



Meeting Notes
NMSA Member Call
June 18th, 2020
11 am to 12:30 PDT, 2pm to 3:30 EDT

Agenda Items:

1. Introduction / Review of Agenda (Taylor)
Reviewed agenda and noted that this call was opened to NMSA members and prospective members.
2. Information for Implementation Ready Projects – Infrastructure Stimulus Package (Neprash)
 - a. Overview of effort to capture funding for anticipated economic stimulus package in Congress at the federal level. This information is being compiled to show need to Congress and evidence of a backlog of projects that can be implemented quickly to assist in stimulating the economy.
 - b. Historically water sector data for “shovel ready” projects are pulled from the SRF Intended Use Plans, which don’t represent stormwater projects well since SRF underrepresents stormwater.
 - c. NMSA set up an online portal to collect data for ready to go projects. The questionnaire is available at: <http://nationalstormwateralliance.org/implementation-ready-stormwater-project-list/>
 - d. Steve Dye (WEF Legislative Affairs Director) – “the sooner we can get information to Congress on this, the better, even though they won’t get into this until August/September, but we need info ASAP as it takes time to get compiled into background information for the Bill.
3. Regulatory/Legislative Update (Dye/Brown)
 - a. Legislative issues
 - i. Appropriations
 1. The House and Senate are working to complete the new infrastructure Bill so that it can become law at or near the start of the Federal fiscal year.
 - ii. WRDA 2020
 1. Lots of good stormwater provisions are contained in the current draft, including a proposed grant program focused on stormwater centers of excellence for both planning and design with an 80/20 cost share (between federal/local). NMSA will keep members apprised of the final bill contents.
 - iii. Highway Bill
 1. Good stormwater provisions here. NMSA has been advocating for improved resources for TMDLs for DOTs, and specifically the opportunity for DOTs to participate with adjacent MS4s in meeting



TMDL objectives. This would include using Federal Highway funds outside of the highway ROW.

Need feedback on this Bill from stormwater practitioners. It is currently in draft form at:

<https://transportation.house.gov/imo/media/doc/Final%20Bill%20Text%20of%20the%20INVEST%20in%20America%20Act.pdf>

4. Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant (Brown)

- a. GI Certificate Course Development/Delivery
 - Done w Course 1, on to Course 2, hopefully will be a national program, MOOC platform may be a good option
- b. Digital Technology Agriculture/MS4 Assessment Report
 - Will send out Draft for review by end of June for review
- c. Pond Summit – Chesapeake Bay/Great Lakes – virtual summit
 - Pond Summit will be two sets of 2-hour long web-based events
 - Pond summit events 1 will be July 21/23 and will focus on the problem of ponds
 - Pond summit events 2 will be July 28/30 and will focus on policy and solutions
- d. Economic Valuation of GI Implementation
 - Will do an input/output analysis for 10+ communities around the country
 - Will include other types of economic valuation as well in some locations, such as ecosystem services, chronic flooding impacts, and hedonic analysis
 - Have a list of proposed locations – need to vet with group who identified as interested in this topic
- e. Other
 - Community-Based P3 Support
 - Will hold a webinar in late July focusing on current CBP3 programs and updates on these programs
 - Will send out an announcement for communities interested in an evaluation of CBP3 in their community
 - Support for ASCE Report Card
 - We have been actively sending out requests for communities to take the survey – helped increase the amount of surveys from 600 to over 800
 - We will be leading the analysis on this effort
 - NextGen Stormwater Technologies
 - Originally this was to be an in-person workshop but will now be a series of online events
 - Outreach to MS4s
 - We have been engaged with EPA on the Water Reuse Action Plans (WRAPs, see Item 6 for more info)



- We are considering a training in NJ on GI to support the recently released regulation in NJ on GI/stormwater management

- 5. EPA MS4 Handbook – Online Resource (Neprash)
 - a. This is a product of a joint effort between EPA and NMSA to provide basic information
 - b. Intended to be a portal for basic information on the MS4 sector
 - c. We are doing a soft launch right now – asking NMSA members to review the website over the next few weeks
 - d. We will be doing a web-based event to review the product.
 - e. Product is online at: <http://ms4resource.nationalstormwateralliance.org/>

- 6. Water Reuse Convening (Brown)
 - a. NMSA is involved with two Water Reuse Action Plans (WRAPs)
 - i. WRAP 2.2.6. – Water Reuse and NPDES Permitting
 - ii. WRAP 2.3.3. – Stormwater Capture and Use
 - 1. NMSA will help to lead a convening – will likely be online or an in-person/online hybrid event to be held November 2020.
 - b. Roster for Convening
 - i. We need to identify public staff people who are interested in the topic of stormwater capture and use to potentially be involved.
 - c. Reuse Permitting
 - i. We plan a minor role to cover MS4 permitting issues for this WRAP item, but this is a very significant and popular topic

- 7. Membership (Taylor/Brown)
 - a. Allow Individual MS4s to join NMSA – Proposed By-law
 - i. Need to get more information out on the option to allow single MS4s to join the organization. Draft by-law to be circulated by the end of June.

- 8. Member Presentations
 - a. Mass General Permit
 - i. Presentation by Chris Pomeroy with AquaLaw and VMSA as well as Kerry Reed from the Central Massachusetts Stormwater Coalition on the nuances/evolution of the Massachusetts MS4 general permit.
 - b. Alabama Stormwater Association
 - i. Brief presentation by Barry Fagan with the recently-established Alabama Stormwater Association

- 9. Next Call
 - a. Tentatively set to be September 24, 2020 from 2-3:30pm (Eastern)