetra Tech
John Quenzer – DMAX	Bev Stumman – Downstream Services
Craig Beatty - Kristar	Jo Ann Weber – County of San Diego
Roger Morrison – City of Poway	Craig Wenzlick – Stormwater Inc.
Mikhail Ogawa – Mikhail Ogawa Engineering	Robert Stone – Quantum Ozone
Kelly Barker - County of San Diego	Shelby Tucker – SANDAG
Kelly Moewe – Port of San Diego	Steve Carter – Tetra Tech
Michelle White – Port of San Diego	Sean Bolton – US Navy
Pete Shuffer	Cheryl Wilen – UC Coop Extension
Scott Parker – UC Coop Extension	Joe Miller – Weston Solutions

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

All Copermittee representatives introduced themselves. Most noted recent SUSMP audits by the Tetra Tech on behalf of the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). 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 scope-of-work and request for proposals for the Copermittees' long-term effectiveness assessment project are nearing completion. Work remains to get the documents into standard County format. The County intends to provide any up-front costs for this project during FY 2005-06; however, Copermittees may wish to pay ahead of time. Those interested in paying early should contact Jon Van Rhyn.

The source inventory survey being conducted by the City of Encinitas is due Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

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

Bob Morris provided an update on RWQCB activities.

JURMP and WURMP Annual Reports are being reviewed. To date, the municipal, industrial, commercial, and education sections have been finished. Work on other sections will be continued into April.

The initial draft of the bacteria TMDL will be out shortly. It is anticipated that the implementation plan for this TMDL will be incorporated into the next MS4 permit.

Also, SWRCB staff is currently reviewing a recent decision by the Second Circuit of the US Court of Appeals vacating those provisions of the US EPA's CAFO Rule that: (1) allow permitting authorities to issue permits without reviewing the terms of the nutrient management plans; (2) allow permitting authorities to issue permits that do not include the terms of the nutrient management plans and that do not provide for adequate public participation. The case was brought by Waterkeeper Alliance Inc., American Farm Bureau Federation et. al. against U.S. EPA. The concern is that general NPDES permits, such as the MS4 permit, usually require the permittees to prepare management plans after the permit is adopted as EPA did in this case regarding confine animal facilities. There is not a public participation process in approving these management plans. SWRCB staff needs to determine if the SWMP approval process has to change as a result of this court decision.

## **IV. Regional Water Quality Monitoring Results**

The Copermittees' monitoring contractor, MEC/Weston Solutions, presented results from the regional monitoring report submitted on January 31, 2005. Results were presented regionally and by watershed. Portions of the presentation can be seen on the Copermittees' Web site at [www.projectcleanwater.org/html/copermittees.html](http://www.projectcleanwater.org/html/copermittees.html).

## **V. Amendment of FY 2004-05 Receiving Waters Monitoring Program Scope-of-Work**

**\*APPROVED\***

Jo Ann Weber, County of San Diego and Chair of the Monitoring Workgroup, discussed a proposal to use \$39,679 in unused toxic identification evaluation (TIE) and mass loading monitoring budgets to 1) add an "as-needed" task to the MEC/Weston scope-of-work, and 2) authorize the Monitoring Workgroup to approve as-needed work within the amended FY 2004-05 scope-of-work and budgeted funding levels.

Several Copermittees expressed concerns with the scope-of-work as currently written. As this proposal merely authorizes the Monitoring Workgroup to make changes as it deems appropriate, discussion of specific issues was deferred to that forum. Julie Hampel, City of El Cajon, motioned to approve proposals #1 and #2 as written above. Kathy Weldon, City of Encinitas, seconded both motions. The motions passed unanimously.

## **VI. Integrated Pest Management (IPM)**

Cheryl Wilen, UC Cooperative Extension, gave a brief overview of IPM concepts and practices. Her presentation is available on the Copermittees' Web site at [www.projectcleanwater.org/html/copermittees.html](http://www.projectcleanwater.org/html/copermittees.html).

## **VII. Sand Compatibility and Opportunistic Use Program (SCOUP)**

Anne-Lise Lindquist, Moffat and Nichols, discussed the Sand Compatibility and Opportunistic Use Program (SCOUP), which is attempting to address sediment-related problems on the coasts (i.e. excessive erosion) by identifying upland sources of sediment that are compatible for use on the beach. Project managers are currently identifying sand sources, receiver beaches, stockpile sites, and transport methods. One site on Oceanside Boulevard has been identified as a prime candidate for a receiver site based on several site characteristics factors. Copermittees with information on potential sources of sand (sites, debris basins, etc.) should contact Shelby Tucker, SANDAG.

## **VIII. Workgroup Updates**

### WURMP Workgroup

Kelly Barker, County of San Diego, noted that the WURMP Workgroup is starting to meet on a regular basis again. The next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2005 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Metro Biosolids Center at 5240 Convoy Street, San Diego.

### Monitoring Workgroup

Jo Ann Weber, County of San Diego, noted that the group is on an aggressive meeting schedule to prepare comments and suggestions for change to the monitoring sections of the next MS4 permit. The meeting schedule is as follows:

March 29 – El Cajon  
April 14 – Encinitas  
April 26 – Port of San Diego  
May 12 – County of San Diego  
May 17 – Carlsbad

Exact meeting times and locations can be found on the Project Clean Water Web site at [http://www.projectcleanwater.org/html/wg\\_monitoring.html](http://www.projectcleanwater.org/html/wg_monitoring.html).

### Outreach Workgroup

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

- Samples of the IPM tip cards developed as part of the PRISM grant were made available
- The media kickoff for the PRISM grant was very successful, with many newspapers and other media attending
- A stormwater training event for municipal inspectors is currently in the planning phase
- Ten speakers are currently available to give presentations via the regional Speakers' Bureau

Marsha noted several recent presentations and upcoming outreach opportunities of interest to the Copermittees.

The next Outreach Workgroup meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2005 in the City of Vista.

### Permit Re-issuance Workgroup

Jon Van Rhyn, County of San Diego, provided the update. The Workgroup met to discuss commercial and industrial issues under the next permit. There was very good participation from representative industries. Issues and Copermittee comments were presented to RWQCB staff at the RWQCB Liaison Workgroup meeting on February 16. The next meeting of the Permit Re-issuance Workgroup is scheduled for March 24, 2005 at the County offices in Kearny Mesa. The topics of discussion will be construction and post-construction (SUSMP) issues. Copermittees were encouraged to bring staff familiar with these program areas.

### Long-term Effectiveness Assessment Workgroup

Jon Van Rhyn, County of San Diego, noted that a survey is being distributed by the City of Encinitas to ascertain the status and format of various Copermittee inventories. Information on these inventories will be needed to complete the long-term effectiveness assessment project. He also noted that the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) is currently developing a white paper on program assessment. The paper is largely based on the methodology developed by the San Diego Assessment Workgroup. Finally, he encouraged Copermittees to complete the program assessment survey currently being developed by CASQA. This survey will assist the organization in determining the types of assessment for which it will develop guidance.

### BMP Workgroup

The BMP Workgroup is currently inactive.

## **IX. Other Business**

The Port of San Diego noted that it is sponsoring an IPM training event for landscapers at the Holiday Inn at the Bay on May 19, 2005. There is a fee but the event is very affordable (\$45). The registration deadline is April 28, 2005. Additional details will be distributed to Copermittees.

## **X. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Copermittee Management Committee will take place on Thursday, May 19, 2005. A time and location have yet to be determined.