

Minutes

Date: **MARCH 10TH, 2021**
Time: 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM
Location: Conference Number(s):
Passcode: 647585#
Phone number: 1-877-820-7831
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Mission Statement

The Utah Storm Water Advisory Committee will coordinate efforts to reduce storm water pollution and provide adequate flood control. The committee will jointly review governing regulations, disseminate information to enhance compliance with those regulated, promote effective storm water management training, and assist local municipalities and other interested parties to implement best management practices, consistent with their individual needs and resources. The committee will also review any proposed storm water regulations to assess potential impacts on the regulated community.

1. Welcome USWAC members: Brandon Tremelling conducting, 2021 Chairman

ACTION ITEMS

2. USWAC membership roster sign in through Google Forms: [USWAC Attendance Form - March 10th, 2021](#) (Note: Each attending member will need to fill out the form individually.)
 - USWAC is switching to Zoom, a link for a Zoom will be sent out for our next meeting
3. Review and approval of the **February 10th, 2020** meeting minutes:
Brandon Tremelling motioned to approved minutes, Paul Taylor Motion to 2nd minutes.

TRAINING PRESENTATION

4. Kristi Schultz, Stormwater Manager and Brandon Burrows, Stormwater Coordinator of St. George will be giving their presentation titled “Adopt a Waterway Program, an MS4s Best Friend”.
 - A. Introduction to St George background on the St George Stormwater team- Kristi Schultz joined the city about 3 years ago as the new stormwater manager.
 - Year 1: Construction MCM- Minimum Control Measures. Jeff Cottom joined the team, a retired police officer, who was instrumental in helping with enforcement.
 - Year 2: Long Term/Post-Construction MCM. Karen Roundy joined St George City and is concentrating on this measure.
 - Year 3: IDDE & Good Housekeeping MCM. Brandon Burrows joined the group (IDDE rescue)
 - Year 1-5: Utilize all of the above to build programs for Public Education & Involvement MCMs.
 - B. St. George currently has 473 outfalls and counting- classifications to outfalls are being corrected and outfalls range in size from 4” – 108” (9-foot diameter). Last fall inspections increased, and GIS quality control is being done on the entire system.

C. Outfall Challenges:

- Large number of outfalls bordering golf courses which means we focus on Good Housekeeping MCM and monitor levels of pollutants that come from landscape or fertilizer runoff. Training is key and Karen has done a great job focusing on this.
- High outfall numbers we have.
- Due to high levels of recreation in Southern Utah we have a large amount of pollution associated with trash which comes from local and outside visitors.

D. Capitalize on our resources:

- The streets department is one of our best resources in outfall maintenance, but we needed more help.
- The City is already an active participant with Washington County “Give Your Land a Hand Program”.
- The City is already working hand-in-hand with the “Love Where You Live” non-profit organization.
- The City is already great neighbors with DSU.
- The City already has an overwhelming population of helpful, outdoor, environmental conscience people. People want to help; they just need to know where and how!
- End result: This is why we created the “Adopt A Waterway Program”.

F. Southern Utah Adopt A Waterway Program

- Brandon Burrows researched and read about “Adopt A Waterway Program” around the country, so the team took bits and pieces from successful programs and created their own program which is Coalition wide.
- Brandon found in walking the waterways that a program like this is needed to remove debris and trash cleanup. Any volunteers are welcome to join: Scout Groups, Church DSU and other groups.

G. Program Details

- Organizations adopt a section of waterway for a period of two years and perform at least two dedicated cleanups per year.
- St George created a website with an interactive map where we will acknowledge these volunteers and other donors or sponsors.
- A sign is placed in their honor near their adopted section.
- This program is not just for St. George but will involve the storm water coalition in Southern Utah. (St George City, Washington City, Santa Clara City, Ivins City and UDOT)

H. Control Measures

- #1 Public Education & Outreach: Social media, radio and volunteers.
- #2 Public Involvement: design is to involve every part of our local communities in our stormwater program.
 - Strong relationship is being established with several local volunteer groups including Washington County Give Your Land a Hand, Love Where You Live, and Dixie State University’s Student Volunteer Associations.
 - Market to local HOA communities that border waterways.
 - Private Property- taken offline but involve property owner if possible.
- #3 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination:
 - Volunteers will become the eyes and ears to aid our IDDE and Outfall Program. This program will have the ability to add dozens or hundreds of eyes cleaning up directly adjacent to most of our outfalls.

- Provide volunteers with training that explain how to look for illicit discharges and how to report them to us so we can pursue them further.
 - Information brought in can be prioritized for cleanup of affected areas
 - Volunteers are like having cameras installed at many of your outfalls a few times a year to relay and combat issues in your city.
 - #4 Construction Site Stormwater
 - Everyone knows the immense amount of growth and development happening in Southern Utah right now. This comes along with construction projects on almost every corner.
 - Stormwater programs for construction are in place, it does account for some trash in the waterways.
 - Coordinators will take on opportunities of reaching out to construction companies in our area to see if they will adopt a waterway and educate them on pollution in our waterways and causes of the issues.
 - #5 Long Term Stormwater
 - Anticipate a large percentage of our volunteers will be curious businesses in the area. There are incentives to participate with signs with their business information and logos on the bike and walking trails.
 - Continued education and awareness training by meeting with volunteer representatives regarding the issues at hand.
 - If we do find an illicit discharge associated with a nearby business, we can pursue post-construction agreements, if they are not already on record, and pursue enforcement.
 - #6 Good Housekeeping
 - Streets departments has received training regarding Adopt A Waterway program, and we are involving many employees of various departments in an effort to align the program with our city values.
 - Many of the city facilities and golf courses are located close to the waterways in Southern Utah. Training on Best Management Practices, developing SOPs and requiring the necessary inspections are key to eliminate illicit discharges.
 - Routine maintenance and good housekeeping on city infrastructure will ultimately improve our waterways.
 - City Council has given approval and we have the cities support.
- I. Adopt A Waterway Program in Southern Utah is the anticipated for full roll out of this program mid-April.
Contact Information: Website: <https://www.sgcity.org/adoptawaterway/>
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- J. Questions:
Paul Taylor asked: Is there a minimum number of times a year that they are required to clean?
Adopt a section for 2 years and required to hold 2 dedicated cleanup days per year.
Michelle Skrobis asked: What kind of cost is associated with an adopter for your program?
Do you see issues with a cost being too high or not high enough?
The costs are the program will provide the signage and trash bags.
Volunteers provide- time and any necessary safety equipment.

Paul Taylor asked: Is there a formal reporting system?

To adopt a waterway, an agreement is signed by the volunteers. An attendance sheet and data collection sheet is used to keep track of these volunteers. Initial training will occur and a safety meeting before adoption can occur.111

Do they bring the debris to the city or do they dispose of it themselves? Both streets and parks will help have a designated spot for trash that crews will come cleanup.

Weber County asked: Access Easements? Private property is blocked out and all others are within city right of way.

REGULATION & UPDATES

5. State of Utah Updates

Jeanne Riley- House Bill 98 did pass in the legislative session, there was no impact to Storm Water inspections. Ended up effected building inspections for cities. State has been busy with inspections and permit writing. NET E-Reporting NOI on NET, Industrial DMRs thru NET and next is construction dewatering permits. MS4 soon, but not yet.

Industrial DMR,

Leanna Littler-Woolf (Municipal Storm Water program) - Small Ms4 permit on notice until March 24, 2021. SLC permit working on next. Updates should be made to the SWMP by 180 days as per the permit.

Ryan Curtain- no updates today

Carl Adams- no updates today

Lisa Stevens- no updates today

6. USWAC Subcommittees Updates:

Industrial- no updates

Long Term Storm Water Management: Tom Beasley- no updates. Requests an update to the Standard Operating Procedures geared toward LID and 80% maintenance. Detail and possible impacts feel it needs more maintenance. Impact on ground water and flood control. Requests flood control maintenance on LID details and in the future.

Training Programs: Trace Robinson- last Thursday training occurred for RSW, RSI with 30 attendance, 10 in person. Recording issues, thinking of holding another training to record in April. This last class went really well. Exam is available online.

MS4 Unification Committee: Dan Tracer from Bluffdale- working on Lid and stormwater detail, will be done with update late spring and early summer.

NEWS & UPDATES

7. **APWA News and Updates:** Trace Robinson- working on RSI program, group is looking to approve an RFP to improve the program.

8. Stormwater Coalitions News and Updates:

Salt Lake County-	Steve Burgon- no update
Golden Spike-	Paul Taylor- Hosted a Contractor training in 2020 and 2021. This year had 80 in attendance. Good mix of contractors and MS4 employees.
Summit County-	Kelsey Christiansen- no update
Utah County-	Scott Bird/ Brett Dunkley- no update
Davis County-	Logan Parker- no update
Dixie Storm Water-	Melinda Gibson- no update
Cache County-	Jared Roos- no update

9. Other topics/ business:

- Voting Member Discussion: no other business

10. Public comments or questions: no comments

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am by Brandon Tremelling- 1st Motion, James Darling- 2nd motion to adjourn.

Note: Copies of the USWAC meeting agendas, minutes and presentations, are available at the following online: www.uswac.org

Next meeting: WEDNESDAY APRIL 14, 2021 AT 10:30 AM.

Online with a new Zoom Link, watch for invite in April.