

## MRP 3.0 C3/GI Work Group Meeting (Internal)

Monday, July 15, 2019

### Meeting Summary

#### 1. Introductions/Changes to the Agenda

- Introductions were made. List of attendees is attached.
- Dan Cloak requested that general strategy be discussed under Item 4.

#### 2. Accept Previous Meeting Summary

- The June 6, 2019 (internal) meeting summary was accepted, with no edits requested.

#### 3. Debrief from MRP 3.0 Steering Committee Meeting

- The June 25<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting included ongoing discussion of: alternative compliance, asset management, regional project challenges, drivers for projects, no missed opportunities, how to prioritize transportation projects with limited funding and using “greened acres” as a metric for progress.

#### 4. Permittee Perspectives on C.3 Provisions

- Reviewed preliminary draft C.3 provisions table with permittee perspectives. Discussion and take-aways summarized below.
- General: request to add documentation of the WB communication process/timeline to the table. Suggested to do this via footnotes.
- C.3.a: May want to explore how this provision could be used to meet WB objectives, in lieu of reducing thresholds.
- C.3.b: Attendees agreed they are opposed to changes to thresholds/ exemptions, single-family homes, and road projects.
  - Matt: Permit should provide driver and permittees should be able to decide how best to meet. SMCWPPP permittees currently using cohesive sediment as driver. Collective goal is to find a driver that is less challenging to meet than PCBs / cohesive sediment.
  - Request for WB staff to demonstrate the water quality benefit of proposed changes; also consideration for impacts on housing development.
- C.3.c: No changes needed to this provision.
  - Rinta described the *in-situ* biotreatment soil testing conducted by City of Walnut Creek at bioretention facilities. Amanda stated that City San Pablo also tests *in-situ* and that the mix often drains too fast. The compost fraction of the media usually doesn't pass the ¼ sieve test (the spec requires <90% passing, but most composts are testing at 95% meaning that they are too fine, but that does not appear to be a problem), which allows jurisdictions to rely on the alternative specification which has an upper limit of 12”/hour and is difficult to meet. Very challenging to find providers that meet every single item on the compost specification, but recommendation from EOA is to approve composts that are exceeding the specification limit on the ¼” sieve since finer composts have better water-holding capacity and pollutant removal.
  - Rinta will share the construction inspection checklist used by City of Walnut Creek.

- San Pablo has changed their O&M agreement so that an owner who signs off on the construction despite a failed *in-situ* test must replace plants if they die.
- Most Work Group members wanted to avoid *in situ* testing requirements and recommended conducting a process to review and refine the biotreatment soil specification instead.
- C.3.d: Consensus that there should be no changes to this provision.
- C.3.e.i.: Suggestion to provide WB staff with draft language for a third option (and keep Options 1 and 2 as they are). Subgroup (Pam, Rinta, and Peter) formed to prepare draft language and share with the work group.
- C.3.e.ii: Strong preference by the Work Group to retain Special Projects provisions.
- C.3.j.: Continued discussion of potential drivers and indicators
  - Suggestion to provide WB staff with draft language. Sub group (Dan, Matt, Jill, Amanda, Shannan and Pam) formed to draft by August 1 and share with permittees. Will consider some version of green acres and long-term countywide goals as well as programmatic indicators.

## 5. Asset Management – Provisions in Draft Salinas Permit

- Matt: Matt, Pam, and Liesbeth attended Stormwater Asset Management Forum hosted by EPA Environmental Finance Center in Sacramento in June. Representatives for City of Paso Robles, El Dorado County, City of San Diego and City of Salinas spoke about their asset management programs. Ed Othmer (representative for City of SD) has recommended to start small and that specific requirements should not be in the permit. He also said there are benefits to having an asset management program, such as securing funding for projects (outcompete other departments).
- Jill: Provisions in draft Salinas Phase 1 Stormwater NPDES permit related to asset management go too far. Permit should provide general goal (from water quality perspective) but not specifics.
- Steve: Think of it as a carrot / incentive option.
- Shannan: Can we do something with what we use for GSI tracking?
- Dan: Good for community participation.
- Work Group decided not to submit comments on the draft Salinas permit, due to lack of time.

## 6. Next Steps/Action Items

- Subgroup (Pam, Rinta, and Peter) to prepare C.3.e.1. language for Option 3 and share with the work group.
- Subgroup (Dan, Matt, Jill, Amanda, Shannan and Pam) to prepare draft language for C.3.j. indicators and drivers to share with Work Group by 8/1.

## 7. Next Meeting

- The next MRP 3.0 C3/GI Work Group meeting will be August 1<sup>st</sup> (pending subgroup reports).

## List of Attendees – July 15, 2019 Meeting

Name	Affiliation	2/7/19	3/7/19	4/4/19	5/2/19	6/6/19 (internal)	7/15/19 (internal)
Keith Lichten	Water Board	X	X	X	X		
Dale Bowyer	Water Board	X	X	X			
Zach Rokeach	Water Board	X	X	X	X		
Matt Fabry	SMCWPPP	X	X		X		X
Jill Bicknell	EOA/SCVURPPP	X	X	X		X	X
Peter Schultze-Allen	EOA/SMCWPPP	X	X	X	X	X	X
Liesbeth Magna	EOA/SCVURPPP				X		X
Courtney Riddle	CCCWP	X			X		
Adele Ho	CCCWP	X	X				
Jennifer Harrington	Vallejo F&WD	X					
Pam Boyle Rodriguez	Palo Alto	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jeff Sinclair	San Jose	X		X	X	X	X
Terri Fashing	Oakland	X	X	X		X	
Shannan Young	Dublin	X	X	X	X	X	X
James Paluck	Fairfield	X	X	X			
Dan Cloak	DCE/CCCWP	X	X	X	X	X	X
Derek Crutchfield	Vallejo	X	X	X		X	
Melissa Tigbao	Vallejo	X					
Sam Kumar	Vallejo				X		
Geoff Brosseau	BASMAA	X	X				
Kristen Hathaway	Oakland		X				
Kevin Cullen	Fairfield		X	X			X
Frank Kennedy	Concord/Moraga/ Pleasant Hill		X	X	X	X	X
Jim Scanlin	ACCWP		X	X			X
Chris McCann	Danville				X		X
Reid Bogert	SMCWPPP				X	X	X
John Steere	CCCWP				X		X
Chris Sommers	EOA/SCVURPPP					X	
Lisa Sabin	EOA/SCVURPPP					X	
Lisa Austin	Geosyntec					X	
Robert Newman	Vallejo					X	
Karin Graves	CCCWP					X	X
Rinta Perkins	City of Santa Clara					X	X
Steve Carter	Paradigm Env.						X
Amanda Booth	San Pablo						X
Craig Pon	Oakland						X