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Memorandum

DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2019
TO: Palm Beach County NPDES Permittees
FROM: Alan Wertepny
REF. NO. B8050.10
SUBJECT: Minutes of NPDES MS4 Steering Committee Meeting held on February 20, 2019

I. Attendees/Introductions

Approximately 28 of the 40 permittees were represented at the February 20, 2019 MS4 NPDES Steering Committee meeting. Steering Committee members present included: Laurent Van Cott (Chair), Jay Foy (Vice Chair), Jeff Needle (Secretary), Dan Beatty (Member), Karen Brandon (Member), Bonnie Finneran (Member), and Maurice Morel (member). Administrative staff present included Alan Wertepny, Betsy Burden, Anne Capelli, Melissa Freling, and David Cowan. A copy of the sign-in-sheet is available upon request.

II. Administrative Activities

- a. **Introductions/Meeting Minutes** - Van introduced the Steering Committee and administrative staff. A motion was made by Jay Foy to approve the January 16, 2019 meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Dan Beatty and approved unanimously by the Steering Committee.
- b. **Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is scheduling public workshops in our area to obtain comments on issues with the current regulation schedule for Lake Okeechobee and what needs to be changed and how these issues and changes should be evaluated. Governor Ron DeSantis and U.S. Rep. Brian Mast support keeping the lake lower than the current schedule (2 feet lower). There is concern that the lower level will reduce the amount of water available for water supply in Palm Beach County. This can impact surface water supplies and groundwater recharge for drinking water, availability of agricultural irrigation, and availability of freshwater flows for minimum flow release to environmental areas. On Wednesday, February 27, 2019, a public meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at SFWMD

Governing Board Auditorium.

they are indicating we have not submitted our BMP's for review is this Curt with CGA?

c. **Pollutant Loading Modeling** – David Cowan provided an update on the information received and status of creating shape files for input into the Simple pollutant loading model. Approximately 30% of the permittees' BMP areas have been reviewed, 88% of the jurisdictional boundary and land uses, 95% of the MS4 service areas and 80% of the septic areas. It is anticipated that the GIS input layers for the model will be finalized in March. Per Steering Committee comment, the revised coverages will be posted on the website for review by the permittees.

I see Curt just sent this information to Alan

Year 2 Individual Annual Reports – Alan reported that, to date, we have received 13 of the 40 individual permittee Annual reports. Steering Committee set a date for review and submittal to Mock•Roos by March 15, 2019. All reports must be posted on our website no later than March 29, 2019.

are you interested in attending this training

e. **Florida Stormwater Sedimentation and Erosion Control Inspector Training** – A handout was provided about the upcoming training scheduled for May 22, and 23, 2019 at the Town of Jupiter Community Center. Contact Jane Hayes (Mock•Roos) to register.

III. MS4 Legal Authority Ordinances - MS4 Legal Authority- A handout was provided that listed all 35 permittees that were required to adopt an illicit discharge ordinance when permitting began in the late 1990s. Review of the ordinance on our MS4 website (Annual Reporting- Cycle 3 Year 1) indicated that 24 of the permittees followed the 1999-2000 guidance ordinance that restricted enforcement authority to illicit discharges into the stormwater management system owned by the applicable permittee. Eight permittees expanded their authority under the ordinance to more than just discharges to their MS4. Three of the MS4 legal authority records on our MS4 website were found to be insufficient. Subsequent to the meeting, additional investigations were conducted, and appropriate ordinances were found for the remaining three. Our records on the website for these three entities will be updated accordingly. We now have 27 permittees that restrict their illicit discharge legal authority to just what enters their MS4.

IV. Year 2 Joint Annual Report- Alan Wertepny provided a PowerPoint presentation covering the Year 2 Joint Annual Report (draft) posted on the website. A copy of the presentation will be posted on the MS4 website under News. Comments on the draft report are welcome.

V. Website ADA Compliance - Moe Morel brought to the group's attention that individuals are suing local governments for failure to comply with the Federal ADA requirements for

websites. Settlement for each suit is in the neighborhood of \$10,000. Our MS4 group maintains two websites for the benefit of our permittees. Since we do not know the details of this Federal requirement as to whether it applies to us or what modifications may be needed to be in compliance, the Steering Committee directed our legal staff, Betsy Burden, to investigate.

VI. Next Steering Committee Meeting – The next scheduled meeting is March 20, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the City of Palm Beach Gardens Emergency Operations Center – IDDE and Refresher Training.

I believe these minutes accurately reflect the discussions and decisions of this meeting; however, additions and/or corrections will be accepted in writing within seven (7) days of the date of these minutes.

If you have any questions, please call me at 683-3113, extension 231.

Copies: All Permittees (via email)