

AGENDA

Boise Area Municipal Stormwater NPDES Permit Permittee Meeting

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

9:30-11:00 am

Via Microsoft Teams

Public Education Business

9:30 Introductions, Review of Agenda and Meeting Summary

Monica

- Additions/modifications to the agenda
- Review of 12/4/20 meeting summary

Permittee Action: Review, approval of 12/4/20 meeting summary

9:35 Education and Outreach Update

Austin

- Update on activities; FY Media Campaign and Conference
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Permittee Action: Information/discussion

10:05 Monitoring Update

Tammy

- Update on activities
- Americana Subwatershed Progress

Permittee Action: Information/discussion

10:20 2022 Budget Proposal and 2021 Budget Status

Austin/Monica/Tammy

- Administration
- Monitoring
- Education and Outreach

Permittee Action: Information/discussion

10:35 Status of New Permits, IPDES, Other Permittee Updates

**Monica
ALL**

- Update on 3rd Cycle NPDES Phase I Permit Draft
- Permittee Updates
- Other

Permittee Action: Information/discussion

10:50 Wrap Up and Adjourn

Permittee Action: Information/discussion

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 20th

PERMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
BOISE AREA MS4 STORMWATER PERMIT – January 26, 2021

Attendees

Austin Walkins, City of Boise
Kevin Fagan, City of Boise
Ryan Armbruster, DD3
Cheyenne House, Elam & Burke
Suzy Arnette, BSU

Greg Vitley, ITD, District 3
Kevin Wallis, Garden City
Adam VanPatten, ACHD
Tammy Lightle, ACHD
Monica Lowe, ACHD

Introductions and Minutes Approval

Permittees met via Microsoft Teams due to social distancing recommendations and Covid-19 pandemic. The 12/4/2020 meeting summary was approved with no modifications.

Ryan introduced Cheyenne House, his colleague at Elam and Burke, who will be gradually transitioning into his role as DD3's representative this year. Although Ryan will not be leaving soon, he technically will serve Elam & Burke as Counsel this year (an employee rather than owner) as he starts to ease into retirement. Ryan will still be the Permittee contact for the time being.

Austin introduced Kevin Fagan, City of Boise's new Stormwater Senior Specialist. Austin and Kevin will be working together to identify the details of how they will divide Steve Hubble's previous roles and responsibilities. Please contact Austin and Kevin via email through 2021.

Public Education and Outreach Update

ACHD's and Garden City's Stormwater Management Plans have been posted to the Partners for Clean Water website for a 30-day comment period. The plans are currently posted on the home page, but after 30 days they will move to the proper location on the website.

In-person conferences remain on hold. A virtual conference for 2021 is being considered. Austin is working with City of Boise Community Engagement Team to develop two videos. One will focus on general stormwater pollution prevention and the second topic is not yet determined. A media company has been selected to produce the two videos. Austin plans a consistent outreach approach on the topics of pet waste and leaf disposal in 2021.

Monitoring Update

Tammy reported that since her last update a storm event was sampled on January 12, 2021. Sample collection was partially successful due to equipment mechanical issues and lighter rain than forecasted. Samples from two more storms are needed to fulfill monitoring requirements for this water year. Flow and water quality data continues to be collected from AS-6. This year, data from three storm events has been collected at AS-6 to compare to the Americana outfall data. A preliminary data comparison analysis between the Americana outfall and AS-6 was provided in the 2020 annual report.

2022 Budget Proposals

The following budgets were proposed by the Permittees for FY2022.

- Administration - \$5,000. The Administration budget proposal remains the same as past years. In addition to a small amount of the budget typically used to compile the annual reports, it is anticipated most of the budget will be used to adapt intergovernmental agreements or other changes warranted by the new Phase I Permit.
- Monitoring - \$266,000. The proposed budget for 2022 is \$10,000 increase over the approved 2021 budget. The \$10,000 increase is proposed for the monitoring contract which was decreased in 2021. With the new Phase I Permit expected soon, additional funds are anticipated for document updates.
- Education and Outreach - \$98,000. This budget is the same for the Permittees as proposed in 2021 with the potential of an additional \$15,000 coming from the City of Caldwell. While not a Permittee, Caldwell benefits from the Partners education and outreach valley wide.

Other Permittee Updates

Monica shared information from her conversation with Misha (EPA) last week. The comment period for the draft Phase I Permit is expected to start the week of February 16, 2021, with a final permit issued end of May/beginning of June. Misha will not be granting any extensions on the 45-day comment period. Misha is willing to have a meeting with the Permittees once the draft has been issued, to discuss questions and concerns to simplify the comment period.

The Permittees can expect to see some changes in the draft Phase I Permit compared to the current Phase I Permit. The IDEQ requested the Phase I Permit have the same format and layout as the new Phase II Permits. Some of the specifics Misha mentioned were:

- Less compliance dates. Compliance dates will be on the first page (like the Phase II Permits) and not in the middle of the Permit (like the existing Phase I Permit).
- SWMP will be updated and posted to a website annually but will not be required to be submitted with the annual report.
- Change in some definitions i.e., waters of the US.
- Simplified annual reporting format will be provided.
- Order of minimum control measures expected to be the same as Phase II Permit order.
- No specific monitoring parameters specified for wet weather monitoring.
- Currently reviewing Permit Reapplication Materials and incorporating requests into draft Permit.

The IDEQ takes primacy 7/1/2021. EPA is open to being involved as needed during this transition. A condition of change in primacy is the expectation of IDEQ to adhere to the five-year permit term with development of a new permit expected every five years. Some uncertainty about the effective date of the new Phase I Permit and the first report to IDEQ. Misha anticipated the reporting year to be October 1st through September 30th, as it is now. The group agreed it would be helpful to have a meeting with IDEQ after receipt of the draft Permit and prior to July 1, 2021. Permittees agreed on a tentative date of March 9, 2021 at 9:30 to meet with Misha.

Monica will send the Permittees a request to update contact information for the public notice announcement. Monica will consolidate the information and provide it to Misha.

Next Meeting

March 9th - draft Phase I Permit discussion with Misha

April 20th – Budget Approval Meeting