

AGENDA

Boise Area Municipal Stormwater NPDES Permit Permittee Meeting

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

9:30-11:00 am

Via Microsoft Teams

9:30 Introductions, Review of Agenda, Meeting Summary **Monica**

- Additions/modifications to the agenda
- Review of 4/20/21 meeting summary

9:35 Education and Outreach Update **Austin**

- Pub Ed Group Meetings – Next Meeting August 4th, 1-2:30
Conference date pushed back to after new permit takes effect. Still need to determine a date.
- Media Buys Update – Radio Ads/Billboards/Bus Wraps

Permittee Action: Information/discussion

9:55 Monitoring Update **Tammy**

- Update on sampling activities
- FY22 NPDES Monitoring Contract SOW and budget for review mid-September

Permittee Action: Information/discussion

10:05 IPDES Permit Fees **Austin**

- IPDES User's Guide to Permitting and Compliance pg. 24-25

Permittee Action: Information/discussion

10:20 Status of Permits, IPDES **Monica/ALL**

- No Phase I report due January 30, 2022
- New Permit effective October 1, 2021
- IDEQ Permitting System – Annual Report Format
- Electronic submittal of 1st year Annual Report (Oct.1, 2021-Sept.30, 2022) Due Jan.30, 2023

Permittee Action: Information/discussion/register Certifying Official for each Permittee on IDEQ E-Permitting System

10:40 Other Permittee Updates **ALL**

Permittee Action: Information/discussion

10:55 Wrap Up and Adjourn

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 19th

PERMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
BOISE AREA MS4 STORMWATER PERMIT – July 27, 2021

Attendees

Austin Walkins, City of Boise

Ryan Armbruster, Elam & Burke/DD3

Cheyenne House, Elam & Burke/DD3

Greg Vitley, ITD, District 3

Kevin Wallis, Garden City

Adam Van Patten, 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 4/20/2021 meeting summary was approved with no modifications.

Public Education and Outreach Update

- There is an opening for a Stormwater Quality Specialist Sr. at the City of Boise.
- The Public Education and Outreach subcommittee will meet 8/4/21 to discuss the permanent stormwater controls conference. A meeting agenda is expected to be sent to the subcommittee by 7/30/21.
- Media buys (billboards and radio ads) were slower to materialize than expected but are now underway: pet waste education/outreach will go live August to September and leaf litter education/outreach will go live in September. General SW education/outreach bus wrap for Valley Regional Transit buses is being designed by City of Boise design group. A draft of the bus wrap graphic will be available August 4th for review. The media buys and bus wraps will be invoiced for the 4th quarter.
- Two stormwater videos will be developed with the help of City of Boise Community Engagement. The idea is to highlight two topics of concern from the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Guide on the Partners for Clean Water website and educate the public about best management practices. Additional discussion planned for the 8/4/21 public education meeting. In advance of the 8/4/21 meeting, please take time to review the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Guide to determine which of the activities stand out as potential topics of concern to focus outreach efforts on.
- To tie all educational materials together, the City of Boise is interested in a slogan/catch phrase.
- The City of Boise has extra boxes of pet waste bags to be shared with the group if anyone is interested.

Monitoring Update

- Completed storm events since the last permittee meeting: 4/24, 5/22, 6/10.
- All stormwater sampling requirements have been met for the year so no storms will be targeted for sampling through the remainder of the water year.
- We will be working with Brown and Caldwell on the scope of work for the upcoming water year (WY 2022). No substantial changes are expected from the current scope of work due to requirements being largely the same with the new permit. Modification to the new scope of work will be highlighted and shared with the permittees for review in mid-September.

IPDES Permit Fees

- Under the IPDES program, stormwater MS4 discharge fees are covered by annual fees paid by the publicly owned treatment works (POTW) based on the population served. City of Boise staff has been communicating internally about how to calculate and separate out the stormwater fee from the larger POTW fee. Six months from now is an estimated timeframe to have more direction about how to determine the overall stormwater cost and how to divvy up the cost share for each Permittee. Since these fees are new under IDEQ's oversight, the Permittees agreed to consider including this cost breakdown in the revised intergovernmental agreement.
- City of Garden City wants to ensure that invoicing for stormwater compensation from the City of Boise does not result in duplicate charges since the City of Garden City already pays sewerage fees to the City of Boise. Currently, the City of Boise is charged \$1.74/equivalent dwelling unit for the entire permit area and a portion of that fee covers the stormwater program which is shared by six different entities with different levels of

responsibility. In the end, the City of Boise will need to determine from the POTW fee, what would be a reasonable amount to consider stormwater related and then work as a group to determine how to divide that up amongst the Permittees. Likely, considering the education and outreach compensation percentages would be a decent place to start the conversation and then go from there. City of Boise would like to have a draft fee allocation to the Permittees a month or two before the January budgets are due.

IPDES Updates

- The MS4 E-Permitting training slides are available on the IDEQ website at <https://www2.deq.idaho.gov/admin/LEIA/index.html?view=folder&id=2849>
- IDEQ has modified the E-Reporting format to allow for an individual or group report submission. You will be able to “save your work” as you progress through the E-Report. The IDEQ will have access to see our progress using the E-Report template, but it isn’t technically submitted without the certification signature. Once the annual report is submitted, it may be available for download on the IDEQ website, but it will likely look a bit different as it will be combined with the supporting attachments. As far as we know at this point, the annual report will be available on the IDEQ website to view and download. Even though the permit states to submit a hardcopy of the annual report, it is not necessary and IDEQ encourages use of the E-Report template.
- According to EPA and IDEQ, there will not be an annual report required for the work being done this report year, October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021. The Permittees requested confirmation in writing that an annual report for reporting year 2020-2021 is not required.
- Regardless of whether we submit an annual report individually or jointly, each Permittee will need to register in to IDEQ’s system with a certifying official. IDEQ has provided instructions on how to register and a contact for questions on their website.
- The administrator in IDEQs system has a view and edit role whereas the certifying official has the appointing and certifying powers. One question remains, whether the administrator can be established for the purpose of registering and then the certifying official and/or DAR could do the rest of the reporting. Secondly, a deadline for registration is unknown but doesn’t appear to be a rush for those entities that do not have CGP requirements.

Other Permittee Updates

- ACHD has a question for IDEQ regarding fees for NOIs on ACHD construction projects since both ACHD and the contractor submit an NOI for the same project. Not sure if both entities will be charged for fees on the same project.
- DD3 has continued coordination with ACHD’s Dry Weather Program Specialist to complete dry weather screening for the current water year.
- When the City of Boise’s Environmental Specialist Sr. is filled, the position will cover for Austin during his absence January – mid February. More details will be available as Austin’s leave approaches.

Next Meeting

October 19th