



California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

June 20, 2012

NOTICE OF REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE DRAFT REGIONAL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT FOCUSED MEETING PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULE

The San Diego Water Board is developing a Regional Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Storm Water NPDES Permit that will cover municipal Copermittees in San Diego County, Southern Orange County and Riverside County (Tentative Order No. R9-2012-0011). The San Diego Water Board has released for public review and comment, an administrative draft version of the Tentative Order, also referred to as the Regional MS4 Permit. A follow-up public staff level workshop was held on April 25, 2012 to introduce the Regional MS4 Permit to a large diverse group of stakeholders. The administrative draft of the Regional MS4 Permit is available on the following webpage:

http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/sandiego/water issues/programs/stormwater/index.shtml

The focused meeting procedures and schedule, set forth below, incorporate revisions made by the San Diego Water Board Regional MS4 Permit Team (Regional Permit Team) in response to stakeholder comments and concerns received during the April 25, 2012 workshop and subsequent letters from and meetings with the Orange County, Riverside County, and San Diego County Copermittees (collectively referred to as Copermittees). The Regional Permit Team has also selected a professional facilitator, as requested by the Copermittees, to assist in conducting the focused meetings. Facilitator-suggested revisions to the focused meeting procedures and schedule are included herein. As evidenced by the attendance of approximately 130 people at the April 25, 2012 workshop, the number of Copermittees and interested stakeholders in this matter is quite large. The San Diego Water Board is establishing these procedures and schedule to ensure an orderly, efficient, and impartial focused meeting process to review and discuss the administrative draft permit and to provide a fair opportunity for representatives of Copermittee, environmental non-governmental organization, and development community groups to participate in the meetings. The procedures and schedule set forth below will remain in effect unless modified by the Regional Permit Team.

Focused Meetings Objective

The Regional Permit Team seeks to improve the administrative draft permit prior to its release for formal review and comment through a series of focused technical meetings. The objective of the focused meetings is for the Regional Permit Team to gain a greater understanding of the constraints or limitations the administrative draft permit provisions present to Copermittee storm water program managers, non-government environmental organizations, and the development/business community. The focused meetings will be limited to technical issue discussions about the specific terms and conditions of the administrative draft permit.

Stakeholder Participation

Participation at the focused meetings is structured to provide for an appropriate level of participation by key stakeholder groups, while preserving the ability for the meeting facilitator to ensure a collaborative technical discussion on the administrative draft permit. Meeting

participants are divided into two groups: a limited group to be seated at the meeting table and an audience group. The total number of participants at the meeting table will be limited to twenty-five (25) subdivided into representative stakeholder groups as described in the table below.

Groups of stakeholders can share their seats at the table and rotate particular topic experts from the audience to the table depending on the topic being discussed. To maximize the diversity of perspectives on the proposed permit provisions, the Regional Permit Team encourages each Copermittee group to consider designating table participants within the group from different jurisdictions.

Stakeholder Group	Participants at the Table
San Diego County Copermittees	5
Orange County Copermittees	5
Riverside County Copermittees	3
Environmental Community	3
Development/Business Community	3
USEPA	1
San Diego Water Board Permit Team	5

Ample audience seating will be provided so that interested persons can attend the focused meetings. Audience members will be allowed to ask questions and make comments at the end of each meeting.

Focused Meeting Agenda Topics

Administrative draft permit topics and associated key questions summarized below will be discussed at the following specified meeting dates.

Meeting Date	Topic Discussion Questions		
	ASSESSMENT and PLANNING		
	In what ways can the proposed provisions of the administrative draft permit be modified to better assess if the Copermittees' jurisdictional runoff management programs are effectively prohibiting non-storm water discharges to their MS4s?		
luna 07, 0010	2. In what ways can the proposed provisions of the administrative draft permit be modified to better assess if the Copermittees' jurisdictional runoff management programs are reducing pollutants in storm water to the maximum extent practicable (MEP)?		
June 27, 2012 and July 11, 2012	3. In what ways can the proposed provisions of the administrative draft permit be modified to better assess that improvements are being achieved in the physical chemical, and biological conditions of receiving waters as a result of implementing the Copermittees' Water Quality Improvement Plans?		
	4. How can adaptive management or the "iterative process" be incorporated into the proposed provisions of the administrative draft permit better?		
	5. How can the proposed provisions of the administrative draft permit be modified to support a Copermittee's ability to plan and/or procure resources for its jurisdictional runoff management program?		



Meeting Date	Topic Discussion Questions		
	6. How can the proposed provisions of the administrative draft permit be modified to reduce or eliminate any conflicts with other requirements (e.g. TMDLs, ASBS) or programs (e.g. flood management, vector control, water supply, recycled water, groundwater recharge)?		
	ASSESSMENT and MONITORING		
	1. In what ways can the proposed provisions of the administrative draft permit be changed to improve how the Copermittees collect data to assess whether their jurisdictional runoff management programs are effectively prohibiting non-storm water discharges to their MS4s?		
July 25, 2012	2. In what ways can the proposed provisions of the administrative draft permit be changed to improve how the Copermittees collect data to assess whether their jurisdictional runoff management programs are reducing pollutants in storm water to the MEP?		
	3. In what ways can the proposed provisions in the administrative draft permit be changed to improve how the Copermittees collect data to assess whether improvements to the physical, chemical, and biological conditions of receiving waters are being achieved as a result of implementing their Water Quality Improvement Plans?		
	PLANNING and IMPLEMENTATION		
	How can adaptive management or the "iterative process" be incorporated into the proposed provisions of the administrative draft permit better?		
	2. How can the proposed provisions of the administrative draft permit be modified to support a Copermittee's ability to plan and/or procure resources for its jurisdictional runoff management program?		
	3. How can the proposed provisions of the administrative draft permit be modified to reduce or eliminate any conflicts with other requirements (e.g. TMDLs, ASBS) or programs (e.g. flood management, vector control, water supply, recycled water, groundwater recharge)?		
August 22, 2012	4. How can the proposed provisions of the administrative draft permit be modified to support a Copermittee's ability to implement and enforce its jurisdictional runoff management program to effectively prohibit non-storm water discharges to and from its MS4, and reduce pollutants in storm water discharges from its MS4 to the MEP?		
	5. How can the proposed provisions of the administrative draft permit be modified to promote retrofitting of existing development and/or implementing projects that can restore or rehabilitate receiving waters as good tools to use as pollution control strategies?		
	6. How can the proposed provisions of the administrative draft permit be modified to allow the Copermittees to better focus their resources on improving water quality?		

Focused Meeting Minutes

CoPermittee stakeholder groups will prepare meeting minutes and provide them to the Regional Permit Team for review and dissemination to all stakeholder groups one week prior to the next focused meeting via the San Diego County, Orange County, and Riverside County MS4 Permit Lyris email lists. Signup for a subscription to any one of these lists at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg9_subscribe.shtml

Focused Meeting Schedule and Locations

The focused meetings will begin on June 27, 2012 and conclude on September 5, 2012 as described in the table below. The focused meetings are scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. Meeting locations will be at the following different locations in the central portion of the San Diego Region 9 boundaries in an effort to equalize travel time among the meeting participants. The Regional Permit Team will summarize the results of the focused meeting process at its September 5, 2012 workshop.

Meeting Dates	Topic	Location	
June 27, 2012	Assessment and Planning	City of Oceanside San Luis Rey Wastewater Treatment Plant 3950 North River Road Oceanside, CA 92057 Jim Turner Conference Room	
July 11, 2012	Assessment and Planning	City of Escondido 201 North Broadway Escondido, CA 92025 Mitchell Conference Room	
July 25, 2012	Assessment and Monitoring	City of Carlsbad Faraday Center 1635 Faraday Avenue Carlsbad, CA 92008 Faraday Center Room 173	
August 22, 2012	Planning and Implementation	City of Vista 200 Civic Center Drive Vista, CA 92084 Community Room	
September 5, 2012	Focused Meetings Wrap-up San Diego Water Board Workshop	San Diego Water Board 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92123-4340 Board Meeting Room	

By letter dated June 4, 2012, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) reported that the Santa Margarita Copermittees could not prepare for and attend the focused meetings scheduled for June 27 and July 11, 2012 or any subsequent meetings scheduled between mid-September and mid-November, 2012 due to work on other storm water program compliance priorities.

The District requested that the meetings be rescheduled to begin no earlier than the week of July 23, 2012. By letter dated June 7, 2012, San Diego County, Department of Public Works made a similar request on behalf of the Orange County and Riverside County (Santa Margarita) Copermittees. The San Diego Water Board carefully considered these requests in finalizing the schedule for the focused meetings and determined that the meetings should proceed as described in the above table in order to maintain momentum towards finalizing a final Draft Permit for public review and comment later this year.

The Regional Permit Team will endeavor to keep stakeholder groups that may miss a scheduled focused meeting informed through the prompt circulation of meeting minutes and additional opportunities to speak with the Regional Permit Team between the scheduled meeting dates.

Other Procedural Matters

Focused meeting participants and other interested persons may submit written comments to the address below on the administrative draft permit until Friday, September 14, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. The San Diego Water Board will not provide written responses to written comments submitted on the administrative draft permit. All written comments, as well as comments received during the focused meetings, will be reviewed and considered in the Regional Permit Team's development of a final Draft Permit that will be released for public comment. The San Diego Water Board will issue a separate public hearing notice announcing the release of a final Draft Permit for public review and comment, the deadline for submission of final comments, and the date of the public hearing for the Board to consider the comments received, public testimony, and adoption of a final Regional MS4 Permit. Submit written comments on the administrative draft permit to Laurie Walsh via e-mail at www.lwalsh@waterboards.ca.gov and/or by US mail at 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92123-4340.

Meeting Directions and Parking

Meeting Dates	Location	Directions	Parking
June 27, 2012	City of Oceanside San Luis Rey Wastewater Treatment Plant 3950 North River Road Oceanside, CA 92057 Jim Turner Conference Room	Take Interstate 15 to I-76 west OR take Interstate 5 to I-76 east to Douglas. Make a left on to Douglas and a left on North River Road. The gate of the facility is at the end of the road.	Free Parking at the Plant.
July 11, 2012	City of Escondido 201 North Broadway Escondido, CA 92025 Mitchell Conference Room	See Attached Map.	Free Parking in designated areas. See Attached Map for areas where Free Parking is unlimited. Pay close attention of restricted duration parking lots if you choose to park somewhere other than the unrestricted lot.
July 25, 2012	City of Carlsbad Faraday Center 1635 Faraday Avenue Carlsbad, CA 92008 Faraday Center Room 173	See Attached Map.	Free Parking in the lot at the Faraday Center.

Meeting Dates	Location	Directions	Parking
August 22, 2012	City of Vista 200 Civic Center Drive Vista, CA 92084 Community Room	Take Interstate 15 to I-78 west OR take Interstate 5 to I-78 east to Civic Center Drive exit, go north on Civic Center approximately 1.1 miles to stoplight at Alta Vista, turn right on Alta Vista and right into parking lot, follow signs within Civic Center Complex to the Community Room.	Free Parking, After turning right on Alta Vista, turn right into the Civic Center parking lot. Follow signs within Civic Center Complex to Community Room.
September 5, 2012	San Diego Water Board 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92123-4340 Board Meeting Room	Interstate 15 - take the Balboa Ave. exit - turn right (west). Proceed to the 2nd stoplight, which is Ruffin Road – turn left. Turn right on Sky Park Court. Our building is located at the end of the court – veer to the right into the parking lot.	Free Parking

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CONTACTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The San Diego Water Board Regional MS4 Permit Team includes the following staff:

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Questions or requests for additional information regarding this notice should be directed to Laurie Walsh at (858) 467-2970 or via e-mail at lwalsh@waterboards.ca.gov.



Directions:

From Interstate 15:

Take Valley Parkway (Downtown) exit and head east. When Valley Parkway crosses over Centre City Parkway it becomes Second Avenue. Turn left onto Escondido Blvd. Cross over Valley Parkway, turn right into the parking lot just after the CA Center for the Arts.

From Highway 78:

Continue east on Highway 78 into Escondido. When 78 ends at the light, turn right on Broadway. Just past Washington Ave, turn right on Woodward Ave. The parking lot is on the left, just on the other side of the Boys & Girls Club.

