

**San Diego Region Municipal Stormwater Permit
Copermittee Management Committee**

Meeting Summary

Thursday, March 18, 2004, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Mission Valley Branch Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego, CA 92108

Copermittee
Representatives:

City of Carlsbad – Jayne Strommer	City of Oceanside – Guss Pennell
City of Chula Vista – Khosro Aminpour	City of Poway – Danis Bechter
City of Coronado – Charles Kamenidis	City of San Diego – Ruth Kolb
City of Del Mar – Mikhail Ogawa	City of San Marcos – Jasen Boyens
City of El Cajon – Jason Mooney	City of Santee – Erik Steenblock
City of Encinitas – Meleah Ashford	City of Solana Beach – Dan King
City of Escondido – Cheryl Filar	City of Vista – Keri Martinez
City of Imperial Beach – Doug Coppi	County of San Diego – Jon Van Rhyn
City of La Mesa – Driss Elwardi	Port of San Diego – Karen Helyer
City of Lemon Grove – Bruce Charest	SD County Airport Authority – Richard Gilb
City of National City – Din Daneshfar	

Other Participants:

John Robertus – RWQCB, San Diego	Severo Chavez – BDS Engineering
Kirk Ammerman – City of Chula Vista	Muna Cuthbert – City of Chula Vista
Arsalan Dadkhah – DMAX Engineering	Marsha Cook – County of San Diego
Joe DeStefano – County of San Diego	Nancy Gardiner – Brown & Caldwell
Lisa Kay – MEC Analytical	Brian Gordon – U.S. Navy
Robin Miller – City of Poway	Michael Kimberlain – Hancor, Inc.
Anne Lee – Foley & Lardner	Kelly Moewe – Port of San Diego
Devon Muto, PBS&J	Nancy Winiarz – Port of San Diego
Kim Williams, Geosyntec	Elizabeth Giffen – County of San Diego
Jamie Aderhold, J2A Environmental	Lisa Zawaski, PBS&J
Brian Doeing, HDR Inc.	Paul Hardwick, SANDAG
Lisa Skutecki, Brown & Caldwell	Shelby Tucker, SANDAG

I. Introductions / Program Updates / Announcements

Jon Van Rhyn, County of San Diego, opened the meeting by asking Copermittee representatives to provide brief updates on their programs. Topics frequently mentioned by Copermittees included progress on construction, commercial, and industrial inspections. Numerous outreach and clean-up events were also mentioned, many being conducted on or around the upcoming April 25, 2004 Earth Fair. Among the other specific topics addressed are the following:

- ? Jasen Boyens, City of San Marcos, mentioned that the City is continuing to make progress in the implementation of its jurisdictional and watershed programs.
- ? Mikhail Ogawa, representing the City of Del Mar, described progress in getting the stormwater message out to contractors. Municipal training is also an area of recent emphasis.
- ? Din Daneshfar mentioned that the City of National City is continuing to make good progress on its commercial and industrial inspections, that education to schools continues to be an emphasis, and that the City is actively supporting San Diego Bay WURMP activities.
- ? Khosro Aminpour described recent progress by the City of Chula Vista on construction inspections and their education program. He also described several upcoming events, including a March 20, 2004 community fair.
- ? Karen Helyer, Port of San Diego, mentioned a lecture series that is being conducted at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Additional information is available on the Port's website (www.portofsandiego.org).
- ? Charles Kamenidis, City of Coronado, briefly discussed progress being made in the City's education and outreach efforts.
- ? Jane Strommer, City of Carlsbad, mentioned that city staff has recently completed a 5-minute stormwater video that is now airing on local cable access channels. They are also working to consolidate existing environmental program functions (stormwater, household hazardous, waste, recycling, etc.).
- ? Keri Martinez, City of Vista, mentioned that staff will be headed out for the next round of industrial inspections shortly. She also briefly described an upcoming City clean up, as well educational efforts being conducted in conjunction with I Love a Clean San Diego.
- ? Jon Van Rhyn provided an update on Project Clean Water activities. Two Technical Advisory Committees, Comprehensive Planning and Science & Monitoring, are being consolidated to better focus on watershed issues. The goal of the newly formed Watershed Protection TAC is to create more interaction between different disciplines on watershed issues. The group will serve as a forum for information sharing on various watershed topics including planning, programs & activities, and monitoring & assessment. A Kick-off meeting will be held on Thursday, April 22 from 10:00 – 12:30 at the City of San Diego Metro Biosolids building. Jon also announced that the 2004 Clean Water Summit will be on Thursday, July 15 from 8:00 – 3:30 at the University of San Diego Institute for Peace and Justice. This year's keynote speaker will be CAL/EPA Secretary Terry Tamminen. In addition to morning breakout sessions that will explore, (1) coordinating efforts on Phase II stormwater requirements, (2) post-fire impacts to our watersheds, and (3) understanding and coordinating the many types of watershed plans under development, an afternoon session will focus on exploring regional legislative priorities with legislators and their aides. Finally, County staff is currently overhauling the Project Clean Water website (www.projectcleanwater.org). The new site, which will be streamlined, easier to navigate, and reflect new organizational changes, will be rolled out by April 1. An email announcing these changes, and reminder people to register on-line for the Summit, will go out in the next couple weeks.

- ? Meleah Ashford noted that the City of Encinitas recently conducted public hearings for the nursery industry as part of an overall effort to institute a new stormwater fee that is tied to water meters. Meleah also briefly mentioned that TMDLs are raising lots of monitoring issues.
- ? Bruce Charest mentioned that the City of Lemon Grove has instituted monthly meetings with the City Manager and department heads to facilitate the citywide coordination of stormwater activities.
- ? Erik Steenblock, City of Santee, mentioned that work is in progress on a \$29 million Forester Creek Improvement Project.
- ? Richard Gilb noted that the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority will soon be posting its Stormwater Plan to their website (www.san.org). The Airport Authority has also recently completed an internal audit of BMP implementation at their facilities.
- ? Driss Elwardi, City of La Mesa, mentioned that Steve Clark has returned to Santa Barbara. Staff is seeking an exemption to the City's current hiring freeze to back-fill this position.
- ? Danis Bechter, City of Poway, indicated that he would be willing to provide a presentation at the May Copermittees' meeting on recent SUSMP success stories. He also mentioned that fire sprinkler issues will likely require ordinance changes in the near future.
- ? Cheryl Filar mentioned that the Escondido City Council will consider an increase to their existing stormwater fee at their March 19, 2004 meeting. She also briefly mentioned that, like the City of Carlsbad, Escondido is working to consolidate existing environmental program functions.
- ? Ruth Kolb, City of San Diego, noted that the City Manager had recently resigned, and mentioned several large grants that City staff is managing. She also handed out flyers and invited Copermittees to attend an April 22, 2004 Workshop at the San Diego Concourse entitled *Design of Stormwater Best Management Practices to meet Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) requirements*. This workshop, being sponsored by the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) in partnership with the San Diego and Imperial Counties Chapters of the American Public Works Association (APWA), will provide specific guidance to municipal and private sector staff in designing permanent Best Management Practices to comply with SUSMP requirements. For registration information, contact Nina Duschl, Rick Engineering, at 619.291.0707.
- ? Guss Pennell, mentioned a number of recent activities by City of Oceanside staff, including a restaurant grease program (a new grease ordinance will be approved in June 2004), and upcoming clean up events (a beach clean-up on March 20 and a Loma Alta Creek event on April 17).
- ? Dan King, City of Solana Beach, mentioned that the City Council recently approved an Adopt-a-Beach program. Staff is also completing a GIS database to track violations.
- ? Doug Coppi, City of Imperial Beach, described a great, new educational program that the City is conducting with ~200 students between February and May. Participating students will have "homework", and be required to present information on what they learned at the conclusion of the project.
- ? Jason Mooney, representing the City of El Cajon, mentioned that 200 restaurant inspections had recently been completed and that industrial facility inspections are a current emphasis.

Other members of the audience then introduced themselves in turn.

Shelby Tucker from SANDAG noted that the Regional Comprehensive Plan is out for review through April 27. The draft plan can be found on the SANDAG website (www.sandag.org).

Muna Cuthbert with the City of Chula Vista announced that she has accepted a different position with the City, and will no longer be attending Copermittee Management Committee meetings.

There were no other announcements.

II. Administrative Issues

Jon Van Rhyn, County of San Diego, provided a very brief administrative update. He noted that on adoption of the Copermittees' Fiscal Year 2004-05 Shared Costs budget, the County will be invoicing the Copermittees more promptly than last year.

III. San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Update

Phil Hammer, RWQCB, provided the update. RWQCB staff is still reviewing the Copermittees' January 2004 Annual Reports. Phil noted that reviews of the jurisdictional reports are being completed first; Copermittees should be receiving comment letters in April. Reviews of watershed reports will be more in-depth than last year. No specific schedule for completion was given.

Phil also mentioned that the RWQCB will continue conducting municipal program audits this spring, as well as follow-up audits for the four cities that have not had them yet.

IV. Overview of Results from the 2002-03 Urban Runoff Monitoring Report

Lisa Kay of MEC Analytical provided an in-depth presentation of the FY 2003-04 results of the Copermittees' regional monitoring program. Once posted, this presentation can be downloaded from the Project Clean Water website at <http://www.projectcleanwater.org/html/copermittees.html>.

V. Approval of FY 2004-05 Shared Costs Budget *APPROVED*

Ruth Kolb, City of San Diego and Budget Workgroup Chair, briefly reviewed the Copermittees' proposed shared costs budget for FY 2004-05. This proposed budget of \$1,047,000 was presented and briefly discussed at the Copermittees' January 2004 meeting. Additional supporting information was also provided via email on March 16, 2004.

There was no discussion following Ruth's overview. Danis Bechter made, and Driss Elwardi seconded, a motion to adopt the budget as proposed. The motion passed by a vote of twenty for, none opposed, and none abstaining.

VI. SUSMP Implementation Issues

Devon Muto of PBS&J led a brief discussion on SUSMP implementation issues currently facing municipal staff and other parties implementing these new provisions. Devon asked the group whether individual Copermittees had clear guidelines for consistent implementation, or whether additional dialogue might be helpful. Many Copermittees agreed that further discussion might help to ensure that developers are treated consistently between jurisdictions. Some specific topics that were mentioned include infiltration issues and tracking processes. It was agreed that, for this to be a productive process, the right people would need to be at the table. In particular, city engineers and planners were mentioned. It was agreed that an ad hoc workgroup would be formed. Devon agreed to organize the first meeting, although it was noted that a workgroup chair would need to be identified. A sign-up sheet was passed

around. Anyone else interested in participating should contact Devon at dmuto@pbsj.com or Todd Snyder at todd.snyder@sdcounty.ca.gov.

VII. Workgroup Updates

WURMP Workgroup – Joe DeStefano, County of San Diego, indicated that the WURMP Workgroup would schedule another meeting after the RWQCB completes its review of the January 2004 Annual Reports.

Monitoring Workgroup – Jon Van Rhyn indicated that Monitoring Workgroup co-chair Jo Ann Weber was not available to provide the update. The Dry Weather Workgroup and Coastal Storm drain Monitoring Workgroup are meeting monthly to continue to keep regional consistency in these monitoring programs. A Bacteria TMDL Discussion Group has formed to support the Copermittees members of the Stakeholder Advisory Group. The first meeting was on March 17th. The Watershed Framework Analysis document is out in draft. A subgroup will meet on this document on April 2nd. Participation is encouraged. Comments are due on April 23, and the finalized document is anticipated by mid-June.

Outreach Workgroup – Marsha Cook, County of San Diego, provided the update. Copermittees attending the Workgroup's March 9th meeting reached a consensus that the remaining \$1600 of the 2003-04 budget will be used for printing a watershed map for each jurisdiction. Maps are large enough to use at community events and or to display in a lobby. Mounted framed maps will be printed through DPW Cartographics, each Copermittee receiving one. Maps will have the County seal printed on them, but Copermittees can paste or stick a copy of their own printed logo over the County seal on their own final copy. Copermittees attending reached a consensus that the \$40,000 proposed for the 2004-2005 budget will be used to develop a public service announcement with topics including IPM and watersheds. Specifics have still not been worked out. A suggestion was to utilize Think Blue for TV and Radio media. The next workgroup meeting will be on May 11, 10-12 in Escondido. Directions and location will be e-mailed to the Outreach Workgroup representatives.

Data and Information Management Workgroup – There was no update for this Workgroup, but Jon Van Rhyn noted that the recent creation of the Project Clean Water Watershed Protection TAC might provide a better vehicle for continuing to explore watershed-related data and information issues.

Long-Term Effectiveness Assessment Workgroup - Jon Van Rhyn, County of San Diego and Workgroup Chair, indicated that another workgroup meeting hasn't yet been scheduled, but will probably be in May. The next meeting will initially emphasize the experience of Copermittees in applying guidance in the October 2003 framework to their FY 02-03 JURMP reports. Jon also noted that a statewide CASQA sub-committee has been established to provide a broader forum for exploring these issues. The sub-committee met on February 23 in Burbank. In general, San Diego region approaches are generally out in front, and will be reflected in the work products of the group. The sub-committee is looking at a two-phased process. The first will be a very general document laying out general issues and concepts; the second will include a more detailed guidance. No specific timeline has been established, but somewhere the detailed guidance should be completed in one to two years. Anyone interested in participating in either of these groups should contact Jon at jon.vanrhyn@sdcounty.ca.gov.

BMP Workgroup – Jon Van Rhyn relayed the update from Julie Hampel, City of El Cajon and Workgroup Chair, who was not in attendance. The workgroup's next meeting is on April 7, 2004 at the City of El Cajon 5th floor conference room. Agenda items thus far are power washing and paint ball BMPs. Those interested in participating should contact Julie at jhampel@ci.el-cajon.ca.us.

Permit Renewal Workgroup – Jon Van Rhyn indicated that the workgroup has not yet met, but that he will try to schedule something in May.

VIII. Other Business

No other issues were discussed.

IX. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Management Committee is Thursday, May 20, 2004. If arrangements can be made, the meeting will be held in the City of Poway. Details will be provided once worked out.