

PERMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

BOISE AREA MS4 STORMWATER PERMIT – July 15, 2025

Attendees

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

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

Introductions and Meeting Summary Approval

April 15, 2025, meeting minutes were approved without modification. The meeting minutes will be posted to the Partners for Clean Water website.

Public Education and Outreach Update

Fifteen abstracts were received for the upcoming Southwest Stormwater Conference 2025. USGS will start the day with a presentation about the health of the river. Presentations will continue from 8am to 3pm with lunch and breaks culminating in a walking tour of a construction project near Barber Park. An optional sponsored post-conference gathering will be held at Lucky 13 to wrap up the conference.

Partners funding contributions includes the Barber Park venue, a portion of the luncheon, and sponsoring some BSU student attendance.

Each permittee will receive two free entries to the conference. Additional entries will be \$100/person. All attendees must register for the event. City of Boise will send the finalized agenda with registration soon.

Stormwater public education and outreach content is now live on Google Ads. Existing advertising platforms include Boise Dev, radio, and monthly City e-Newsletter called “In the Know”.

City of Boise has been representing the Partners for Clean Water at the neighborhood concert series every other Wednesday.

ACHD’s Communications team met with City of Boise to learn more about the Partners for Clean Water. There is interest in developing a short video explaining what the Partners for Clean Water is in a weekly outreach segment at ACHD called “What is it Wednesday”.

Monitoring Update

The Boise Airport has received 11.15” of rain this year so far which is slightly below normal.

One more successful storm event is needed to complete wet weather monitoring for the reporting year. Four composite samples have been qualified for various reasons including sample temperature or sample representativeness (composite samples must represent at least 75% of the storm). While we do have qualified data, we strive for three unqualified composites and grab samples from each monitoring station per reporting year.

The reporting contract with Brown and Caldwell is currently 89% spent and the sampling contract with Jacobs is 19% spent. We expect to be well under budget on the Jacobs contract. Third quarter invoices will be sent to the Permittees soon.

Permittee Updates

The update and translation of the Erosion BMP Guidebook into Spanish is now completed. ITD will be looking into printing costs and will share information with the Permittees.

An upcoming project on Chinden at Branstetter will include the addition of two new outfalls to a nearby waterway.

BSU worked with ACHD to sample four dry weather outfalls in June.

The City of Boise lab is discontinuing external analytical services FY27. The Partners for Clean Water, including City of Boise, benefit from Phase I monitoring sample analysis so discussions continue to see what impact this will have on Phase I Permit wet weather sample analysis. At this point, our understanding is, the lab may be able to analyze Phase I samples but will not have the capacity for composite sample splitting, bottle cleaning, etc. ACHD will be meeting with the City of Boise Lab Manager to better understand the bottle cleaning and composite splitting process to evaluate options. ACHD is in the process of replacing the stormwater lab currently at the Adams Street location to the new Meeker headquarters.

The City of Boise is applying for a recycled water permit where industrial water activities will be used to recharge the aquifer. The City of Boise would like to have this process fully implemented by 2029. In preparation of permit application and anticipated workload associated with the permit, the City of Boise lab is expecting to be overwhelmed with sample analysis.

Phase I Permit Reapplication

The Permittees reviewed permit reapplication requirements and discussed which items are provided by each Permittee, provided by ACHD, or other.

The Permittees reviewed the 2017 Phase I reapplication to discuss any questions and concerns.

Any proposed changes to the permit will be sent to ACHD September 8, 2025, for compilation and distribution to the Permittees prior to the reapplication meeting on September 23, 2025. Representatives from IDEQ will be invited to attend via Microsoft Teams.

Next Meeting – September 23, 2025, 9:00 (Permittee Reapplication Meeting)
October 21, 2025, 9:00 (Quarterly Meeting)