

Los Angeles County MS4 Permit Watershed Management Programs Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Notes: September 24, 2013

Renee Purdy convened the meeting at about 12:35 pm

Item 1: Introductions, Review Agenda, Brief Announcements

In the interest of time, it was agreed that at this meeting and future meetings, we would not have the self-introductions by all attendees. Such introductions were made at the first two TAC meetings.

Renee agreed to send attachments as separate documents and not embed them into the agenda, as a few people had difficulty opening the embedded documents.

Action Item:

Within one week, let Renee know if you have any comments or suggested revisions to the notes from the August meeting.

Item 2: Report on RAA Subcommittee Meeting

Ivar Ridgeway committed to emailing notes from the RAA Subcommittee Meeting and a copy of the sign-in sheet to the subcommittee members.

Ivar summarized the first RAA subcommittee meeting held on September 17, 2013. There was a presentation by Ken Susilo on SBPAT and T.J. Moon on WMMS. Each presentation was followed by a question and answer period and a discussion. Ivar felt the meeting format worked well and intends to follow the same format for the next meeting.

The Subcommittee agreed to meet monthly for about 2 hours. This was discussed in the main TAC group and the meeting may need to be 3 hours if there are multiple presentations.

The subcommittee brainstormed a list of issues they want to discuss and address:

1. Modeling Implementation
2. Non-Structural BMP Effectiveness (street sweeping, public education)
3. New Development/Re-Development LID
4. Dry Weather Flow
5. Model Input (parameters)
6. BMP Effectiveness (added during the main TAC meeting)

The Subcommittee still needs to prioritize this list and to determine the format of the output that will be generated the Subcommittee. In general, the Subcommittee intends to focus on technical subjects.

At the next meeting, there will be 3 case studies presented, Machado Lake by Torrance, San Diego by Geosyntec and a WMMS project by LA County.

There was a discussion about how difficult it was for off-site attendees to hear and participate in the meeting. Alternate locations were discussed for the meeting.

Action Items:

1. Review the “Model Selection” table provided by Renee and confirm it is accurate. Any corrections should be sent to Renee.
2. For RAA subcommittee members, you will be receiving a Doodle Poll to select the date and time for the next meeting from Ivar.
3. Notify Ivar if you are willing to Co-Chair the Subcommittee
4. Notify Ivar if you have an issue that should be addressed as a priority by the RAA Subcommittee.
5. Regional Board, EPA and County staff will be looking at options to make it easier for off-site attendees to hear and participate in the Subcommittee meeting.

Item 3: Discussion of Possible Formation of Other Subcommittees

Renee explained that based on the feedback during the last meeting, subsequent discussions with a permittee and further consideration, she did not feel that it would be necessary to establish a Monitoring Subcommittee that meets every month. Instead, the subcommittee will meet as needed to discuss specific issues.

Unlike the RAA, the permit contains detailed monitoring requirements. There are also existing monitoring and reporting plans for TMDLs that have been approved by the Regional Board.

A TAC member expressed concern that without the guidance of a subcommittee the CIMPs would lack consistency in approaches towards monitoring.

Another TAC member suggested that the groups opting to deviate from the monitoring requirements in the permit present their monitoring strategy to the Monitoring Subcommittee and elaborate on their technical reasoning for suggesting an alternate monitoring strategy.

County staff has shared a suggested HUC-12 equivalent map with the permittees to get input. It was agreed that the HUC-12 equivalents be presented at the next main TAC meeting.

Regarding the Guidelines for Evaluating Opportunities for EWMP Projects, it was agreed to wait until January to convene meetings for that Subcommittee.

Action Items:

1. Let Renee know if you interested in participating in a subcommittee.
2. Let Renee know if you have any suggested topics for the ad hoc Monitoring Subcommittee.
3. County staff to present HUC-12 equivalents at next TAC meeting.

Item 4: Subcommittee Guidelines

Renee discussed the decision at the prior TAC meeting that the TAC representatives will sit at the main table and will be the only ones who contribute to the discussion, but for the subcommittees, anyone will be able to contribute.

Regarding the format for the deliverable from the RAA Subcommittee, Ivar suggested that the group write up issues and recommendations, but not a long, detailed technical memorandum.

Item 5 – Meeting Evaluation and Wrap-Up, Review Program Calendar, Next Meeting Dates and Agenda

A TAC member asked about the status of the Notices of Intents. Renee explained that letters would be issued shortly. Renee further explained that the groups were notified directly if additional information was needed. A typical request from the Regional Board was to provide more specificity of the 30-month early action project, including quantification of water quality benefits. Renee indicated that the additional information submitted will be posted to the Regional Board website.

Renee and Ivar explained that they are scheduling a workshop on LID Ordinances and Green Street Policies. Ideally, they would like to have the workshop in late October or early November.

There was discussion about the timing of LID Ordinances and Green Street Policies adoption by the permittees. Some permittees have already had their governing boards adopt one or both in order to meet the schedule required by the early action component of their selected permit compliance method. A TAC member indicated that this does not allow for Regional Board input into the details of either. Renee, Ivar, and the permittees agreed that the requirements for permittees' LID Ordinances were very specific in the permit, but that the Green Streets Policy requirements were not as specific in the permit.

Renee mentioned that Regional Board Staff are posting the NOIs and TAC information on their website.

NOIs:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/stormwater/municipal/watershed_management/

TAC:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/stormwater/municipal/watershed_management/tac/index.shtml

The next TAC meeting is Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 12:30 to 2:30 pm in Conference Room A at the Department of Public Works headquarters at 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, CA.

The County of Los Angeles will be providing proposed HUC-12 Equivalent boundaries that are more hydraulically accurate based on more specific local data at the next meeting for discussion.

Renee advised that each (E)WMP group was assigned a Regional Board staff member as a main contact person and the groups were encouraged to contact that person as a resource. Pavlova Vitale, is the contact person for several groups and indicated she would be contacting her groups to meet and discuss the next steps. Additionally, Renee announced that any monitoring related questions from any of the groups should be directed to Pavlova Vitale.

Action Item:

Let Renee know if you have any action items for the next agenda.

Renee Purdy ended the meeting at about 2:15 pm