

**COPERMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**  
**BOISE AREA MS4 STORMWATER PERMIT – October 16, 2018**

**Attendees:**

Steve Hubble, City of Boise  
Ryan Armbruster, DD3  
Kat Davis, Boise State  
Kevin Wallis, Garden City  
Greg Vitley, ITD, District 3

Monica Lowe, ACHD  
Adam Van Patten, ACHD  
Andy Carlson, ACHD  
Liz Paul

**Introductions, Review of Agenda, Meeting Summary**

Draft meeting summary from 7/17/18 was approved.

**Education and Outreach Update**

1. Steve asked for feedback from the group regarding the Partners for Clean Water Conference. A lot of positive feedback was provided. Kevin and Ryan specifically commented that the content was interesting, and the venue was great. Daniel Dauwalter with Trout Unlimited and Steve both provided a few comments for a Channel 6 News reporter that attended, and Boise City twittered the bobcat photo, who stole the show!
2. No changes expected with regards to ongoing education activities with Aimee's absence. Public Education Committee Meetings will be paused until early 2019.
3. Boise City currently has a 0.5 FTE staff position available for education. Steve has concerns that filling the position would meet all their needs. Boise City is looking into some other options and may have an update January 2019.
4. Steve plans on focusing on handbook updates as a Boise City initiative this year, many of which are 10-15 years old. Steve also plans on moving forward with the Partners' O&M manual that the group expressed interest in. This project would be Partner/ public education funded. Steve will be gathering a small committee for input on content and will update the group when cost estimates are available. Steve asked the group to let him know if there are other specific documents that are needed for education.
5. Steve asked Liz whether she has noticed much growth through social media with her work with the Lower Boise Watershed Council. Liz said the content is not very interesting, but there is much more depth and reach with her work on the Boise River Enhancement Network (BREN), due to ongoing events, updates, recreational info., etc. Steve said there is a hesitancy internally at the City to throw out another brand into social media with Boise City trying to consolidate their messaging as much as possible. Finding space for Partners material with all the other content can be challenging.

**Monitoring Update**

Andy provided a monitoring update to the group with the following highlights:

- First storm of the water year was sampled on October 9<sup>th</sup>. 0.95" of rain was recorded at our rain gage near Esther Simplot Park in less than 24 hours, which is almost 10% of our annual rainfall. Equipment issues at the Lucky Monitoring Station could not be corrected prior to the storm, therefore a composite sample was not collected. Grab samples were successfully collected at all 4 stations, and composite samples were collected at three stations. This was also the first storm where data was collected from the Americana subwatersheds.
- Andy provided a handout showing the locations of the pressure transducers in the Americana subwatershed. Additional language was added to the monitoring plan to describe how these initial locations were determined. Andy also explained how the flow data would be evaluated to determine if the stations would be moved to other locations and if values are as expected, which will also inform where water quality samples may be collected in the future.
- Monica reminded the group that the approved Scope of Work (SOW) was substantially less than was approved. By the January budget meeting, ACHD will have a better idea if we will have an additional SOW or will not be using the remaining approved monitoring budget.

### **City of Coeur D'Alene Request**

Steve was contacted by Kim Harrington from the City of Coeur D'Alene and a representative from the local highway district. The City of Coeur D'Alene is trying to form a regional public education and outreach program and was inquiring about the possibility of borrowing the Partners for Clean Water Program. They were exploring options and it was not clear what specific aspects of the program they were most interested but did request to use the Partners for Clean Water nomenclature with the addition of "North Idaho" or something similar. Steve conferred with Jen Pitino who is an attorney at City of Boise charged with copyright/trademark issues. Apparently, some of our trademark or Copyrights for Eddy the Trout and Partners for Clean Water logo have expired. Steve attempted to renew but it was difficult to piece together the history on how they were created. Jen's recommendation was to have Boise City Staff do a "refresh" through graphic design and then re-trademark or copyright, as appropriate. A license Agreement could be developed for use of the Partners name if that is what the group decided. After considerable discussion the group came to the following decision:

- Partners are open to sharing Agreements, how we are setup and cost shares, and program materials that are on the website that can be modified to fit other's needs. We would like to facilitate a meeting or skype once a year to share information and develop relationships.
- Partners are not interested in a formal sharing of brand at this time.

Steve will bring this information back to Kim Harrington and keep the group informed of any critical information.

### **Status of New Permits**

- Monica shared with the group information Misha has provided to all the existing MS4 permittees. At the end of June 2018, the Region 10 EPA- Seattle office received a directive from EPA Headquarters senior management to issue any first-time permits (for permit applications received more than 6 months ago) before the end of this calendar year.
- There are 5 regulated MS4s in Idaho that fit this description. These will be individual NPDES permits, not general permits.
- Misha expects a decision on how EPA Region 10 will proceed with reissuance of the ACHD Phase II MS4 permit and others in the State in January 2019. Phase I permit is anticipated after the phase II permits are issued.

### **Annual Report and 2019 Meeting Schedule**

- Monica requested that the Permittees submit their annual reports and signed certification page to ACHD by Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Boise City said they may be a little late but would try to meet that deadline as close as possible.
- The group discussed the proposed meeting schedule for 2019. The following dates were agreed upon –
  - January 22, 2019 (budget proposals)
  - April 16, 2019 (budget approvals)
  - July 16, 2019
  - October 15, 2019