

AGENDA
Boise Area Municipal Stormwater NPDES Permit
Permittee Meeting
Tuesday, July 18, 2023
9:30-11:30 am
Foothills Room

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

- Additions/modifications to the agenda
- Review of 4/18/23 meeting summary

9:40 Education and Outreach Update **Andrea**

- Permanent SW Control Training – HOA focus
- Website updates
- Media update
- Assessment

Permittee Action: Information/discussion

10:10 Monitoring Update **Monica**

- Update on Sampling Activities
- Budget Update/SOW schedule
- BMP Evaluations

Permittee Action: Information/discussion

10:20 Construction Issues

- Portable Toilet Companies
- Harris East Update

**Seth
Andy**

Permittee Action: Information/discussion

10:40 Permittee Updates **ALL**

- Program status/current activities etc.

Permittee Action: Information / Discussion

11:30 Wrap Up and Adjourn

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 17th

PERMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
BOISE AREA MS4 STORMWATER PERMIT – July 18, 2023

Attendees	James Pavelek, Garden City
Will Reynolds, Boise State	Abbey Germaine, Elam & Burke/DD3
Andrea Leonard, City of Boise	Seth Kuchenbecker, ACHD
Chiara Brancacio, City of Boise	Adam Van Patten, ACHD
Andy Long, City of Boise	Monica Lowe, ACHD
Ashley Newbry, City of Caldwell	

Introductions and Meeting Summary Approval

The 4/18/23 meeting summary was approved without change. The 4/18/23 meeting summary and agenda will be posted to the Partners for Clean Water website.

Public Education and Outreach Update

Spring education and outreach has been busy with events, illicit discharge response, and the kickoff of the media campaign. The media campaign began in May with fertilizer use and disposal outreach. In July the outreach switched to Illicit Discharge Reporting. In September outreach will switch again to Pet Waste.

Recent events included:

- 1) Earth Day - general stormwater education and outreach was the focus.
- 2) Shade City Brew Fest – fertilizer and illicit discharge reporting was the focus of education and outreach with this 21-year-old and over audience.
- 3) Neighborhood concert series:
 - a. Sunset Park – general stormwater education and outreach to include use of the Enviroscape stormwater model. Approximately 1,000 in attendance.
 - b. Park on the bench
- 4) First Thursday events

ACHD developed “No Leaves and Debris in the Street” signage for the Central Rim Neighborhood Association in response to a public participation opportunity that was presented to ACHD. Prior to delivering the signs to the neighborhood association, City of Boise and ACHD will attend their annual Neighborhood Night Out on August 1, 2023. City of Boise and ACHD will be providing general stormwater awareness and conducting a pre-outreach survey ahead of the “No Leaves and Debris in the Street” signage implementation. A second public survey will be administered following implementation. Results of the survey will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of outreach methods and change of behavior. The results of the survey and success of implementation will inform the Permittees whether it would be valuable to provide files on the Partners for Clean Water website so other neighborhood associations could access the graphics and print their own signs.

Related to outreach assessment, City of Boise receives summary reports from their advertising vendors to document the amount of traffic the digital advertisements are receiving.

Travis Wolf with Practical Stormwater Solutions has halted his business for the time being. The City of Boise plans to take a different approach for permanent stormwater controls maintenance training this year. The target audience will be narrowed to Homeowner Associations (HOA) for an in-person training at a local library, like the Bown Crossing location. Please share any HOA contacts you have. Projected dates are September 20 or September 27. A Pub/Ed meeting will be scheduled in late August to early September to help plan for the permanent stormwater controls maintenance training.

ACHD has been developing resources for HOAs and property management groups to guide them through stormwater basin and swale awareness, inspection, and maintenance. Resources include:

1. "Caring for Neighborhood Stormwater Basins and Swales" (fact sheet),
2. "HOA Stormwater Basins and Swales" (video),
3. Stormwater Basins Inspection Form,
4. Draft Stormwater Swales Inspection Form, and
5. a concept for a Basin and Swale webpage on the ACHD website.

The factsheet and video are available on ACHD's website at

<https://www.achdidaho.org/Departments/Engineering/Stormwater/pubOutreach.aspx>

The stormwater sign planned for installation along the Greenbelt has been slowed down by other projects but is projected to be completed by the end of the year.

Monitoring Update

Boise airport has received slightly above normal precipitation. This water year has been challenging for forecasts and rainfall amounts. Many of the samples are qualified in one way or another, often based on program criteria that are developed to ensure data integrity and comparability and are not specifically Permit required. When samples are qualified for any reason, ACHD will target additional storm events for sampling to try and replace a qualified sample with an unqualified sample. The monitoring budget is approximately 70% spent. Remaining tasks include maintenance, consultant sampling team training and reporting. The consultant has had a lot of staff turnover and are very short on sampling staff.

ACHD is in the process of developing BMP effectiveness evaluations for non-structural BMPs, sweeping and inlet inspection and cleaning. An implementation plan has been developed for the inlet inspection and cleaning program and the street sweeping program evaluation is underway.

Attendee Updates

Drainage District 3

Not as much development activity modifying DD3's drains this year.

The DD3 website has been revamped. <https://www.adacountydrainagedistrict3.org/>

DD3 was audited last year, but no additional information/notice from Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ).

Boise State

IDEQ conducted a groundwater remediation inspection at the end of June that is resulting in some modifications to procedures, plans, and some consolidation of stormwater and groundwater program responsibilities.

City of Boise

The illicit discharge Enforcement Response Policy (ERP) will rely on established city code. Permittees are encouraged to reference city code where appropriate when developing individual ERPs.

Garden City

David Boschma – Environmental Specialist hired this year.

Currently working on how inspections of residential neighborhood stormwater controls will be addressed.

City of Caldwell

Struggled to collect qualifying stormwater samples as well.

Other Discussion

Interagency Meeting

Prior to COVID, ACHD used to host an interagency meeting that included a broad scope of entities such as code enforcement, fire department, ACHD, etc. The goal was to chat about current issues and how we can help each other. There seems to be interest in reviving the interagency meeting. We are considering November 2023; additional information will be coming as the date approaches.

Dry Weather Screening

Remaining dry weather screening for Permittees is scheduled for the week of July 24. ACHD will reach out with additional details if needed.

Stormwater Pollution Hotline

ACHD is attempting to schedule a meeting with the new manager of the hotline. The relay of information from the hotline to ACHD has been better.

DD3 is concerned that they are not receiving calls from the hotline and that a test may be necessary to ensure calls are being routed appropriately.

Construction Site Discharge Control

The current topic of concern is unsecured porta potties which should be staked down but rarely are. In speaking with developers and contractors it seems to be an issue that the vendor fails to stake the porta potties after delivery on-site. The Permittees discussed targeting porta potty companies for education and outreach.

Educating the vendors is a good idea but enforcement/correction is directed to the permit holder. It is up to the permit holder to ensure their vendors do their job.

Porta potty vendors use unknown chemicals, pump sprayer, and rinse water for periodically clean of the units.

Harris Ranch East did a good job cleaning up after their sediment discharge. Their corrective actions included storm drain and street cleanup and BMP repair/replacement/installation. The City of Boise issued civil penalties for the first time with this project. A civil penalty puts a mark on the permit so any additional violation will be an immediate \$1,000 fine per day. Currently, there are no issues or complaints associated with the project. They should be much better prepared to handle the next wet period.

Next Meeting Schedule

October 17th at 9:30