**MS4 Watershed-Based Permit Stakeholder Organizational Meeting**

**September 21, 2010**

**Synopsis submitted by Sarah Holcombe**

Good morning everyone –

Here is a synopsis of the last meeting we had on September 21. I have attached the sign in sheet from the meeting, and at the request of a few folks I’m working on finalizing a master contact list. I’ve attached it here but if there are additions or corrections please let me know.

We started off the meeting on Monday talking about the proposed workgroups that Tim and I had suggested in the draft agenda. At the request of David Stoliker, we modified the agenda slightly to go through a discussion of what each entity involved in the pilot would like to see as a goal for the entire process. This, below, is the list that we came up with: (which is quite literal in some cases)

* To not do a watershed-based project
* Identify pollutants of concern
* Concentrate on TMDL pollutants
* Reduce amount of monitoring
* Discover sources of pollutants
* Get a damn permit issued
* Monitoring program based on a data quality objective (DQO)
* Understand what works for BMPs, etc.
* Different agencies working together, each having a role in defining the permit
* NOT chasing pollutants
* Greater public awareness about the watershed, LID, pollutant load sources, etc.
* Use permit to develop actions to improve the river – get results
* Clear guidelines for assigning responsibilities and for enforcement
* Get good information of cumulative effects of pollution in the river
* Clearinghouse for data collection and results
* ENS best practices with enforcement being followed throughout the watershed
* Efficient and effective monitoring
* Monitoring effectiveness of BMPs
* Decrease in pollutants leaving the watershed through a collaborative effort among entities, with costs distributed equitably
* Focus on water quality improvement, not regulatory exercises
* Focus on things that can actually work and get done
* Cleaner river that supports the uses in the Clean Water Act
* Additional funding to support our activities

 After this discussion, the group modified the original suggestions for workgroups and we came up with the following groups:

[The way I’m presenting it to you here is to list the groups that we came up with. The subheadings under the groups are partial responsibilities that each workgroup will be responsible for researching and formulating a proposal to the rest of the group. The last subheading is the folks who were present at this last meeting who volunteered to be part of the each workgroup. For those of you who were not in attendance, please volunteer for one of these groups and contact the person who has a star (\*) next to their name. Each group will figure out on their own when to meet. Once you volunteer for a workgroup, please let me know as well and I’ll keep a master list of who is in which group. And, obviously, you are more than welcome to volunteer for more than one group.]

1. Water Quality Data Collection and Sharing
   1. Sharepoint used - $20/month (Paid by Ciudad?)
   2. DQO
   3. QA/QC
   4. Alternative contract possibilities (monitoring contractor)
   5. Kelly\* (243-3200), Carol, Steve, Karen
2. Watershed Agency Participation
   1. Draft MOU
   2. Reach out and recruit agencies
   3. Develop rationale for working together
   4. Reach out to tribes
   5. Funding responsibilities and cost distribution
   6. Tim M., Steve\* (224-1673), Carol, Melissa, Ramona, Fred, Rob
3. Case Studies and BMP Approaches; examples
   1. Southern California Stormwater Monitoring Coalition
   2. Mid-Texas Group
   3. UNM Study
   4. Arid LID Workshops
   5. David\* (892-5266), Kelly, Linda, Chris, Bernie, Karen
4. Permit Format
   1. Components that work and don’t work
   2. Configuration/format that might work
   3. Rob, Fred, Steve, Kevin, Melissa, Reza\* (827-5329), Vern
5. Additional Funding Sources
   1. Seed or sustainable funding
   2. Cyndie\* (897-0502), Melissa, Teri, Steve, Bernie

If you need me to assist with any of the workgroups please let me know. I’m willing to meet with you if needed.

 Let’s have an initial proposal and/or thoughts organized to present to the rest of the group at the October meeting. Right now from Doodle, it looks like the meeting will probably be Thursday the 21st. If you haven’t responded to the Doodle poll, please respond soon. <http://www.doodle.com/tknx3ynx7kndyb6n>

 Thanks, everyone!

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