

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

Meeting Summary

Thursday, July 22, 2004, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Encinitas Community & Senior Center, Room 142B
1140 Oakcrest Park Dr. – 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 – 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 – Danny King
City of Escondido – Cheryl Filar	City of Vista – Meleah Ashford
City of Imperial Beach – Maria Garcia	County of San Diego – Jon Van Rhyn
City of La Mesa – Malik Tamini	Port of San Diego – Michelle White
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	Robin Miller – City of Poway
Sean Bolton – U.S. Navy	Mikhail Ogawa – Mikhail Ogawa Engineering
Desiree Christensen – CDS Technologies, Inc	Monica Pedraza – City of Encinitas
Marsha Cook – County of San Diego	Wayne Rosenbaum – Foley and Lardner
Mark Cuneo – CDS Technologies, Inc	Marvin Sachse – Brash Industries
Paul Davy – County of San Diego	Lisa Skutecki, Brown & Caldwell
Bob Edwards – City of Encinitas	Todd Snyder – County of San Diego
Richard Haimann – Stormwater Mgmt., Inc	Joe Street – Street Properties, Inc.
Paul Hartman – City of Encinitas	Benjamin Tobler – San Diego RWQCB
Michael Kimberlain – Hancor, Inc	Nancy Winiarz – Port of San Diego

I. Introductions / Program Updates / Announcements

Committee Chair Jon Van Rhyn, County of San Diego, opened by asking Copermittee representatives to provide brief updates on recent program activities in their jurisdictions. Among the specific topics addressed were the following:

- ? Jon Van Rhyn, County of San Diego, thanked the City of Encinitas for hosting today's meeting and for providing refreshments. He also thanked Copermittees for providing a strong presence at the July 15th Clean Water Summit. A summary of the Summit, including results from the afternoon legislative session, will be posted on the Project Clean Water Web site (<http://www.projectcleanwater.org/>) in the coming weeks. He noted that the County has finished inspecting all of the facilities on its industrial inventory, and has recently wrapped up its first round of dry weather field screening. Two more rounds of dry weather monitoring will be conducted prior to the start of the rainy season. The County is also in the process of contracting with the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) to conduct school presentations in the unincorporated County. The SDCOE utilizes interactive learning tools such as the Splash Lab and Green Machine, and is highly recommended to interested parties.
- ? Drew Kleis, City of San Diego, indicated that the City is focusing much of its energy on three grant-funded projects at the moment. These include the regional integrated pest management (IPM) PRISM grant, a Proposition 13 grant for work on Chollas Creek, and the Common Ground grant. The City will be contacting its grant partners shortly to get started on these projects.
- ? Bruce Charest, City of Lemon Grove, reported working with industrial facilities to clarify monitoring requirements. He expressed interest in hearing from other Copermittees that may have already developed monitoring guidance for industrial facilities.
- ? Jasen Boyens, City of San Marcos, noted that the City has been conducting dry weather monitoring and inspections of high priority commercial facilities. Also, the City is preparing to go to bid on a contract for citywide storm drain cleaning services.
- ? Cecilia Lyon, City of Coronado, is working with Stormwater Strategies on developing BMP brochures for three target communities (mobile businesses, residents, and commercial businesses). The City is also recruiting for a supervisor for its Streets Department, who will have significant responsibilities in the stormwater program.
- ? Danny King, City of Solana Beach, reported progress on the City's stormwater fee feasibility report. Also, a grease trap ordinance was recently passed, which gives the City the authority to require older restaurants to retrofit their grease trap systems to better protect against overflows. The City is also actively implementing its dry weather field-screening program.
- ? Malik Tamini, representing the City of La Mesa, noted ongoing activity in the area of municipal and industrial facility inspections. The City is also preparing an article regarding diazinon usage for inclusion in its quarterly residential newsletter.
- ? Meleah Ashford, representing the City of Vista, reported that the City is conducting both dry weather monitoring and industrial inspections. Mikhail Ogawa Engineering was recently hired to develop Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPPs) and education programs for the City's fire stations. Planning is ongoing on development of a channel maintenance agreement that would cover the entire jurisdiction.
- ? Kathy Weldon, City of Encinitas, reported increased SUSMP tracking to better document post-construction BMPs on developed sites. Dry weather monitoring has been completed for this season. The City's UV treatment plant is functioning as it should, and no beach closures have been reported. People counters are being used to get a better indication of usage levels and patterns at City beaches. Finally, a new inspector, Bob Edwards, has been hired.
- ? Richard Gilb, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, reported the recent hiring of an entry-level staff person. The Airport Authority has also been collaborating with Baykeeper and Surfrider on their public education campaigns (i.e. the "Hold onto Your Butts").

- ? Michelle White, Port of San Diego, announced that the San Diego Bay Watershed meeting scheduled for today (July 22nd) has been canceled, and will be rescheduled for sometime in August, following receipt of the Regional Board's comments on the WURMP Annual Report. The City has been busy conducting industrial and restaurant inspections. Compliance with stormwater requirements is particularly high among restaurants; very few problems have been encountered. The Port is also training much of its engineering staff in the preparation and review of SWPPPs.
- ? Arsalan Dadkahl, representing National City, noted progress on industrial and commercial facility inspection, as well as the development of an educational program for school students.
- ? Mo Lahsaie, City of Oceanside, discussed ongoing work on industrial and municipal inspections, dry weather / watershed monitoring, and the hiring of a contractor to inspect more than 300 restaurants in the City. The City is also hoping to improve coordination with Native American groups in some local watersheds. Construction sites will be visited prior to the rainy season to ensure that compliance is on track. Finally, the City worked with SurfRider on the recent beach cleanups following July 4th.
- ? Maria Garcia, City of Imperial Beach, introduced herself as the new environmental programs manager for the City. She then described recent activity on business inspections and dry weather monitoring.
- ? Khosro Aminpour, City of Chula Vista, described ongoing inspections of commercial, industrial, and municipal facilities. Dry weather monitoring will start next week. With Marsha Cook's assistance, the City developed a flyer for distribution to paintball facilities. I Love A Clean San Diego will assist the City with its education program during the current fiscal year. Work is also ongoing on the Otay River Watershed Plan.
- ? Cheryl Filar, City of Escondido, noted that the City has been focusing its efforts on the automotive industry due to incidents of suspected dumping to the sanitary sewer system. Dry weather monitoring will start in two weeks. On June 9th, the City Council approved a resolution increasing the City's stormwater rate from \$2.00 to \$2.95 per month. This will generate approximately \$1.2 million to support core stormwater program operations. The City is also analyzing the data of a recent water quality / watershed survey. Pet waste brochures are being developed for distribution to residents in the fall.
- ? Miriam McKenna, representing the City of Del Mar, reported that there is outstanding public awareness about stormwater protection among residents in Del Mar. This is evidenced in neighborhood vigilance on the issue of over-irrigation.
- ? Danis Bechter, City of Poway, noted that the City has adopted a fire sprinkler ordinance, which prohibits any discharges of fire sprinkler water to the MS4. The Fire Department is exempt from this prohibition. D-MAX has been contracted to perform industrial facility inspections for the City. Two SUSMP basins have recently been completed; two others are still in the planning stages. At the November Copermittee meeting, Danis will take interested parties on a field trip to visit these basins.
- ? Erik Steenblock, City of Santee, reported positive results from a series of five training sessions conducted jointly by the Cities of Santee, El Cajon, and Lemon Grove. Over 500 employees were trained. Inspections and dry weather monitoring are ongoing, and work continues on the Forrester Creek project.
- ? Jayne Strommer, City of Carlsbad, indicated that D-MAX has been contracted to perform dry weather field screening. The City is gathering per unit program cost information. Anyone interested in pursuing this exercise for purposes of comparison is encouraged to contact Jayne. Commercial inspections have resulted in quite a few citations being issued for grease violations. A database is also being developed to track BMPs, SWMPs, and SWPPPs throughout the City.

Members of the audience introduced themselves in turn. There were no announcements.

II. Administrative Issues

Jon Van Rhyn, County of San Diego, provided the following update on administrative issues:

- ? Copermittees will be invoiced for FY 2004-05 shared costs sometime in mid-August. If any cities are in need of more immediate invoicing, please contact Jon at 858-495-5133.
- ? Contact information for each Copermittee has been updated and distributed. Please contact Todd Snyder at 858-694-2312 if you would like this information. The Project Clean Water Web site has been modified to reduce the specificity of available contact information. Now, one central number is provided for each jurisdiction. This should make the Web site much easier to keep up-to-date.
- ? The November Copermittee Management Committee meeting will be held in the City of Poway. A location for the September 16th meeting has yet to be determined. Copermittees interested in hosting should contact Todd Snyder at the number above.

III. San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Update

Stacey Baczkowski, RWQCB, updated Copermittees on recent and upcoming activities.

- ? The RWQCB is nearing completion of its WURMP Annual Report reviews. A meeting will be set up with each watershed group to go over comments once they are finished.
- ? The California Performance Review is a directive from Governor Schwarzenegger to re-organize how the State conducts business; it will be released upon approval of the State budget. It is possible that, under this plan, RWQCBs would be abolished, and become a department without a formal board. It is unknown whether the public will have an opportunity to comment on changes before they are put into effect.

Ben Tobler, RWQCB, also provided the following comments:

- ? The municipal stormwater permit for Riverside County has been adopted.
- ? Phase II stormwater efforts are beginning to gain momentum. The SDCOE volunteered to submit a plan before it was formally required to do so under Phase II regulations. The RWQCB is currently reviewing this plan. Camp Pendleton will likely be the next entity to submit such a plan. On military facilities, the RWQCB has the authority to issue permits, but it does not have the power to issue fines in the event of non-compliance.
- ? The San Diego RWQCB recently received an award from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recognizing its exemplary programs.

IV. Alliance for Compliance

Wayne Rosenbaum, Foley and Lardner, discussed the *Alliance for Compliance* as a potential model for compliance with the new General Industrial Stormwater Permit. Re-issuance of the Industrial Permit is pending; some estimates are that the new Permit will be issued in a few months. It is likely to contain a number of changes in the way industrial facilities are regulated. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is also currently involved in “workshopping” the creation of a 50% permit fee reduction for industrial facilities implementing an approved quality assurance program. However, there is currently no definition of what would qualify as a quality assurance program. The Alliance for compliance offers the potential for industrial facilities to meet the State’s quality assurance requirements. Wayne discussed the program structure and recent experience with a pilot program focused on auto dismantlers. His Power Point presentation is posted on the Copermittees’ Web site at www.projectcleanwater.org/html/copermittees. Some points discussed that are not addressed in Wayne’s presentation are the following:

- ? In the pilot program, the auto dismantlers paid an average annual fee of \$1,300. This fee included 6-8 inspections per year, audits, an annual report, and one monitoring sample.
- ? There is the potential to ask the RWQCB whether a jurisdiction is still required to inspect a facility that is already subject to third-party auditing as under the Alliance for Compliance. It is possible that jurisdictions would still be required to inspect some percentage of their industrial facilities; this is all speculative.
- ? No facility or Copermittee would be required to participate in the program if this model is accepted by Copermittees.

It was agreed that the Copermittees' BMP Workgroup would begin exploring the *Alliance for Compliance* program further. As part of the Workgroup discussion, Copermittees will also talk about the re-issuance of the General Industrial Permit and developing consistency in how "No Exposure Certifications" and "Notices of Non-Applicability" are defined. The BMP Workgroup is tentatively scheduled to discuss these issues at a meeting on September 2, 2004.

V. BMP Effectiveness Criteria

Richard Haimann, Stormwater Management, Inc., offered to conduct a free seminar for Copermittees and other interested parties regarding BMP effectiveness criteria. This seminar would focus on water quality objectives, the fate and transport of pollutants, and how stormwater treatment technologies work. The seminar would be intended to help attendees better conceptualize what kind of data is needed to assess structural BMP effectiveness. The Copermittees agreed to take advantage of Mr. Haimann's offer; the seminar will likely be scheduled on the same day as the next Copermittee Management Committee meeting on September 16, 2004. The seminar will be noticed to all parties currently on the Copermittee e-mail distribution list.

VI. Workgroup Updates

SUSMP Workgroup – No update was provided; however, it was noted that the SUSMP Workgroup's last scheduled meeting was canceled due to low interest.

Outreach Workgroup – Marsha Cook, County of San Diego, provided the update. The Workgroup met on May 11th in Escondido. The County is in the process of developing an "Agreement to Participate" for the regional IPM PRISM grant. The "Agreement to Participate" would simply ask Copermittees to agree to be good project partners, to offer any in-kind contributions possible (i.e. outreach, reproduction of materials, air time, Web site posting, sponsoring or setting up workshops for the University of California Cooperative Extension), and to document these in-kind contributions on a tracking form. In return, Copermittees receive outreach credit for the regional stormwater program, copies of all reports submitted to the SWRCB, and the use of all materials, either for regional education or their own jurisdictional outreach. Materials may include public service announcements, training videos, banners, pest cards, posters, etc. Cities can put their seals on any printed work as long as it is accompanied by the regional IPM logo (a native flower), which is currently under design. In addition, those in the San Diego River and Carlsbad Watersheds will directly benefit from the pilot point-of-purchase campaigns. These watersheds were selected, in consultation with the RWQCB Grants Team, due to the degree of urbanization and the availability of retail outlets. The Outreach Workgroup has also indicated a desire to better prepare for next year's outreach budget. The North County Educator's group is considering plastic bag advertisements in the San Diego Union Tribune. The next Outreach Workgroup meeting will be held on September 14th, most likely in the City of Poway.

BMP Workgroup – Julie Hampel, City of El Cajon, provided the update. There was a very productive discussion of effectiveness assessment at the Workgroup's June 26th meeting. The meeting generated a broad range of approaches for conducting effectiveness assessments for the commercial and industrial stormwater components of jurisdictional programs. These approaches have been compiled into a document and will be distributed to all Copermittees for their input.

Long-Term Effectiveness Assessment Workgroup - Jon Van Rhyn, County of San Diego, provided the update. The Effectiveness Assessment Workgroup canceled its last scheduled meeting, and will re-schedule for August 26, 2004. In the meantime, the County will re-send the sign-up sheets for each of the Effectiveness Assessment sub-workgroups. Copermittees are particularly encouraged to sign up to participate on the Municipal and Construction sub-workgroups.

Permit Renewal Workgroup – Jon Van Rhyn described the results of the July 1st Permit Re-issuance Workgroup. Participants broached many issues that they would like to see addressed in the next Permit, probably more issues than the Workgroup can realistically deal with. The next step will be to categorize these issues, and deal with each of them on a meeting-by-meeting basis. Every effort will be made to include important stakeholders and regulated entities in these discussions. Jon extended an open invitation to the RWQCB to participate in the Permit Re-issuance Workgroup. The next Workgroup meeting will be on August 26, 2004.

VII. Other Business

Julie Hampel, City of El Cajon, noted that she attended the Phase II breakout session at the July 15th Clean Water Summit. It seemed to her that the SDCOE would like to be completely autonomous, and that they are discouraging jurisdictions from visiting their sites to assess compliance. The group agreed that the SDCOE should be invited to attend Copermittee Management Committee meetings to encourage better dialogue and understanding.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Management Committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 16, 2004. Time and location have yet to be determined.