



**Meeting Minutes**  
**NMSA Member Call**  
**December 6, 2018**  
**9am to 10:30 PST, 12pm to 1:30 EST**

**Agenda Discussion:**

1. Introduction / Review of Agenda (Taylor)

S. Taylor reviewed the Agenda. Introductions were not made since the web tool showed caller names. 15 callers were present.
  
2. WEF Stormwater Institute and Legislative Update (Brown)
  - Legislative Update

S. Brown reviewed current legislative items of interest relative to stormwater. See attached presentation slides for more information
  
  - MS4 Survey/ASCE Report Card

S. Taylor and S. Brown discussed the initiative to place a stormwater category on the National ASCE infrastructure report card. A meeting has been set with ASCE, WEF and NMSA on January 14, 2019 to discuss the WEF MS4 survey results and how they can be used to support the ASCE report card.
  
  - MS4 Award

R. Arvin Colon discussed the WEF MS4 award. NMSA members are encouraged to submit for this award. There are two primary categories. More information can be found here: <https://www.wef.org/membership/awards-recognition/wef-awards/national-municipal-stormwater-and-green-infrastructure-awards-program/> Nomination information for 2019 is expected in January.
  
3. Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant (Brown)
  - Overview of scope

S. Brown gave an overview of the grant that NMSA has received from the Chesapeake Bay Trust. The grant is in the amount of \$100,000, and will run for a period of one year, December 2018 through December 2019. NMSA members will have the opportunity to assist in completing the grant tasks. See the attached slides for more information. N. Walker noted that a portion of Pennsylvania drains to the Chesapeake Bay and that he would be happy to assist on this project.



#### 4. ASCE Report Card (Taylor/Brown)

- Update  
The report on this item was covered under the WEF SWI, item 2.

#### 5. NMSA State of Stormwater Report (Taylor)

- Updated Template  
S. Taylor went over an updated template for the NMSA State of Stormwater Report. This report was published for the first time in June, 2018, and was well received. For 2019, NMSA will publish the report ahead of Water Week (April, 2019) to provide a better venue to distribute it. Accordingly, the schedule for each member completing the report template is as follows:

12/6/18 – Template release (Attached to these notes)

1/31/19 - Draft report due from members – max two pages!

2/15/19 – Edited version sent to members for review

2/28/19 – Draft final version produced in final format

3/29/19 – Publish and post on web

S. Taylor noted that a short intro was provided for each state in the 2018 report, and this will be carried over if not edited and submitted with the 2019 report. He also noted that each state should provide a qualitative rating of overall state water quality for question No. 5 in the template.

Z. Henderson noted that the last State of Stormwater report was just published (6 months ago) and indicated that much may not have changed. He also floated the idea of a bi-annual report. Following discussion, it was agreed to keep the report annual for now and noted that the 2019 reports may be similar to the 2018 version in some ways.

#### 6. NMSA - EPA Meeting (Taylor)

##### a. Draft Agenda Review

NMSA is scheduling a meeting with the USEPA on January 15, 2019 to discuss stormwater related items. Some of the items important to members are:

- i. Education and outreach
- ii. ASCE report card
- iii. Bacteria TMDLs, and TMDL development (background information)
- iv. Watershed based MS4 permits
- v. Remand rule and clear, specific and measurable criteria
- vi. Program audits
- vii. MS4 database information



viii. WOTUS

R. Craver noted that Massachusetts has a Think Blue campaign. MA is interested in assisting with education and outreach. The MA campaign site can be found here:

[Thinkbluemassachusetts.org](http://Thinkbluemassachusetts.org), and on Facebook at: [Think Blue Massachusetts](#)

7. Other NMSA Activities

a. MS4 Database

i. Resources on NMSA Website

S. Taylor noted that much of this information is available from EPA, and NMSA will look at posting this on the website by Spring 2019. NMSA currently has a spreadsheet of all MS4 permits in the US on the website, this will be followed with a GIS file populated with the data if permission from EPA is received.

b. MN Bacteria Library Update

MCSC is putting a resource library together about all things related to stormwater and bacteria. Following the compilation of this information, NMSA will investigate the viability of hosting this resource library.

c. NMSA Funding Discussion

i. Prospectus

S. Taylor discussed that NMSAs long-term goal is to hire an Executive Director to pursue its agenda. This would most practically be accomplished through grants and resources from philanthropic organizations. To present NMSA as a candidate for such funding, a prospectus is needed. S. Taylor to draft a prospectus for review by the members.

8. Next Call

a. The members decided that the next call would be held on 3/14/19 @ 11am PDT

# National Municipal Stormwater Alliance:

NMSA Member Call

— December 5, 2018 —



## WRDA 2018

### S. 3021, America's Water Infrastructure Act

*Passed House and Senate; signed into law on 10-23-18*

Includes:

- WIFIA reauthorization\* (\$50M/yr) w/ SRF benefits
- **Stormwater Infrastructure Funding Task Force\***
- Grants for climate change adaptation\*
- Grants (\$1M/yr) for water workforce development\*
- **Grants (\$225M/yr) to states for stormwater, CSO, SSO infrastructure projects for reuse and recycling**
- Grants (\$25M/year for 2 years) to non-profit entities for technical assistant to POTWs
- WaterSense Program Authorization
- Drinking Water SRF Reauthorization (\$4.424B over next 3 years)



*Excluded: Integrated Planning and Affordability!*

\* = WEF-backed provisions

\*\* = WEF/NMSA-backed provisions



## **Stormwater Riders & Legislation and WOTUS**



- **H.R. 3906, Innovative Stormwater Infrastructure Act of 2018** – federal, state, local and stakeholder non-profit stormwater infrastructure financing task force
- **Heck Amendment to H.R. 6147** -- \$500,000 to complete EPA Clean Watersheds Needs Survey
- **WOTUS**

## **Chesapeake Bay Trust Potential Grant Activities**



- Coordinate support regarding the integration of stormwater into the National ASCE Infrastructure Report Card
- Identify and propose solutions to common barriers to effective public outreach, education and messaging in MS4 programs and tools
- Characterize the nature and scale of under-performing stormwater ponds across the country and investigate cutting-edge technologies to enhance and optimize pond performance
- Host a “Smart Green Corridor” design competition for selected sites in at least one Chesapeake Bay state
- Exploration of potential to implement of Community-Based Public-Private Partnership (CBP3s) for large-scale integrated green and gray stormwater infrastructure investments



## NMSA State of Stormwater Document Template

The purpose of this effort is to collect data from each state in an “apples-to-apples” method on five (5) critical areas in the municipal stormwater sector. The process is for each member to answer the questions below to reflect information for each state represented in NMSA. For states with multiple members, we request that members from each state to work together in completing this information.

We also request any figures or photos that could be useful or have aesthetic appeal and would help to convey information reflected in the answers provided. We are seeking to have a concise collection of information for all states in NMSA in this document. **Specifically, we are looking for a maximum of 1,000 words (2 pages) or less for all text to address the five questions below.**

**We also include a short intro about your state. Please review the intro from last-years report, you can edit that, and place it here, or if you do not edit it, it will remain the same.**

1. Regulatory Update(s) Associated with MS4 Sector:

[PLACE YOUR TEXT HERE]

*[Two sections – Regional issues – involve multiple states, and second section, local and statewide issues]. For example: Are there any unusual state regulations being enacted that may receive national attention, any litigation with national significance, permit renewals that have new requirements or TMDL or other regulatory actions of interest.]*

2. Greatest Need(s) in the MS4 Sector:

[PLACE YOUR TEXT HERE]

*[this could be regulatory, technical or programmatic in nature. For example: If you could have anything you wanted to help move your program forward, what would that be? Funding, public support, elected support, revised regulation or other.]*

3. Greatest Challenge(s) in the MS4 Sector:

[PLACE YOUR TEXT HERE]

*[this could be regulatory, technical or programmatic in nature. For example: What is the most difficult issue or element facing you. Conformance with sanitary quality standards, nutrients, aerial deposition, lack of funding, lack of political will, agriculture.]*



4. Trends in Water Quality:

[PLACE YOUR TEXT HERE]

*[Is water quality in your state: Not Improving / Static / Improving (choose one). Please explain your answer and identify the role of the impacts of the MS4 sector in this context. We are looking here essentially as an assessment of the current permitting program. Is it working? Are things getting better?]*

5. State Water Quality Rating:

[PLACE YOUR TEXT HERE]

*[(1 – 5) with 1 being lowest and 5 being the highest (best). Please explain your answer and the role played by the MS4 sector in this context. This is your estimate of the quality of surface waters in your state. '1' being a majority of waters are polluted, '5' being nearly all waters meet water quality standards. **Please include a numeric grade.**]*