
**CITY OF DANA POINT
OCEAN WATER QUALITY SUBCOMMITTEE
APPROVED ACTION MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 22, 2013
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

City Hall Offices
Admin. Conference Room
33282 Golden Lantern
Dana Point, CA 92629

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:09 PM.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Council Member Steven Weinberg, Dick Dietmeier, & Brad Fowler. Bill Lane notified that he was not able to make it, Wayne Rayfield was ill and Nyle Schafhauser was also absent.

Additional attendees included: Nancy Jenkins, Joe McDivitt (SCWD), Keith Johannsen and Lisa Zawaski.

A. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES

ITEM 1: Action minutes of September 25, 2012 were approved.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

D. PUBLIC MEETINGS

There were no Public Meetings.

E. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 2: Salt Creek Recycling

The committee agreed that this project should continue to be pursued. Brad and Dick mentioned that SCWD will need to approach RWQCB to discuss this project in the future.

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F. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

G. STAFF REPORTS

ITEM 3: Epi Study Update

Brad indicated that Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP), in conjunction with the City, continues to work on the sanitary sewer survey to determine if there is any sewage getting into San Juan Creek and/or Doheny State Beach. Thanks to some information from Dick, the old, abandoned SOCWA outfall line manhole was identified in Doheny State Beach Park. Brad is working with SCWD, State Parks and SCCWRP to coordinate access and sampling to make sure that there are no illicit connections or old leaks in this old outfall line.

The County is also working with EPA and the State to develop and fund a bird study at Doheny and Poche that will help to determine if the birds are contributing to a human health problem. It is thought that the birds could be picking up pathogens from sewage plant waste biosolids at the landfill and transporting them to the beach area.

ITEM 4: Regional MS4 Permit Update

Brad stated that the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board has drafted a “regional” permit that will cover San Diego, South Orange and Riverside Counties. The City has been an active participant in the workshops and providing input into the draft which has been a significant staff effort. This subcommittee was previously emailed a copy of the City’s comment letter. Although the draft has been dramatically improved since the first iteration, there remains some significant concerns regarding the hydromodification requirements, development requirements, receiving water language, City road projects and repairs, and Total Maximum Daily Load requirements, among others. Mayor Weinberg will attend a future adoption hearing to ensure that the City’s concerns are voiced to the Board Members.

ITEM 5: Grease Rebate Program Update

Lisa provided a brief update on the continuing success of the grease interceptor rebate program. Since its inception in 2005, a total of 10 interceptors have been rebated and the City and SCWD have each rebated almost \$67,000. The program has been well received. There are several applicants currently in the process of participating in the program and will provide new grease interceptors in the near future.

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ITEM 6: San Juan Creek Diversion Project Update – OCTA/Prop 84 Grants

Brad mentioned that the City has been successful in ranking for grant funding under OCTA's Measure M2 Environmental Clean Up Program and ranked highly for Prop 84 funding in the South Orange County Watershed Management Area. Due to time constraints, this round of Prop 84 funding is not suited for our project. The City will continue to investigate the source of runoff and feasibility for the project and will pursue OCTA project funding, as appropriate.

ITEM 7: SCWD Support of Doheny State Park Routine Maintenance

Dick stated that State Parks now has a contract with SCWD for on-call maintenance services in addition to its current regular maintenance schedule. The last video of the system was conducted in 2005 and SCWD will talk to State Parks to facilitate another video inspection.

ITEM 8: Legislative update – Lou and/or Emmanuel

Dick mentioned that the proposed Water Bond will be reviewed and decreased to focus more directly on water projects.

H. COMMENTS

Steven noted that he received questions regarding the draining of SCWD's water storage tank. Joe indicated that the bottom 2 feet of water has to be drained and the draining was done in compliance with their NPDES permit.

Dick passed out the useful SCWD Water Saving Checklist and indicated that the checklists have demonstrated to be helpful to customers.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The *next* regular meeting of the Ocean Water Quality Subcommittee is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 3 pm in the Administrative Conference Room in City Hall.