

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

Meeting Summary

Thursday, May 20, 2004, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
City of Santee – 10601 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, CA 92071

Copermittee
Representatives:

City of Carlsbad – Jayne Strommer	City of Oceanside – Linda Isakson
City of Chula Vista – Khosro Aminpour	City of Poway – Robin Miller
City of Coronado – Cecilia Lyon	City of San Diego – Drew Kleis
City of Del Mar – Miriam McKenna	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 – Dan King
City of Escondido – Cheryl Filar	City of Vista – Meleah Ashford
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 – Arsalan Dadkah	

Other Participants:

Stacey Baczkowski – San Diego RWQCB	Wayne Rosenbaum – Foley and Lardner
N. Grima – City of San Diego Water Dept.	Mikhail Ogawa – Mikhail Ogawa Engineering
Katherine LeMoine – City of Coronado	Donna Knott – SD County Office of Education
Joe DeStefano – County of San Diego	Bev Stumann – Downstream Services
Margarita Mogollon – County of San Diego	Chris Herencia – Brown and Caldwell
Jayna Nystrom – Port of San Diego	Mark Williams – EDAW
Phil Hammer – San Diego RWQCB	Kelly Moewe – Port of San Diego
Devon Muto, PBS&J	Nancy Winiarz – Port of San Diego
L. Aumand – MEC Analytical, Inc.	Elizabeth Giffen – County of San Diego
Jamie Aderhold, J2A Environmental	Steve Herrera – Owen Engineering
Marvin Sache	Julie Magee – City of Poway
Lisa Skutecki, Brown & Caldwell	Pat Zoller – SD County Office of Education

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. Among the specific topics addressed are the following:

- ? Jon Van Rhyn, County of San Diego, reminded Copermittees that the third annual Clean Water Summit would be held on July 15th at the University of San Diego. Terry Taminnen, Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency, will be the keynote speaker. Additional details are available on the newly renovated Project Clean Water Web site.
- ? Jasen Boyens, City of San Marcos, mentioned that the City is continuing to make progress in the implementation of its jurisdictional and watershed programs.
- ? Jayne Strommer, City of Carlsbad, noted that the City intends to consolidate many of the functions of its environmental programs to streamline efforts. Also, municipal facility inspections have been contracted out.
- ? Meleah Ashford, representing the City of Vista, displayed the City's new storm drain stencils and a residential newsletter that was distributed to 3,800 households. Also, both industrial facility inspection and dry weather monitoring services have been contracted out.
- ? Kathy Weldon, City of Encinitas, described the results of a recent audit by the EPA and reported significant progress on commercial facility inspections.
- ? Cheryl Filar, City of Escondido, noted that a proposal to impose stormwater and wastewater fees would be heard at the June 9th City Council meeting.
- ? Linda Isakson, City of Oceanside, described progress on completing business inspections, and announced a new pet waste campaign called "Poop Pollutes".
- ? Doug Coppi, City of Imperial Beach, mentioned the recent completion of annual training for City staff. The City is also in the process of hiring an Environmental Manager and preparing for a re-inspection by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) following its EPA audit.
- ? Danny King, City of Solana Beach, noted that the City has hired a consultant to put a stormwater fee program into place. Changes are also being made to certain City ordinances.
- ? Cecilia Lyon, City of Coronado, noted that City would be conducting a nationwide recruitment to fill the position recently vacated by Charles Kaminini. She also distributed examples of the pollution prevention brochures recently developed by the City. These include guidance for the landscaping and food service industries.
- ? Arsalan Dadkahl, representing National City, stated that the City has recently updated its JURMP, and is making progress on completion of industrial facility inspections and various training workshops.
- ? Drew Kleis, City of San Diego, noted that work on the Proposition 13 grant for Chollas Creek would commence on July 1.
- ? Erik Steenblock, City of Santee, described results from the recent EPA audit, and noted progress on the completion of industrial and commercial facility inspections.
- ? Driss Elwardi, City of La Mesa, reported a recent extension of the City's contract with D-MAX to compensate for the recent vacancy of Steve Clark's position. The City is looking to permanently fill this position and is in the process of responding to the Regional Board's comments on the January 2004 Annual Report.
- ? Khosro Aminpour, City of Chula Vista, described work on the City's response to Annual Report comments. In addition, he noted that 220 storm drains have been stenciled and that a jurisdictional stormwater Web site is currently under construction.
- ? Robin Miller, City of Poway, noted that the City Council is preparing to adopt a fire sprinkler ordinance and that the Department of Public Works will be instituting a fats, oils, and grease program.

- ? Julie Hampel, City of El Cajon, described a joint municipal training program that is being conducted by the Cities of El Cajon, Lemon Grove, and Santee.
- ? Miriam McKenna, PBS&J, introduced herself to the group. She is assuming responsibilities for representing the City of Del Mar at Copermittee Management Committee meetings.
- ? Karen Helyer, Port of San Diego, mentioned that the City is continuing to make progress in the implementation of its jurisdictional and watershed programs.
- ? Richard Gilb, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, noted that the Airport has recently developed a stormwater Web page. Also, Think Blue public service announcements (PSAs) will soon be shown in the baggage claim areas of airport terminals.
- ? Bruce Charest, City of Lemon Grove, reported results from the recent EPA audit.

Other members of the audience then introduced themselves in turn. There were no announcements.

II. Administrative Issues

Jon Van Rhyn, County of San Diego, provided a brief administrative update. He noted that Copermittees should have received the Regional Board's May 7th letter regarding re-issuance of the San Diego County Municipal Storm Water Permit. The letter lays out various options for proceeding with Permit re-issuance, all of which call for an increased emphasis on watershed-based approaches. Comments on the letter are due by June 4, 2004. A Permit Re-issuance Workgroup has been created as a forum for Copermittees to discuss this issue. It is anticipated that other stakeholders (environmental groups, regulated industry, etc.) will also participate. The first meeting of this Workgroup will take place on May 27th at the County offices in Kearny Mesa.

III. San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Update

Phil Hammer, RWQCB, provided the update. RWQCB staff has completed its review of the Copermittees' January 2004 Jurisdictional Urban Runoff Management Program (JURMP) Annual Reports. In general, the reports were much improved from last year. There are, however, several areas where Copermittees received similar comments.

- ? Some Copermittees did not address Levels 1-3 as described in the collaborative Copermittee document "A Framework for Assessing the Effectiveness of Jurisdictional Urban Runoff Management Programs." Levels 1-3 include the assessment of measures to demonstrate compliance with Permit requirements as well as measures to document changes in the knowledge and behavior of target audiences. In addition to Levels 1-3, the Regional Board will be looking for all Copermittees to incorporate water quality monitoring data into next year's assessments.
- ? In many cases it was not clear whether instances of non-compliance had been corrected. In the future, Copermittees should document the resolution of all such cases.
- ? The Regional Board recommends that Copermittees analyze their enforcement data by category to help identify those areas or business types where significant problems exist.
- ? With respect to illicit discharge detection and elimination programs, Copermittees should ensure that all follow-up investigations are conducted in a timely manner. Where possible, all identified sources of illicit discharges should be eliminated and documented in Annual Reports.
- ? There was a general lack of information about pollution prevention BMPs in most Annual Reports. Copermittees should be careful to distinguish pollution prevention activities from other types of BMPs such as source and treatment control.

Phil also described the Regional Board's process for re-issuing the municipal permit. At this point, the Regional Board is soliciting comments on the process outlined in the Board's May 7, 2004 letter. There will be opportunities in the future to provide additional comments on permit details either through workgroups, workshops, or both.

Phil noted that Regional Board reviews of Watershed Urban Runoff Management Program (WURMP) Annual Reports might be delayed awhile. He did not provide a schedule for their completion.

Linda Isakson, City of Oceanside, asked Regional Board staff whether the current report organization is easy enough to follow since answers to many of the Regional Boards comments were requests for information found in other sections of the report. Stacey Baczkowski, Regional Board, responded that the current format being used is sufficient and that such instances may have been due to an oversight by the reviewer.

IV. Phase II Permitting Update

Pat Zoller of the San Diego County Office of Education provided a presentation on efforts by the small MS4 community to move forward with stormwater program implementation under Phase II requirements. After discussing some of the potential benefits of collaborative work between the large and small MS4 communities, she noted that Donna Knot is the contact person for all school districts. Donna's phone number is (858) 292-3883. Pat's entire presentation is posted on the Copermittees' Web site at www.projectcleanwater.org/html/copermittees.

V. Workgroup Updates

SUSMP Workgroup – Devon Muto, PBS&J, noted that the first meeting of the SUSMP Workgroup (April 8, 2004) was devoted to assessing jurisdictional progress with respect to SUSMP implementation. The second meeting (May 6, 2004) focused on forging a direction and purpose for the Workgroup. A set of guiding goals and objectives has been developed. It includes the following:

- ? Foster communication and education about post-construction BMPs
- ? Provide tools, education, and dialogue on SUSMP issues
- ? Encourage the early implementation of BMPs
- ? Educate developers and engineers about requirements and resources
- ? Facilitate consistency among jurisdictional efforts

To accomplish these goals, the Workgroup is currently developing a frequently asked question (FAQ) handout intended to disseminate common knowledge about BMP implementation. Speakers with substantial field experience will also be invited to talk about BMP implementation and maintenance. The first group of speakers will be participants in the recent CalTrans Retrofit Study. Anyone with additional suggestions should contact Devon.

WURMP Workgroup – Joe DeStefano, County of San Diego, provided the update. The WURMP Workgroup will reconvene when the Regional Board distributes its comments on the WURMP Annual Reports.

Monitoring Workgroup – There was no update from the Monitoring Workgroup.

Outreach Workgroup – Margarita Mogollon, County of San Diego, provided the update. The Workgroup met on May 11th in Escondido. Margarita noted that work is about to begin on the \$1 million PRISM grant for pesticide education. Work will consist of a media campaign, development of a slogan, a point-of-purchase campaign, focused education in Chollas Creek, and a regional education component. At the Workgroup's next meeting, participants will vote on the two watersheds to be targeted in the point-of-purchase campaign. Margarita also reported that the San Dieguito Alliance for Drug Free Youth is working with the Green Business Workgroup to add cigarette litter abatement and

smoke-free dining areas as criteria to the Food Facility Checklist that will be used to certify restaurants as “Green Businesses”. Participants are also looking into the idea of purchasing pocket pouches for cigarette disposal. Several upcoming outreach events were also mentioned, including the Enviro Fair, the Watershed Fair, and the San Diego River Fair. Finally, it was noted that a regional watershed map has been developed and distributed to all Copermittees.

Long-Term Effectiveness Assessment Workgroup - Jon Van Rhyn, County of San Diego and Workgroup Chair, indicated that a meeting has been scheduled for May 27th. The meeting will emphasize the experience of Copermittees in applying the guidance found in the October 2003 framework to their FY 02-03 JURMP reports. Other areas of potential focus include the development of new, and refinement of existing, reporting measures.

BMP Workgroup – Julie Hampel, City of El Cajon and Workgroup Chair, provided the update. The Workgroup most recently met in March. One of the areas that the group will be focusing on is to assist in developing measures to assist Copermittees in assessing the effectiveness of their commercial and industrial programs.

Permit Renewal Workgroup – Jon Van Rhyn indicated that the Workgroup will meet for the first time on May 27, 2004 to discuss the Regional Board’s May 7th watershed permitting letter.

VI. Other Business

Wayne Rosenbaum, Foley and Lardner, noted that the State Water Resources Control Board recently conducted a public workshop (no vote was taken) on proposed fee reductions for industrial facilities that implement a demonstrated quality assurance program. Wayne noted that there currently exists a program – the Alliance for Compliance – that could serve as the quality assurance program. Wayne will provide a detailed presentation about the Alliance for Compliance at the July 22nd Copermittee Management Committee meeting.

Kathy Weldon, City of Encinitas, noted that the City of San Clemente has been working with several Orange County and north San Diego County cities, stakeholders, and Regional Board staff to develop a horse manure management plan. This plan will be distributed to Copermittees and posted on the Copermittee Web site.

In response to a question from Miriam McKenna, City of Del Mar, it was noted that the Regional Board will be conducting a Basin Plan Triennial Review Workshop. Copermittees may wish to collaborate on comments for this process.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Management Committee is Thursday, July 22, 2004. This is one week later than usual due to the Clean Water Summit on July 15. The meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Encinitas Community and Senior Center, 1140 Oakcrest Park Drive (Room 142B).