

**PERMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**  
**BOISE AREA MS4 STORMWATER PERMIT – April 15, 2025**

**Attendees**

Greg Vitley, Idaho Transportation Department  
Andrea Leonard, City of Boise  
Andy Long, City of Boise  
Abbey Germaine, Elam & Burke/DD3  
James Pavelek, Garden City  
Jennifer Ellis, Boise State University

Kristen Jolliffe, ACHD  
Adam Van Patten, ACHD  
Monica Lowe, ACHD  
Jake Wells, City of Caldwell  
Christina Beeson, City of Caldwell

**Introductions and Meeting Summary Approval**

January 14, 2025 meeting minutes were approved without modification. The meeting minutes will be posted to the Partners for Clean Water website.

**Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Budget Approvals**

The proposed Permittees Education and Outreach FY 2026 budget of \$98,000 was approved. City of Boise will send the most recent version of the Education and Outreach budget spreadsheet to ACHD and the City of Caldwell.

The proposed FY 2026 Monitoring Budget of \$401,500.00, which includes 10% contingency above anticipated expenditures of \$365,000.00 was approved.

The proposed FY 2026 Administration budget of \$5,000.00 was approved.

**Public Education and Outreach Update**

The City of Boise is gearing up to redevelop their website. As part of the redevelopment, the City of Boise is proposing to move the Partners for Clean Water website to the same server as the City of Boise website. If the server is moved, the Partners for Clean Water website would remain [www.partnersforcleanwater.org](http://www.partnersforcleanwater.org), but with the benefits of search engine optimization through Google, more security, and more accessibility to City of Boise staff for website updates. Additionally, more website traffic is expected on the Partners website by moving to the same server as City of Boise website. The Partners for Clean Water will have the opportunity to provide suggestions and review changes to the website.

The Treasure Valley Stormwater Conference will be held on September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Barber Park Event Center. This event will be hosted by the Pacific Northwest (PNW) Chapter of the Idaho Erosion Control Association (IECA). Organizers are currently developing a list of potential attendees and a call for abstracts will be out soon. IECA has an entire team dedicated to conference development, promotion, and registration, which comes with an administration fee.

- The Partners will be sponsoring the conference through the Education and Outreach budget that includes \$5,000 for events and sponsorship.
- City of Boise will send the call for abstracts to the group when it's available.

Media Campaign and other education and outreach tools for 2025 will include:

- Radio ads (target Spanish radio as well)
- Social media
- The VRT bus wrap is still a possibility but may want to redirect costs to an outreach method that can be analyzed.
- The Partners for Clean Water will be participating in the Earth Day event, first Thursdays, and the neighborhood concert series.

- The City of Boise is hosting a water jamboree to celebrate 75 years of the Lander Street Water Renewal Facility. It will be located at Ann Morrison Park on August 16, 2025. The Partners for Clean Water will be attending.
- Other Permittee suggestions included looking into Movies Under the Stars, Community Association Institute – Idaho Chapter, and property management for community education and outreach.

### **Monitoring Update**

Precipitation for the 2025 water year, beginning October 1, 2024, is higher than normal at 9.73”.

Two successful storm events were sampled: 1) January 31, 2025, which included one qualified and one rejected sample and 2) February 23, 2025. The February event is still under review.

The primary monitoring locations being impacted by the Boise River surcharging the storm drain system are Main and Americana. The Main monitoring equipment was moved to the alternate site. Americana is also impacted by flows from Hulls Gulch so the monitoring equipment cannot be safely relocated at this time.

Currently, the monitoring budget is 72% spent (Brown and Caldwell – reporting) and 14% (Jacobs – sampling).

Please notify ACHD by May 1, 2025, if dry weather outfall screening assistance is needed for 2025.

The Permit requires two Best Management Practice (BMP) Effectiveness Evaluations completed as part of Permit reapplication, due April 3, 2026. ACHD has selected two non-structural BMPs to evaluate and report 1) Inlet and Catch Basin Inspection and Cleaning and 2) Street Sweeping. Since 2022, a complete assessment was performed of each program area to determine program gaps/inefficiencies, propose program improvements, implement program improvements and monitoring, and evaluate quarterly data. As part of this process, program management plans for both programs were updated. ACHD has contracted with Ecosystem Sciences to assist with data evaluation and development of resources needed to complete the reports by the permit reapplication due date.

### **Phase I Permit Reapplication**

ACHD and ITD are working through reapplication for the Phase II NPDES permit which should be similar to the reapplication process for Phase I. IDEQ confirmed the following:

- There is not a permit reapplication template or checklist.
- The permit reapplication submittal is currently the same as the annual report submittal. If there are changes with regard to the expected reporting format, the Permittees will be notified.
- Although a Designated Authorized Representative (DAR) is eligible to sign annual reports, only a Certified Official can sign the permit reapplication.

The Permit outlines all requirements for permit reapplication and references the requirements in 40 CFR 122.21. The City of Boise has compiled a list of requirements and identified if they are shared or individual responsibilities among the Permittees. This list along with the Permit reapplication materials from 2017 will be shared with the group for review. A reapplication meeting schedule will be discussed during the July quarterly meeting. Future Permittee meetings will start at 9am.