

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

**Meeting Summary**

Thursday, July 17, 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 National City – Din Daneshfar
	City of Chula Vista – Khosro Aminpour	City of Oceanside – Mo Lahsaie
20	City of Coronado – Scott Huth	City of Poway – Danis Bechter
	City of Del Mar – Mikhail Ogawa	City of San Diego – Drew Kleis
	City of El Cajon – Julie Hampel	City of San Marcos – Jasen Boyens
	City of Encinitas – Kathy Weldon	City of Santee – Erik Steenblock
	City of Escondido – Cheryl Filar	City of Solana Beach – Dan King
	City of Imperial Beach – Hank Levien	City of Vista – Keri Martinez
	City of La Mesa – Steve Clark	County of San Diego – Jon Van Rhyn
	City of Lemon Grove – Bruce Charest	Port of San Diego – Richard Gilb

Other Participants:

	Karen Helyer – Port of San Diego	Rob Zaino – City of Santee
	Deborah Castillo – City of San Diego	Phil Hammer – RWQCB, San Diego
31	Vivian Bogue – San Diego REBRAC	Simone Hardy – County of San Diego
	Arsalan Dadkah – DMAX Engineering	Nancy Gardiner – Brown & Caldwell
	Rosanna Lacarra – MEC Analytical	Anne Lee – Foley & Lardner
	Todd Snyder – County of San Diego	Lisa Kay – MEC Analytical
	Joe DeStefano – County of San Diego	Paul Hardwick – SANDAG
	Michele Stress – County of San Diego	Diann Strom – County of San Diego
	Marvin Winters – Sure Clean Power Washing	Marco Gonzalez - Baykeeper
	Severo Chavez – BDS Eng./National City	Linda Isakson – City of Oceanside
	Wayne Rosenbaum – Foley and Lardner	Jo Ann Weber – County of San Diego
	Marsha Cook – County of San Diego	Julie Magee – City of Poway
	Paul Davy – County of San Diego	Robin Miller – City of Poway
	Paul Manasjan – S.D. County Airport Authority	Meleah Ashford – City of Encinitas
	Kelly Moewe – Port of San Diego	Nancy Winiarz – Port of San Diego
	Ed Wimmer – City of Lemon Grove	

Total # Signed-in  
Participants: 51

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

Jon Van Rhyn, County of San Diego, opened the meeting by asking Copermittee representatives to provide brief updates on recent Jurisdictional Urban Runoff Management Program (JURMP) and Watershed Urban Runoff Management Program (WURMP) implementation activities. Several jurisdictions noted that they have been busy preparing responses to Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) comments on their Fiscal Year 2001-02 JURMP annual reports. Another common theme was continued progress on business inspections and dry weather monitoring activities.

Members of the audience then introduced themselves in turn. There was one announcement. Paul Hardwick, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), noted that he is currently working with the RWQCB to finalize the metadata needed to produce an improved GIS layer containing waterbodies on California's section 303(d) list.

## **II. Administrative Issues**

- Two CD-ROMs were distributed to each Copermittee: one contains the County of San Diego's entire JURMP Annual Report; the other contains the additional seven sections noted as 'exemplary' by the RWQCB.
- The County of San Diego intends to invoice Copermittees for Fiscal Year 2003-04 shared costs in early August, mid-August at the latest.
- There was general agreement that the Management Committee should continue to hold its meetings at the Mission Valley Branch Library. Meetings will be held at the library until further notice.
- The September Copermittee meeting will be moved up by one week to Thursday, September 11. This will allow for a Management Committee vote on two workgroup documents that are due to the RWQCB on September 15.

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

Phil Hammer, RWQCB, noted that staff is nearing completion of its JURMP annual report reviews. Comment letters have already been distributed to 14 Copermittees; six reviews (largely in north county) are still in progress and will be completed by the end of July. The County of San Diego agreed to provide each Copermittee with an additional CD-ROM if the RWQCB identifies additional 'exemplary' annual report sections during the course of its final reviews. Mr. Hammer encouraged jurisdictions to contact the RWQCB with specific questions regarding their annual report comment letters.

Mr. Hammer also noted that the RWQCB has found a way to add the San Diego Airport Authority to the municipal stormwater permit without requiring them to enter into the Copermittees' Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). He noted that all parties involved are in agreement with this solution.

Marvin Winters, Sure Clean Power Washing, expressed his concerns to Mr. Hammer that the RWQCB is not adequately addressing his complaints regarding specific stormwater violations that he has observed in the field. Mr. Winters requested a response to his complaints in writing. Mr. Hammer indicated that the RWQCB is aware of the violations and is following standard procedures by first notifying the responsible parties, then allowing them a reasonable amount of time to correct the violations.

#### **IV. Two Votes on Monitoring Workgroup Recommendations \* APPROVED \***

Jo Ann Weber, County of San Diego, and Drew Klies, City of San Diego, presented two proposals recommended by the Monitoring Workgroup. Ms. Weber explained that the first proposal would authorize the expenditure of \$14,888 from the Copermittees' Fiscal Year 2002-03 shared costs budget to develop a framework for conducting WURMP water quality assessments. The framework would provide guidance on how to merge and analyze the various data sets used to produce each WURMP water quality assessment. Mr. Kleis explained that the second proposal would authorize the expenditure of \$34,897 from both the Copermittees' Fiscal Year 2002-03 and Fiscal Year 2003-04 shared costs budget to incorporate dry weather and coastal stormdrain monitoring results into the January 2004 receiving waters monitoring report. Both proposals would be conducted by MEC Analytical, Inc. under its existing receiving waters monitoring contract, and each would allow the use of funds already authorized for "as needed" expenditures.

Prior to the votes, Marco Gonzalez, San Diego Baykeeper/Surfrider, offered his support for both proposals. He posited that combining all of the Copermittees' monitoring data into one centralized document would be useful in applying for grants, facilitating use of the data by the public and academia, and illustrating trends over long periods of time.

Julie Hampel, City of El Cajon, made a motion to approve the first proposal as described above. Danis Bechter, City of Poway, seconded Ms. Hampel's motion. The motion passed unanimously with no Copermittees abstaining.

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#### **V. San Diego REBRAC Training and Support Services**

Vivian Bogue, San Diego Regional Environmental Business Resource Assistance Center (REBRAC), provided a brief presentation on REBRAC training programs. REBRAC currently offers a four-hour general stormwater training session and an all-day workshop on stormwater discharge from construction activities. Ms. Bogue then distributed a packet of materials describing REBRAC's training programs. She encouraged each Copermittee to review the packet and to contact her if interested in participating in any of the offered trainings or in designing additional trainings to better fit Copermittee needs. Mr. Van Rhyn recommended that Ms. Bogue work closely with the Outreach Workgroup in identifying any possibilities for future partnerships.

#### **VI. Agricultural Issues**

Paul Davy, County of San Diego, provided a follow-up to the County Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures' earlier offer to conduct agricultural inspections for Copermittees and/or to provide regional training for agricultural inspectors. Mr. Davy noted that the County has considerable experience in conducting agricultural inspections and is the sole authority for the handling, storage, and use of pesticides countywide. He suggested that Copermittees may wish to take advantage of the County's experience in this respect. In addition to the use of an integrated approach to inspections, training would address agricultural waivers, bi-lingual issues, and various other topics. Mr. Davy noted that regional training is tentatively scheduled for late September. He will inform Copermittees once a firm date has been established.

Simone Hardy, Program Manager for the County of San Diego's Pesticide Regulatory Program, spoke briefly about general guidelines regarding pesticide publications. She first acknowledged the outstanding integrated pest management (IPM) brochure recently produced by the Port of San Diego. The County's only concerns with the brochure are its recommendation to use common household items as pesticides, and its promotion of recipes to concoct pesticides using materials found in household containers. Although individual homeowners are permitted to

use these products to combat pests, the exemption does not extend to commercial businesses. Moreover, the promotion of “recipes” to produce pesticides has in the past been linked to illnesses among children who have used products inappropriately. Ms. Hardy urged any jurisdiction that is developing a similar brochure to first contact the County prior to printing and distribution since the County is the sole authority for the handling, storage, and use of pesticides countywide.

## **VII. Update on PRISM Grant for Integrated Pest Management**

Deborah Castillo, City of San Diego, informed Copermittees of the receipt of a PRISM grant for IPM activities. Partners include the City of San Diego (lead), UC Cooperative Extension (Farm & Home Advisor), County Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures, County of San Diego (principal Permittee), and all other Copermittees. Ms. Castillo thanked all of the Copermittees for pledging their support for the grant application. The City of San Diego, as the project lead, is currently awaiting receipt of the packet of materials detailing the total monetary award, grant deliverables, due dates, etc. Once it receives these materials, the grant team will notify the Outreach Workgroup, and will work closely with that group as the project progresses. Ms. Castillo suggested that a formal agreement between participants, including the Copermittees, might be required. Details will be forthcoming.

## **VIII. Workgroup Updates**

Chairs of all active workgroups provided updates on recent activities:

### **MOU/Airport Workgroup** ([http://www.projectcleanwater.org/html/wg\\_mou\\_airport.html](http://www.projectcleanwater.org/html/wg_mou_airport.html))

The MOU/Airport Workgroup met on June 2, 2003 to discuss options in light of the San Diego Airport Authority’s forthcoming inclusion in the San Diego Municipal Stormwater Permit. As mentioned under Agenda Item III above, the RWQCB has opted to exclude the airport from the Permit’s MOU requirement, thereby obviating the need for the Workgroup to develop a solution. This Workgroup will not meet again unless circumstances change.

### **WURMP Workgroup** ([http://www.projectcleanwater.org/html/wg\\_wurmp.html](http://www.projectcleanwater.org/html/wg_wurmp.html))

Joe DeStefano, County of San Diego, provided the update. Mr. DeStefano noted that the Workgroup would be meeting following the Management Committee to discuss the outline of the first WURMP annual report, due in January 2004. Progress on the Planners’ Reference Manual will also be discussed. Jeff Murphy, County of San Diego, has prepared preliminary drafts for both documents.

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

The Monitoring Workgroup has been actively engaged in developing the proposals discussed in detail in Agenda Item IV above.

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

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

Ms. Cook provided a re-cap of Workgroup accomplishments during the 2002-03 fiscal year. During this time, all Workgroup goals were accomplished. Four sets of educational workshops were completed for commercial businesses – mobile businesses, food facilities, automotive businesses, and agricultural facilities. Movie slides were created and shown in several theaters throughout the County. Remaining funds were dedicated to Think Blue to support its television and radio advertising campaign.

Looking forward to Fiscal Year 2003-04, the Workgroup intends to focus on IPM activities with assistance from the University of California Cooperative Extension and the County Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures. A speakers' bureau comprised of agency staff and affiliated consultants will also be established. A water quality-related advertisement has already been submitted to the Registrar of Voters for consideration in its upcoming election guides. Whether the advertisement actually appears is dependent upon the number of blank pages available in each guide. If included, the message would be sent to all registered voters in the County.

Outside of the budgeted regional program, interest has been expressed to develop materials through partnerships for regional participation. The Workgroup will be looking at who is interested in sharing materials as a way of controlling costs. This would be separate from the shared costs budget and would be conducted on a strictly voluntary basis.

**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. Only seven of these surveys have been completed to date. 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).

Mr. Hardwick has noted that he has also been discussing the possibility of working with the Monitoring Workgroup to develop database standards. The survey and other issues will be discussed at the next Data and Information Management Workgroup meeting, which will be held on August 4, 2003 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at SANDAG (401 B Street, downtown San Diego).

**Collaborative Response Workgroups**

**Assessment Workgroup** ([http://www.projectcleanwater.org/html/wg\\_assessment.html](http://www.projectcleanwater.org/html/wg_assessment.html))

Jon Van Rhyn noted that the Assessment Workgroup's second deliverable, a progress report, was submitted to the RWQCB on July 11<sup>th</sup>. The deliverable is in the form of an annotated outline laying out the intended structure of a strategy to assess the long-term effectiveness of JURMPs. It provides narrative descriptions of what will be addressed in each section and sub-section. Completion of the final document is scheduled for September 15, 2003.

Three Workgroup meetings have been scheduled for the next few months: July 31, August 21, and September 4. All meetings will be held from 1 pm – 3 pm at the County of San Diego's offices on 9325 Hazard Way, San Diego.

**BMP Workgroup** ([http://www.projectcleanwater.org/html/wg\\_coperm\\_bmps.html](http://www.projectcleanwater.org/html/wg_coperm_bmps.html))

Julie Hampel noted that the BMP Workgroup's second deliverable, a progress report, was submitted to the RWQCB on July 12<sup>th</sup>. It is in the form of an annotated outline laying out the intended structure of a jurisdictional / regional approach to the implementation of BMPs for industrial and commercial activities. It provides narrative descriptions of what will be addressed in each section and sub-section. Completion of the final document is scheduled for September 15, 2003.

Ms. Hampel noted that a BMP spreadsheet has been distributed to each Copermittee. The spreadsheet will be used to tally how many Copermittees are using each specified BMP, and for which activities. Completed spreadsheets are due to the Workgroup chair by July 21<sup>st</sup>, and will be discussed at the next Workgroup meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup>, which will be held from 10 am – 12 pm at the County of San Diego's offices on 9325 Hazard Way, San Diego.

## **VIII. Other Business**

- Danis Bechter, City of Poway, inquired about whether the RWQCB still has intentions to offer training on Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plans (SUSMPs). Phil Hammer noted that it is still unknown whether the RWQCB will receive EPA funding to provide SUSMP training for municipal planning and engineering staff. Jon Van Rhyn noted that the Copermittees might look for alternative ways to support the process if insufficient EPA funding is identified.
- Marvin Winters, Sure Clean Pressure Washing, Inc., encouraged the Copermittees to adopt the northern California model for pressure washing BMPs. Michele Stress, County of San Diego, agreed to prepare a presentation, with Mr. Winters's input, on the northern California program, which is summarized in the following brochure: "Best Management Practices for Pressure Washers - (your guide to practical methods used to protect the environment and comply with regulatory requirements)." The brochure was created by the County of Sacramento (Department of Water Resources), the City of Sacramento (Department of Utilities), and the Sacramento County Business Environmental Resource Center.
- Wayne Rosenbaum, Foley and Lardner, suggested that Dennis Bowling, Rick Engineering, be contacted should the RWQCB proceed with any SUSMP training; he has pulled together regional engineers in the past.
- Ed Wimmer, City of Lemon Grove, inquired about developing a central repository for regional water quality-related brochures and outreach materials. Marsha Cook noted that the Outreach Workgroup has initiated creation of such a repository, but that it has not been completed. Mr. Wimmer requested that the repository be distributed electronically once completed. On a related issue, it was noted that the California Association of Stormwater Agencies (CASQA) has obtained state funding to post Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) versions of various outreach materials by category on-line. A review panel will choose the best examples of this outreach material so that other jurisdictions or Phase II entities could model their materials after these examples.
- Paul Hardwick noted that SANDAG would again be able to produce updated WURMP maps at no cost to Copermittees. It was noted that updated jurisdictional map layers should be sent to SANDAG to assist in this effort.

## **IX. Next Meeting**

The next Copermittee Management Committee meeting will be held on September 11, 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** – Prepare a presentation on northern California's pressure washing BMP program for the next Copermittee Management Committee.
- **County of San Diego** – Provide a follow-up email reminding Copermittees to complete the Data and Information Workgroup survey ASAP.
- **County of San Diego** – Invoice Copermittees for Fiscal Year 2003-04 shared costs by early August.
- **County of San Diego** – Distribute CD-ROMs of additional "exemplary" sections identified by the RWQCB during its final six annual report reviews.

- **All** – For those Copermittees that 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 Todd Snyder, County of San Diego, at [todd.snyder@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:todd.snyder@sdcounty.ca.gov).