

AGENDA

Boise Area Municipal Stormwater NPDES Permit Permittee Meeting

Friday, December 4, 2020

1:00-2:30 PM

Via Microsoft Teams

Public Education Business

1:00 Education and Outreach Update

Steve

- Welcome Austin Walkins
- 2021 Outreach Brainstorm

Permittee Action: Information/discussion

General Business

1:40 Meeting Summary

Monica

Permittee Action: Review, approval of 9/3/20 meeting summary

1:45 Monitoring Update

Tammy

- Update on activities
- Monitoring Report Review Schedule

Permittee Action: Information/discussion

1:55 Monitoring Fact Sheet

Adam

2:05 Annual Report and 2020 Meeting Schedule

Monica

- 2020 annual report schedule:
 - Annual reports with original signed certification page are due to ACHD Friday, December 18, 2020
 - ACHD will send final report to EPA no later than Friday, January 29, 2021
- Review of proposed meeting schedule for 2020:
 - January 26, 2021 (budget proposals) – 4th Tuesday instead of 3rd Tuesday of month
 - April 20, 2021 (budget approvals)
 - July 20, 2021
 - October 19, 2021

2:15 Other Permittee Updates

ALL

Permittee Action: Information/discussion

2:30 Wrap Up and Adjourn

Next Meeting: January 26, 2021

PERMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
BOISE AREA MS4 STORMWATER PERMIT – December 4, 2020

Attendees

Steve Hubble, City of Boise
Austin Walkins, City of Boise
Ryan Armbruster, DD3
Kevin Wallis, Garden City

Suzy Arnette, BSU
Tammy Lightle, ACHD
Adam Van Patten, ACHD
Monica Lowe, ACHD

Introductions and Meeting Summary

Permittees met via Microsoft Teams due to social distancing recommendations and Covid-19 pandemic. Meeting summary was approved from 9/3/20.

Steve introduced, Austin Walkins, the new Source Control Program Manager with the City of Boise. This position is a regrouping of internal positions (Stormwater and Pretreatment). Austin is formerly with the Idaho Conservation League and has a background in Geology and River Restoration. Austin is currently working on the NPDES Annual Report and getting familiar with the program. Austin will be hiring a stormwater specialist anticipated early 2021.

Public Education and Outreach Update

Steve provided a 2020 outreach campaign summary. In addition to accomplishing the minimum education and outreach goals, a leaf/yard waste graphic was developed, and funds were allocated towards additional educational videos. Video work will continue in early 2021. The Partners also took advantage of training opportunities through the Center for Watershed Protection Agency.

Steve informed the group that with the newly hired Source Control Manager and new Stormwater Specialist positions, Permittees can expect billings from the City of Boise's Education and Outreach Program to be higher than the last couple of years. City of Boise will be reaching out to the City of Caldwell to inform them as well. Steve asked the group if anyone was expecting budget challenges going into 2021. Ryan said DD3 did not receive the recent proposed one dollar increase in assessment fees, and as a result, DD3's budget will need to be monitored very closely in 2021. Kevin stated Garden City is in a good financial situation moving forward. Steve said the city of Boise's stormwater program is general funded, but there may be financial challenges in FY22. It is unclear at this time if mandated programs, like stormwater, will be impacted.

Currently, City of Boise plans to target education and outreach to restaurants and pet waste. If anyone has other ideas, please contact Austin and Steve.

Monitoring Update

Tammy informed the group that WY 2021 monitoring is off to a good start. Storms were sampled on 10/10/20 and 11/13/20. Successful grab and composite samples were collected from all monitoring locations except for one composite sample due to a battery failure. This problem has been resolved. The draft monitoring annual report will be sent to the Permittees and out for review and comment until 12/11/20. Please contact Tammy if additional time is needed to review the report.

Tammy provided a general summary of the Stormwater Outfall Monitoring Program and Americana subwatershed monitoring. The AS6 station currently has four successful grabs and composites. A minimum of Five grabs and composites are needed before the data will be analyzed to see if there is a statistical correlation between AS6 and the downstream Americana outfall monitoring station.

Adam shared the completed Stormwater Monitoring Program Fact Sheet with the group. Adam reviewed how and why the fact sheet was developed and explained the individual sections to provide an understanding of how the document was organized. The fact sheet will be emailed to the Permittees following the meeting.

Ryan mentioned the Stormwater Monitoring Fact Sheet is going to be a great tool to share with new members of the DD3 board who do not have the background on the Monitoring Program. Steve mentioned if no additional modifications to the fact sheet are needed to let him know and he can post it to the Partners for Clean Water website. Liz mentioned she could post the Stormwater Monitoring Fact Sheet to the Boise River Enhancement Network (BREN) website. Liz asked the group to keep in mind the BREN Brown Bag Lunch Program is always looking for blog content/presentations.

Other Agenda Items

Monica requested the Permittee's annual reports with signed certification page be provided to ACHD by 12/18/2020. There is still some question regarding electronic signatures, but it is understood that an electronic signature is sufficient for the certification page in the annual report. If the Permittees are mailing or dropping the report off, please note ACHD Environmental Department is now located at 1301 N. Orchard, Suite 200, Boise, ID 83706.

Storm Water Management Plans can be posted to the Partners for Clean Water website whenever they are ready. They can be sent electronically if possible or Steve said there is a possibility Boise City field staff may be able to swing by and pick them up, if needed.

Monica reviewed the proposed 2021 Permittee meeting schedule. No issues anticipated from the group. Ryan mentioned the suggested dates work tentatively and recommended we continue to maintain the 9:00 or 9:30 meeting start time.

Other Permittee Updates

Monica agreed to reach out to Misha regarding the new Phase I Permit schedule and provide information for the next meeting.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 26th, 2021