

# San Diego Region Municipal Stormwater Permit Copermittee Management Committee

## Meeting Summary

Thursday, May 15, 2003, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Mission Valley Branch Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway

### Copermittee

#### Representatives:

City of Carlsbad – Jayne Strommer  
City of Chula Vista – Muna Cuthbert  
City of Coronado – Charles Kaminini  
City of Del Mar – Kelly Barker  
City of El Cajon – Julie Hampel  
City of Encinitas – Meleah Ashford  
City of Escondido – Cheryl Filar  
City of Imperial Beach – Hank Levien  
City of La Mesa – Steve Clark  
City of Lemon Grove – Armando Mora

City of National City – Din Daneshfar  
City of Oceanside – Linda Isakson  
City of Poway – Danis Bechter  
City of San Diego – Eliana Barreiros  
City of San Marcos – Not Represented  
City of Santee – Erik Steenblock  
City of Solana Beach – Dan Goldberg  
City of Vista – Keri Martinez  
County of San Diego – Jon Van Rhyn  
Port of San Diego – Richard Gilb

#### Other Participants:

Karen Helyer – Port of San Diego  
Drew Kleis – City of San Diego  
Judith Bumann – Invisible Structures, Inc.  
Arsalan Dadkah – DMAX Engineering  
Rosanna Lacarra – MEC Analytical  
Todd Snyder – County of San Diego  
Cid Tesoro – County of San Diego  
Michele Stress – County of San Diego  
Marvin Winters – Sure Clean Power Washing  
Jennifer Dunn – City of Escondido  
Wayne Rosenbaum – Foley and Lardner  
Mikhail Ogawa – PBS&J  
Ralph Vasquez – EBS Environmental  
Paul Manasjan – S.D. County Airport Authority

Rob Zaino – City of Santee  
Phil Hammer – RWQCB, San Diego  
Stacey Baczkowski – RWQCB, San Diego  
Mark Williams – Brown and Caldwell  
Ben Keasler – Camp Pendleton  
Art Barnett – MEC Analytical  
Paul Hardwick – SANDAG  
Cecilia Padres – County of San Diego  
Marco Gonzalez - Baykeeper  
Danny King – City of Solana Beach  
Jo Ann Weber – County of San Diego  
Shelby Tucker - SANDAG  
Sandra Sotola – City of Vista

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

Jon Van Rhyn, County of San Diego, started the meeting by announcing that Teresa Brownyard will no longer be chairing the Management Committee because she has taken another job as the Grants Program Manager for the County's Land Use and Environment Group. He also noted that Eric Klein, who chairs the Copermittees' Monitoring Workgroup, and has been instrumental in the development and refinement of many new monitoring programs, will also be leaving the County's Watershed Protection Program after May 29. Copermittee representatives provided brief updates on recent Jurisdictional Urban Runoff Management Program (JURMP) and Watershed Urban Runoff Management Program (WURMP) implementation activities. A number of cities reported on recent completion of industrial and commercial facility inspections for this fiscal year. An issue of concern raised by many was the current state budget crisis and its potential effect on stormwater funding, increased permit fees, etc. Members of the audience then introduced themselves in turn.

## **II. Administrative Issues**

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Clean Water Summit, sponsored by Project Clean Water, will be held on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at Point Loma Nazarene University. Formal notification will be sent out within the week.
- The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted the small MS4 (Phase II) permit on April 30, 2003.
- The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) has issued a letter announcing its intention to adopt Tentative Addendum No. 1 to Order No. 2001-01, NPDES Permit No. CAS0108758 at its June 11, 2003 meeting. This letter, dated May 9, 2003 states that the San Diego County Airport Authority (SDCAA), a newly created entity charged with operating Lindbergh Field Airport, will be added as the 21<sup>st</sup> Copermittee on the San Diego Municipal Stormwater Permit. Paul Manasjan, SDCAA, briefly discussed the recent legislation that transferred Lindbergh Field oversight responsibilities from the Port of San Diego to this new entity. He noted that the airport has been under a state industrial permit since 1992, and that SDCAA conducted meetings with RWQCB Executive Officer Robertus regarding alternative permitting options. At the present time, however, SDCAA is following through with the RWQCB's current directive. This issue will be discussed in detail at the June 11<sup>th</sup> RWQCB hearing. Some discussion followed about the usefulness of a Copermittee meeting prior to the June 11<sup>th</sup> hearing to discuss the potential effects that this addition may have on the Management Committee's current administrative structure, i.e., cooperative agreements (MOU) and cost-sharing mechanisms may need to be altered. Richard Gilb, Port of San Diego, agreed to form a workgroup to explore this issue further. Mr. Gilb will notify Copermittees via email regarding the first meeting date. In response to a question about whether Copermittees could expect additional small MS4s to be added to the municipal permit in the future, Phil Hammer, RWQCB, responded that it is not the RWQCB's intention to do so. He noted that the SDCAA is an exception because it was previously regulated as a Phase I "community"; its inclusion under the Phase II permit is prohibited by anti-backsliding provisions in the law.
- Jon Van Rhyn, County of San Diego, updated the status of AB 1517, which was discussed at an earlier Management Committee meeting under "Other Business". Significant changes have since been made to the bill. In its amended form, the bill expresses legislative intent to enact legislation in accordance with four broad principles (science-based, environmentally beneficial, results-oriented, and cost effective). Also, Mr. Van Rhyn clarified that the County's sponsorship of AB 1517 was conducted solely on its own behalf, not in its capacity as lead Permittee. In response to this, Marco Gonzalez, San Diego BayKeeper/Surfrider, requested that the County better communicate this distinction in the future, particularly to its elected officials.

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

Phil Hammer, RWQCB, noted that staff is currently reviewing JURMP annual reports. Much attention is being paid to making the reviews and comments as consistent as possible. Mr. Hammer indicated that response letters will for the most part focus on whether the information reported is adequate; the degree to which compliance issues are addressed will be limited due to the truncated reporting period covered by the permit in FY 2001-02. Some deficiencies will require immediate action, while others will need to be incorporated in the FY 2002-03 annual report. Reviews will likely be completed in one to two months.

Stacey Baczkowski, RWQCB, noted that the SWRCB is again considering raising municipal permit fees in response to recent legislation. It is unknown at this time how much the fees would be increased, or when this would happen, but this change is in response to the RWQCBs' recent loss of all General Funds in the wake of the recent state budget crisis.

### **IV. Update on the County of San Diego's Financing Study**

Cid Tesoro, County of San Diego, discussed the status of the County's study to identify funding mechanisms for its municipal stormwater program. Some work on further developing the funding model has been carried out in collaboration with other cities (San Diego and Encinitas). The model will be discussed in detail at a meeting of the American Public Works Association (APWA) on August 26, 2003. Mr. Tesoro noted that any County decisions about the funding direction it will pursue are currently on hold due to two factors: 1) the state budget situation, and 2) uncertainty regarding pending state legislation that would significantly affect the ability and options of municipalities in generating funding for stormwater programs.

### **V. Watershed Awareness Week**

Cecilia Padres, County of San Diego, provided an overview of Watershed Awareness Week, a week-long County event (June 16<sup>th</sup> – June 20<sup>th</sup>) intended to increase employee awareness about watersheds and water quality, and to encourage employees to spread the word to others in their communities. Ms. Padres encouraged other Copermittees to participate in similar events in their jurisdictions during this week, which leads up to the Clean Water Summit on Friday, June 20. She distributed a list of potential ideas, and noted that a draft agenda of County events will be posted to the Project Clean Water homepage, [www.projectcleanwater.org](http://www.projectcleanwater.org), within a week. She encouraged all interested parties to contact her at (858) 694-2304.

### **VI. Stormwater Outreach Efforts in Neighboring Counties**

Julie Hampel, City of El Cajon, distributed a spreadsheet detailing stormwater outreach budgets in five neighboring counties. The levels of outreach funding in other counties seem to be considerably higher than that in San Diego. The Copermittees acknowledged that this is potentially useful information in determining whether San Diego Copermittees are best using limited outreach funds; however, most agreed that more detailed information is needed to make such an assessment. Ms. Hampel agreed to solicit more detailed outreach budget information from the San Diego Copermittees to provide a more accurate comparison.

## **VII. Workgroup Updates**

Chairs of all active workgroups provided updates on recent activities:

### **Monitoring Workgroup** ([http://www.projectcleanwater.org/html/wg\\_monitoring.html](http://www.projectcleanwater.org/html/wg_monitoring.html))

Mr. Van Rhyn provided the update on behalf of Eric Klein, County of San Diego.

The Monitoring Workgroup will meet on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. – Noon, at the City of San Diego Biosolids Building. The Workgroup will discuss the data gathering and analysis activities outlined in the WURMPs and how the Monitoring Workgroup can assist in completing this regional task.

### **Coastal Storm Drain Monitoring Workgroup**

The CSDM Workgroup completed the development of the Adaptive Coastal Storm Drain Monitoring Program in March 2003. The Program has been approved by the RWQCB and the coastal Copermittees began implementing the new approach on April 1, 2003.

### **Dry Weather Monitoring Workgroup**

The Workgroup met on April 3 to review the results of the regional data analysis conducted by DMAX Engineering and to finalize the Dry Weather Monitoring Action Levels for the 2003 season. The Workgroup completed this task and submitted the 2003 Action Levels to the RWQCB on April 16, 2003. Many of the action levels for field screening and analytical monitoring remain unchanged from 2002. Several action levels, including those for bacteria, were modified based on the results of the regional data analysis and the consensus established at the April 3 meeting.

### **Outreach Technical Workgroup** ([http://www.projectcleanwater.org/html/wg\\_outreach.html](http://www.projectcleanwater.org/html/wg_outreach.html))

Michele Stress, County of San Diego, provided the update on behalf of workgroup chair, Marsha Cook, County of San Diego.

### **Eating and Drinking Establishment Workshops**

- Dates and Locations (May 22 – Escondido; May 29 – National City; June 5 – San Diego; June 12 – Santee)
- Final preparations are currently being made
- Format will be similar to previous workshops: Introduction and BMP Presentation
- Will include a food safety presentation by the DEH Community Food and Housing Group (CFH) to encourage broader participation
- Questions? Contact Steven DiDonna at 858-694-2332 or Marsha Cook at 858-694-2764.

### **What's Cooking Guide**

- The County will pay initial printing costs
- The Community Food and Housing (CFH) Division will distribute during food inspections
- 2,000 guides will be printed for distribution to Copermittees
- Electronic file will be available for cities to print additional copies

### **Movie Slide Start Dates**

- May 19 – Ultrastar (Del Mar Highlands and Bonsall Theaters)
- May 26 – AMC and Pacific Theaters (Fashion Valley, Encinitas, Palm, Grossmont, Carmel Mountain)

### Speakers' Bureau

- To provide input for topics or to participate, contact Marsha Cook.
- Copermittees and affiliated consultants may participate.
- Regional Board staff has agreed to participate; more discussion is needed.

### Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

- The Workgroup will be working on a work plan for next fiscal year's IPM Program.
- Input is requested from all Copermittees on this project.
- IPM will be the main focus at the next Outreach Workgroup meeting on June 10 (tentative location: Carlsbad.)

### **Data and Information Workgroup** ([http://www.projectcleanwater.org/html/wg\\_data.html](http://www.projectcleanwater.org/html/wg_data.html))

Paul Hardwick, SANDAG, provided the update. In March, the Data and Information Management Workgroup distributed a survey to assess how each Copermittee manages data for individual elements of their stormwater program. The Workgroup is still collecting these surveys and will discuss the results at the next Workgroup meeting. The surveys can be completed on-line at the following url:

[www.projectcleanwater.org/pdf/science\\_mon/Stormwater\\_Data\\_Management\\_Survey.xls](http://www.projectcleanwater.org/pdf/science_mon/Stormwater_Data_Management_Survey.xls).

The Workgroup is also developing a survey that the individual WURMPs can distribute to stakeholders in their watershed to create an inventory of monitoring data and/or request the available data. This will facilitate consistency among the requests for data, but the storage and application of the data will reside with each WURMP group. The survey will also be discussed at the next Data and Information Management Workgroup meeting, which will be held on Monday, June 2, 2003 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at SANDAG (401 B Street, downtown San Diego).

Richard Gilb followed this update by noting that the RWQCB has invited Copermittees to an upcoming Board hearing to present on the utility of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) as a tool with the potential to improve water quality programs. This presentation would be fairly generic in nature and would likely focus on existing capabilities – highlighting examples such as Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP). It was suggested that the County would take the lead on this presentation. Jon Van Rhyn indicated that the County could probably take a lead on this task, subject to further discussion of expectations. Mr. Van Rhyn also noted that, if the County takes a lead on this, current commitments would not allow it to be carried forward any sooner than the August RWQCB meeting.

### **Collaborative Response Workgroups**

#### Assessment Workgroup

Jon Van Rhyn noted that the Assessment Workgroup's first deliverable, described as an "Outline / Scope for Collaborative Response to Long-Term Assessment Strategy Issues," was submitted to the RWQCB on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The deliverable is in the form of an annotated outline laying out the intended structure of the document and providing narrative descriptions of what will be addressed in each section or sub-section. Copies of the outline were distributed to each Copermittee. Completion of the document is scheduled for September 15, 2003. A progress report is due to the RWQCB by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Van Rhyn will notify interested parties of the next Assessment Workgroup meeting, tentatively scheduled for early June.

### BMP Workgroup

Julie Hampel noted that the BMP Workgroup's first deliverable, described as a "Development of Scope / Outline," was submitted to the RWQCB on May 14<sup>th</sup>. It is in the form of an annotated outline laying out the intended structure of the document and providing narrative descriptions of what will be addressed in each section or sub-section. Copies of the outline were distributed to each Copermittee. Completion of the document is scheduled for September 15, 2003. A progress report is due to the RWQCB by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Hampel will notify interested parties of the next BMP Workgroup meeting, tentatively scheduled for the first week of June.

### **VIII. Other Business**

- Danis Bechter, City of Poway, raised the issue of how to deal with the discharge of stagnant water from fire sprinkler systems. He indicated that the water is often highly polluted, and is currently being flushed directly into storm drains. Mr. Bechter is following up with the fire departments in his jurisdiction, and suggested that other cities do likewise.
- Marvin Winters, Sure Clean Pressure Washing, Inc., voiced concern over what he perceived as inadequate BMP standards, education, and enforcement in the pressure washing industry. He noted that many of his clients are confused about requirements and available BMPs. It was agreed that Mr. Winters would be a valuable addition to the recently formed BMP Workgroup, chaired by Julie Hampel.
- Marco Gonzalez, Baykeeper, expressed concern over after-hours non-compliance and non-response from Copermittees. He suggested that many businesses and individuals plan their illegal discharges to correspond with hours in which enforcement personnel are off-duty, or when response is least likely (i.e. late night or weekends). Mr. Gonzalez echoed Mr. Winters's concerns over businesses' lack of knowledge about appropriate BMPs. He recommended that Copermittees use facility inspections as a forum to question businesses about how they clean their facilities. Mr. Gonzalez was also asked to participate in the newly formed BMP Workgroup.
- Linda Isakson, City of Oceanside, recommended the creation of a training program for industrial inspectors. Many Copermittees expressed interest. Ralph Vasquez, EBS Environmental, then suggested that the San Diego Regional Environmental Business Resource Assistance Center (REBRAC) is currently working on putting a similar training program together. The program could be tailored to meet Copermittee needs. Since REBRAC is funded by state and community college money, attendance costs would also be relatively low. Wayne Rosenbaum, Foley and Lardner, reminded Copermittees that the course should be timed to coincide with the release of the new industrial permit, and its revised compliance standards.
- Jon Van Rhyn solicited the Copermittees' need for agricultural inspection training. The County may be willing to either provide this training or conduct inspections for interested jurisdictions. Mr. Van Rhyn will distribute an e-mail to Copermittees further detailing the available options.

### **IX. Next Meeting**

The next Copermittee Management Committee meeting will be held on July 17, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the City of San Diego's Mission Valley Branch Library at 2123 Fenton Parkway.

## **X. Action Items**

- **County of San Diego** - Provide a follow-up email soliciting Copermittee interest in a County agricultural inspection training program.
- **County of San Diego** – Provide a follow-up email reminding Copermittees about the Aug. 26 APWA meeting where the County will discuss its stormwater funding model.
- **County of San Diego** – Provide a follow-up email reminding Copermittees to complete the Data and Information Workgroup survey ASAP.
- **County of San Diego** – Provide a presentation to the RWQCB about GIS capabilities and its usefulness as a tool in improving water quality programs. Double-check with John Robertus or Mike McCann about a date; the June 11, 2003 hearing is too soon.
- **County of San Diego** – Set-up an Assessment Workgroup meeting in early June to work on the June 15<sup>th</sup> deliverable.
- **City of El Cajon** - Schedule a BMP Workgroup meeting for the first week of June to work on the June 15<sup>th</sup> deliverable. (Include Marvin Winters and Marco Gonzalez in this Workgroup)
- **City of El Cajon** – Solicit more detailed outreach information from San Diego Copermittees for a more accurate comparison with other neighboring counties.
- **Port of San Diego** – Set-up an MOU Workgroup meeting prior to the June 11 RWQCB hearing to explore the effect of including the airport on the municipal permit.
- **City of Oceanside** – Coordinate with REBRAC to explore the development of a training program for industrial inspectors.
- **RWQCB** – Prior to the end of the FY 2002-03 reporting period, let Copermittees know of any “red flags” and/or significant deficiencies noted during annual report reviews.
- **All** – Notify Cecilia Padres, County of San Diego, if interested in participating in Watershed Awareness Week (June 16 – June 20, 2003).
- **All** – For those Copermittees which have not completed the data management survey, please complete one on-line at [www.projectcleanwater.org/pdf/science\\_mon/Stormwater\\_Data\\_Management\\_Survey.xls](http://www.projectcleanwater.org/pdf/science_mon/Stormwater_Data_Management_Survey.xls). Send the completed survey to Amy King, County of San Diego at Amy-King@sdcounty.ca.gov.