



NMSA Member Call

Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2017

9:00 am Pacific, Noon Eastern

I. Welcome and Introductions

Those present on the call were: Chris French, Harry Stark, deEtte Smythe, Nate Hartman, Cristina Hoppes, Pat Sauer, Randy Bartlett, Daniel Apt, Seth Brown, Scott Taylor, Randy Neprash, Jesse Maines, Robin Craver and Jennifer Watson

II. WEFTEC Agenda Overview and Review

- a. Member attendance. Randy Neprash asked who would be attending WEFTEC in person. A majority of those on the call, will be calling into the Member portion of the meeting at WEFTEC. There will be no call provision for the open portion of the meeting.
- b. EPA talking points. Randy Neprash reviewed the items we have asked EPA to cover at the meeting, including the withdrawal of the Stormwater rule, WOTUS, and their work products planned for 2018. The EPA portion of the meeting will be about 40 minutes, with 20 minutes presentation and 20 minutes for dialogue.
- c. Draft agenda (open and closed). Randy Neprash reviewed the open and closed meeting agendas for WEFTEC. For both meetings there will be no projector – the cost was deemed excessive. Handouts of slides will be provided. The open agenda is attached to these notes for reference. Item IV, WEF MS4 survey was discussed. This project is currently underway by WEF. The purpose is to understand where investments are needed in the Stormwater program nationally, how people are implementing their programs, and where the challenges for program implementation are. Randy Bartlett noted that it would be useful to survey permit language with the objective of eliminating poor language and supporting effective language in permits nationally. NMSA will promote participation in the survey among MS4s and provide validation and clarification of the results.

The Member Only WEFTEC agenda was also reviewed. The major portion of the member only meeting will be dedicated to NMSA project planning for 2018. A list of draft projects is included on the agenda. NMSA members will be polled to champion a project for 2018.

III. WEF Stormwater Institute Update

Scott Taylor and Chris French provided an overview of the current work for the WEF Stormwater Institute (SWI). The primary effort is the MS4 Survey. The Institute Advisory

Committee is also working on a Policy Statement for Stormwater, which will be supported by a white paper. WEF will be holding a facilitated session later this year to gather broad input into the development of the white paper. The white paper will provide consistent talking points for the Stormwater sector and will guide the projects at the SWI.

Randy Neprash noted that NMSA will assist the SWI in by distributing the survey widely through the NMSA network.

IV. MS4 Database

Seth Brown provided an overview of a new NMSA project, an MS4 Database. The Database would include MS4 program lead contacts, and a copy of the local MS4 permit for each program, Phase I and Phase II nationally. The database would be available on the NMSA website and only accessible by members and potentially the regulatory community. The database would include an intuitive interface and would be maintained by NMSA. NMSA plans to develop the database architecture in association with Aiqueous, a private firm that will assist NMSA in building the database using the Salesforce platform. The database will initially be piloted in one state. The website would not be used or available for commercial purposes.

Pat Sauer asked how states (such as Iowa) will be in the database if they don't have a statewide general permit. In such instances, the database will be populated with individual MS4 Phase I and Phase II permits, along with the corresponding lead administrator's contact information.

V. NMSA Website

- a. Website refresh. Seth Brown gave an overview of the NMSA website update. A contractor is currently updating the site to improve functionality. The updated website is planned to be operational by WEFTEC. Improvements will include member information, news, and a page that allows payment of dues. Other improvements are described below.
- b. Newsletter. NMSA has started a quarterly newsletter. The format of the newsletter is a very short, bulleted description of the item, followed by a hyperlink where more detail can be found. The bulleted items are grouped under general headings. The newsletter will be published quarterly, and available on the NMSA website. The newsletter is being produced by Seth Brown, Scott Taylor and Jennifer Watson (mostly Jennifer).
- c. NMSA Foundational Documents initiative. Randy Neprash described another project to enhance the utility of the website. The foundational documents page will contain the legal formation documents for the members that are able to provide them. This will provide a resource for new organizations that are just forming. Randy Neprash asked the members on the phone to provide their foundational documents. Many on the phone indicated that this will require a Board action by their respective organizations. Randy noted that he would send a follow-up request with additional information

describing the background and purpose of this initiative to the members via email.

VI. Membership and Treasurer's Report (Brown)

Seth Brown and Scott Taylor provided an overview of recruiting activities since the last call. Scott provided a presentation to the Utah Stormwater Advisory Committee (USWAC). USWAC has decided to join NMSA, and is currently in the process of completing the member application. Scott also provided information to Washington State, who is looking to form a statewide Stormwater organization with the objective of joining NMSA. Seth Brown noted that he provided a presentation in Alabama, there is interest in Alabama in forming a statewide Stormwater organization that would be eligible to join NMSA. Seth also provided presentations in Hawaii and Nebraska which provided information on NMSA. The Indiana MS4 partnership is also evaluating membership in NMSA.

Seth gave a brief overview of NMSA finances. A more detailed report will be provided during the member meeting at WEFTEC. NMSA is currently collecting member dues, and has a new Affiliate Member, the law firm of Best Best and Krieger.

VII. Other Items and Member Comments.

Randy Neprash described a survey that NMSA is developing regarding the MS4 Remand Rule. The survey will be distributed through NMSA members. Questions will include the sources of information permittees use to get program assistance, how permittees expect to work with regulators in implementing the Remand Rule.

Randy Neprash also described an EPA committee – the Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC). The purpose of the LGAC is to advise EPA on new rules and policies. The LGAC has not, to date, had a member from the MS4 sector. There are 35 members on the committee. NMSA is working with EPA to get a Stormwater person on the Committee at the next Committee rotation, which should be in about 3 months.

DeEtte Smythe asked if there were 'stock' materials available for use at State and Regional conferences that describe the benefits and activities of NMSA. These materials are readily available, and in the future will be posted on the NMSA website. In the interim, members can contact Seth Brown, Scott Taylor or Randy Neprash for assistance.

It was also asked if there will be conference call service available during the EPA presentation at WEFTEC. Conference call service will not be available, but detailed notes of the discussion will be taken and available to members through the NMSA website. Neither will there be an audio recording of the proceedings since the equipment is not available to do this.

Randy Bartlett asked if the members of each member organization are considered members of NMSA. This is correct, and in the future, there may be an option to 'register' on the NMSA website so that member organization members can receive information directly from



NMSA. Until such time as the website is upgraded with a contact service, the primary NMSA members for their organization will have to be responsible for disseminating information.

The WEFTEC NMSA program is listed at the following link:

NMSA WEFTEC Program Listing: <http://app2.core-apps.com/weftec2017/event/7abc4931c47e13608711a484c9238685>



NMSA ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

AGENDA

WEFTEC, Chicago II
Room S104b, McCormick Place South Building - Level 1
October 4, 2017
8:00 am to 9:45 am

- I. Welcome and Introductions (Taylor) (8:05am)

- II. 2018 Project Planning (Taylor) (8:50am)
 - a. MS4 Database
 - b. Policy engagement/comment letters
 - c. Source Control Initiative
 - d. National Public Education Program
 - e. NMSA Website
 - i. Member formation documents
 - ii. Newsletter

- III. USEPA Engagement Plan (9:15am)
 - a. January 2018 Meeting
 - b. Anticipated meetings
 - c. Calls

- IV. Membership and Treasurer's Report (9:35am)
 - a. Fundraising
 - b. New member identification and engagement

- V. Public Meeting and Discussion (9:45am)
 - a. Review agenda
 - b. Discussion

Call in information:

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- II. WEF Stormwater Institute Update (French) (10:15am)
- III. WEF Stormwater Committee Update (Harris) (10:25am)
- IV. MS4 Survey (Taylor/French) (10:30am)
- V. USEPA update (Kloss) (11:10am)
 - a. EPA report-out
 - b. Open discussion
- VI. Report Out: Activities from Year, Activities for 2017 (Neprash) (11:20am)
- VII. NMSA Planned Activities for 2018 (Taylor/Neprash/Brown) (11:40am)
 - a. National Public Education Campaign (Taylor)
 - b. MS4 database (Taylor/Brown)
 - c. Tax Credits for Stormwater Infrastructure (Brown)
 - d. Source Control (Taylor)
 - e. NMSA Website (Taylor)
 - f. Other (All)
- VIII. Member's Report-out (Members) (11:50am)
- IX. Membership and Treasurer's Report (Brown/Stark)(11:55am)
- X. Open Discussion (All)(noon)

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