



CITY OF KEIZER

Keizer Storm Water Task Force

Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 19, 2003
Time: 5:00pm
Location: 930 Chemawa Rd NE, Keizer OR

Call to Order:

Chair Jack Lowery, called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm. Roll call was taken with the following in attendance.

Attendance:

Jack Lowery, John Blake, Rick Roemer, Dave Chamness, Francis Kessler, Jacque Moir, Michel Gaynor, Rob Kissler, Bill Lawyer, Bill Peterson, Jennifer Belknap, and Krista Reininga.

Approval of Minutes:

After review of the minutes from the June 5, 2003 meeting Jacque Moir moved that the minutes be accepted with without correction. John Blake seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Staff Liaison Report:

Rob Kissler, Public Works Director, reported that City Staff was continuing on with acquiring funds for ACWA membership. URS Senior Water Resources Engineer Krista Reininga explained to the Task Force about general permit specifications. Rick Roemer questioned whether a letter received from the Department of Environmental Quality would impact Keizer's Plan before adoption. The consensus amongst the task force was that it would not be a factor. Chair Jack Lowery questioned Krista about Keizer's process and how it compared to other plans being developed. Krista and Water Resources Engineer Jennifer Belknap gave examples of other plans and projects they have assisted with in other cities. A discussion on the importance of involving the community in the process took place. Krista and Jennifer explained how the City of Keizer should give examples and information to the public, making them aware and involved before the plan is finalized.

URS Kick Off:

Krista opened the URS Kick Off meeting by distributing an outlined hand out of the City of Keizer Stormwater Management Plan Project Kick off; Coordinated response to: NPDES Phase II, and UIC Requirements. The presentation covered NPDES Phase II compliance responsibilities, ramifications of non-compliance, scope of work, and the role of the Task Force. The presentation also covered the UIC requirements for compliance responsibilities, options for compliance, ramifications of non-compliance, scope of work, and the role of the Task Force. The URS team explained what each of the compliance responsibilities consisted of and the ramifications of non-compliance. Rob inquired about the basis for law suits that are taking place

or had taken place due to non compliance relating to storm water. The URS team gave examples of who and what are most concerned with the non compliance. Jennifer explained that the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will be concerned with non compliance and may levy fines against jurisdictions that don't comply with NPDES requirements, but will generally try to work with willing jurisdictions to get them to come into compliance rather than pursue lawsuits. However, environmental advocacy groups or individuals concerned about the effects of water pollution from storm water run off and preservation of natural resources may take legal actions against jurisdictions that are out of compliance with the NPDES requirements. Steve Downs and Francis Kessler both spoke in favor of heading off law suits by complying with permits. Rick Roemer asked what are the biggest pollutants we will be facing with respect to surface water. Krista explained that sediments, bacteria, and nutrients are the most common surface water pollution problems. Rob included in the discussion the variable of where the water would be tested and how far along the cycle. The presentation continued on to explain the scope of work. The URS team presented their research of what already exists and what can be built upon. The team also explained their role in the process and what they will be doing to facilitate. The role of the Task Force was the next item discussed. The URS team provided a calendar time line of goals to meet in the next four months relating to the role of the Task Force to review information and make decisions. Rob Kissler suggested to keep the Storm Water Task Force Meetings at the current time, the 4th Thursday of each month. The committee agreed to keep the time at 5:00 pm on the 4th Thursday of every month. The presentation by URS continued with discussion about the UIC (Underground Injection Control) regulations and the use of swales with infiltration trenches or dry wells to manage stormwater. Rob Kissler read an article to the committee presented to him by Steve Downs about UIC Compliance Responsibilities. A discussion took place led by Rob Kissler on the City's use of dry wells. Francis Kessler questioned if the City Council had discussed installing a fee to water users. Councilor Jacque Moir stated that the topic had been briefly discussed but never expanded on. In closing Jack Lowery suggested that Keizer Staff and URS sit down and discuss what is to happen next in the process for UIC Compliance.

Appearance of Interested Citizens:

No interested citizens were present.

New Business:

The beginning of inventory research to be accomplished by the Keizer City Staff.

Old Business:

The Replacement of Dan Dorn from Developmental Community on the committee. Jack Lowery agreed that the committee replace this vacant position, and that Mr. Dorn not be responsible for the replacement. Jack Lowery was appointed to find a new committee member to fill the Developmental Community vacancy.

Meeting Adjourned:

Rick Roemer moved that the meeting be adjourned. Francis Kessler seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Next Meeting:

July 24, 2003 at 5:00 pm.
(later changed to August 7th, 2003)

Minutes Prepared by:

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