



San Joaquin Valley Stormwater Quality Partnership

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October 25, 2017

City of Ceres – Recreation Building

2701 4th Street

Ceres, CA 95307

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Ceres Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome / Introductions:

- Sign in Sheet Uploaded to website

2. Meeting Minutes/Additions to Agenda

- Approve minutes for September 20, 2017
- No changes to the minutes. Motion and second to approve the minutes of September 20, 2017(Stephanie)
- September 20, 2017 Meeting is recorded and is available by dialing – 302-202-1115 and access code 98690596

3. Presentation: John Paoluccio – Catch Basin Inserts

Filtrexx Presentation by John Paoluccio has been emailed to SJVSQP members.

4. NPDES Phase II Permit TMDL and Annual Report Update

- Annual Report was submitted by October 16, 2017
- Annual Report Extension Letter – April 1, 2018
- *Rosemary Martinez* – City of Ceres discussed a letter sent by the Governor to extend the annual report deadline to April 1, 2018. *Stephanie* – City of Tracy and *Karen* – Larry Walker stated this was only for those in the affected fire areas.
- Comments and Questions
- The Program Effectiveness Assessment and Improvement Plan (PEIAP) assessment is the most difficult part of the annual report submittal. Many discussed a 20 page submittal in this area of the report. This is also a public document so it is time consuming to prepare. There are 6 levels of attainment and we need to discuss what level our program is at. *Karen*, *Rachel* and *Larry Walker Associates* are available to help prepare the PEIAP report.

5. SJVSWQP Committee Update

- 2018 Regional Training - *Rosemary* – City of Ceres - Discussed the regional training items that have been confirmed. This includes the location, date, time and cost.
 - a. LODI- Hutchinson Square
 - b. Thursday, May 17, 2017
 - c. 8 am – 4pm
 - d. \$55 per person

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- Partnership Update since last meeting?
- There will be another committee conference call in November.
- Are we going to continue with radio ad to public?
- It was discussed we are not going to have the training open to the public and we are not going to put an advertisement on the radio.
- *Group* – Some are concerned people will leave the regional training after lunch if it is not on. However, it was said that our price is reasonable since it covers both breakfast and lunch. We also need to have a kitchen on site. The big question is, “Are we going to have vendors at the regional training?” We have vendor cards from the CASQA conference. Karen has a full list of vendors. There were over 60 vendors at CASQA. *Stephanie*- Karen would have a list if we want to contact a few from the CASQA conference. The committee will make that choice.

6. Activities

- CASQA Annual Conference September 25-27 at Sacramento Convention Center/Hyatt Regency
 - Comments
 - Helpful Advice
 - *Stephanie* – The biggest problem we find when we come to Northern California is the parking accommodations in the downtown locations. The other issue is getting your municipality to allow its employees to stay overnight. The cut off is usually that the conference must be 90 miles away to stay the night. Due to people traveling back and forth, parking is an issue.
 - *Kathy* – City of Lodi - Every year the conference is getting more and more informational. It is now more and more helpful. *Stephanie* – Some of the classes were recorded but you have to be a CASQA member. *Kathy* – Several of the session were great especially the one that discussed water issues in China.
- Storm Water Awareness Week October 9-13, 2017
 - Comments
 - Helpful advice
 - *Rosemary* – City of Ceres - Bill Hareth from the regional board was at the Stormwater Awareness week held by WGR. Bill said he had not heard about the Central Valley taking on the CEC's. He is writing the next permit but he didn't know anything about that. *Stephanie* – discussed the regional board is trying to keep it out of the next permit by putting it in other programs. Gearhart (sp?) is the lead on the CEC's for the State Board. Karen – She discussed that TMDL people don't always talk to permitting people so this may be the issue. Part of the problem is the Central Valley doesn't know how to deal with CEC's yet. Greg or Bill or Gaeleen (sp?) will be looking pretty closely at the monitoring section. Then they will start looking at what will be included. The monitoring part of the Phase Two Program will be a little more robust in the next permit. *Stephanie*- discussed that if we are part of the RMP monitoring then we are already part of the monitoring. *City of Ripon – Elizabeth* - If we only have RMP then what does that mean for us? *Stephanie* – Discussed that the delta as a whole, north delta or south delta, the regional board states is representative of the entire delta. If you are taking samples of the North Delta it can be different from the South Delta due to the downstream currents. But the sample is representative of all in the delta. *Karen* –



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stated it really depends on what you want from the monitoring program. If the regional monitoring program is acceptable and it satisfies the goal of the objective of that regional program, then you are going in the right direction. If you are required to conduct local assessments or you want to conduct local assessments then you probably need to have a local program. It really depends on where you land on that spectrum. Monitoring through the RMP for all is better, but is not necessarily monitoring for your local water quality. However, if you don't have to conduct a local assessment then you are probably ok to be in a regional program.

Stephanie – discussed that urban contributions are the same in most of the areas around the Delta, unless your city has a lot of industrial discharges that are not being inspected. The discharge makeup (ie., roadways, vehicles, urban) is mostly the same for all. The different CEC's are industrial or agricultural. Generally speaking someone is not going to come after you. If the permit is very broad and we are only Phase 2 TMDL's, you should be able to use data from the RMP because it is relevant to what your discharges are. If a third party wants to come and sue you, you would tell them this is what is approved and then it goes back to the State. It wouldn't be on you because you are in compliance with the permit. You are compliant by being in a regional program. *Stephanie* – discussed that four municipalities tried to get out of the Delta RMP, Ripon, Ceres and two others. It went to the state water board last Friday and it was determined the cities are too close to the river outfall in the delta so we all still have to participate. This was on the State Water Board Agenda for a petition to withdrawal from the RMP.

- *Rosemary* -At the stormwater awareness week, Year 5 and Beyond - Bill Hareth did talk about the new permit being out in 2019 or later. Some things that may be added to the permit include schools and colleges, changing some of the typos and putting it together in a more readable way. *Katherine* –discussed that in the future Phase 1 and Phase 2 may depend on population of over 100,000. It was discussed an old email should be found from the water board to see if Phase assignments could change. *Rosemary* – City of Ceres – Also, for the MS4 permit, the quarterly assessments are currently happening for Year 5. For the upcoming annual report there will be a meta-analysis required to assess of the 6 levels, what level is your program.

7. CEC's (Constituents of Emerging Concern) Update

Stephanie – In the meeting yesterday we discussed to start looking for funding for a monitoring program through the Delta RMP. There was an amount of money, \$250,000 potentially applied towards the monitoring. The executive director of the SF Regional Board talked about how their program does monitoring and how they went about funding it and how the program came around. He had a power point presentation. There were no decisions really made at this point. *Karen* – There was a lot of discussion going back and forth but the 2 main points would be there is a combined work plan for wastewater and stormwater that is currently being developed. They are waiting on some comments on that, so that has not been finalized yet, that is where this number of \$250K comes from and it is being developed so that it is consistent with the State Board direction. Then it will be revised on what the dischargers are wanting. It was discussed in the meeting whether it should land in the RMP. The regulated community has said very clearly that it needs to be because nobody wants to be



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hit with more cost for their program. In 2018 the CEC monitoring may be in the Delta RMP program or a special study.

8. New Business

Ben - Stanislaus County - We are looking at ways to fund our stormwater program and we looked at Sacramento County and they include it in their sewer and garbage fees. They are at \$6 per household and more for industrial facilities. City of Modesto is a Phase 1 and they charge \$ 4 per household with their sewer billing. So I just wanted to see what other utility agencies are doing. *Stephanie* – We have stormwater fees that were put in place before 1991. However, one of the meetings I attended there was a webinar regarding the fee rules. It was asked if once we change the definition of “stormwater” then we can go out and charge this stormwater facility fee. And they are saying NO, we can’t do this. You can’t go out and charge a stormwater utility fee. You have to tie it to flood or drinking water. It has to have a regional benefit to either solid waste or waste water. You have to show by capturing the stormwater, you are decreasing pollutants and if you can show the benefit and relationship to waste water. You have to be able to reuse the stormwater. Or if you have a dual stormwater or waste water system.

Stephanie –Discussed the trash capture devices should be charged to the solid waste department as this is also a solid waste issue. We can petition the City Council and tell them we have to put these trash capture devices in and we are capturing solid waste. *Group* - Solid waste can increase their fees through their contract. But we have to go out to our residents and tell them that the garbage program is costing more this year. Sacramento County and Manteca and several Counties have their own solid waste program and don’t contract out, but, this is still also a Public Works issue and they should be informed of the trash mandate/policy to share the responsibility.

9. Next Meeting Update (Date: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 Location: Ripon)

Meeting adjourned 11:19 am.