

SWAC Meeting
July 24, 2013

In Attendance:

Tim Smith
Mark Caillier
Brandon Smith
Councilor Jim Taylor
Councilor Kim Freeman
Mike DeBlasi

Elizabeth Sagmiller
Dorothy Diehl

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m

WPCF Permit Discussion:

Elizabeth opened the meeting with a brief rundown of the permit process and conversations that have been held with DEQ. The City currently has a reasonable DEQ permit writer, but that could change in September as he has indicated he may be reassigned within the organization. For this reason, staff is moving quickly on WPCF permit.

Stormwater staff have been putting together the systemwide assessment, monitoring plan, spill response plan, and management plan. That are required in the permit. Elizabeth indicated that Keizer could get a draft permit for internal review at any time. It will likely be similar to Bend's. The City will get 14 days for internal review. Elizabeth is confident that time is sufficient for review. After internal review, there is a 35 day public comment period. Keizer could have WPCF permit by early October

Q. Councilor Jim Taylor: How can Bend's permit be so similar to Keizer's when we have such different soils?

A. Elizabeth: The permit language is all regulatory, so it's fairly standard; the associated documents (such as management plan) may be very different and deal with site specific conditions.

Q. Councilor Jim Taylor: Will Keizer be a target for anyone during public comment?

A. Elizabeth: No reason to think so. The science is on our side. UICs are environmentally sound when managed properly and they can only benefit surface water quality.

Tim Smith brought up separate issue of DEQ 1200-C overlap with Keizer's EC program. Tim wanted to know if he should wait until the WPCF permit process is wrapped up before complaining to DEQ about the 1200-C issue. Elizabeth said yes.

Elizabeth gave an overview of the Protectiveness Evaluation and Response Process (PERP) process for UICs not covered by the groundwater protection model. If the City does end up having to close some UICs, the permit allows ten years to complete the work instead of the much tighter timeframe in the original permit template. Tim re-iterated to the group that paying a citizen to close a private well could be a huge cost savings compared to having to decommission a UIC. It cost the City \$130k to close three simple UICs that were easy to connect to MS4. Councilor Jim Taylor asked how time consuming annual reporting is. Elizabeth said the NPDES report takes ~1 month. She will propose to DEQ that the deadline for the WPCF annual report by Dec 31 so there is less overlap.

Permit Summary document:

There was discussion regarding the list of authorized discharges. Councilor Taylor asked if we should regulate charity car washes; Elizabeth said it is not on our list of priorities right now.

The City must demonstrate that it has a relationship with emergency response agencies (education/coordination regarding fire fighting activities and UICs)

There was discussion about the sources of the Table 1 pollutants and their sources.

Horizontal setbacks and the model: GSI will be responsible for defending their model to DEQ. City should have model results by end of August. Canby's model showed protective setback of 205' (the lowest so far) and it was approved

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UIC Implementation Matrix

Elizabeth explained that City is in process of combining all management plans (TMDL, NPDES, WPCF) into one. Very few NEW BMPs for UICs; staff is planning on enhancing a lot of existing BMPs.

Councilor Jim Taylor stated that the new items look inexpensive; Mark Caillier argued in opposition. Elizabeth explained that the current long range funding plan will only work if staff are organized correctly (new responsibilities and training for field staff)

Elizabeth asked the group if they were supportive of the process, progress, and path forward staff had developed. The committee expressed unanimous support.

Final thoughts:

Tim Smith gave brief overview of his subdivision "Aldine Meadows" and the swales that are being installed to manage stormwater. Tim hopes to set an example for future development.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:42 pm