

CAC Meeting
South Washington Watershed District
Thursday May 28, 2015
6:00 p.m.
Cottage Grove City Hall
12800 Ravine Parkway S

1. Welcome

Meeting began with introductions at 6:00 pm.

Attendance:

J. Levitt/WCD	M. Moore/SWWD
B. Smith/Cottage Grove	A. Schilling/SWWD
D. Fabian/BWSR	B. Johnson/ SWWD
K. Brittan/Cottage Grove	D. Hanna/SWWD
K. Chapdelaine/Newport	
J. Loomis/SWWD	

2. Issues Discussion

Open discussion of issues in the District that should be considered as part of the Plan Update. All issues were previously identified through Agency input process.

Issues discussed included:

- LID/MIDs and SWWD development standards—continue with resource based approach or standardize where possible with MIDs. Potential to set MIDs as minimum and bump up where needed. Overall, standards that consider local resources and soil conditions is preferred. Goal: No increase in runoff rates/volumes at Regional Assessment Locations.
- Improving Collaboration/Information Sharing—be more consistent in distributing newsletters. Develop different approaches with different groups. Consider setting different goals for CAC participation vs TAC participation.
- Flooding Emergency Response Plan—role for District to play in identifying problem areas through scenario modeling. Up to Cities to act on information. Need to figure out how to get plugged into existing emergency response planning processes. Reference existing City ERPs.
- Climate Adaptation—Role in increasing system resiliency. Opportunity to explore new technologies to better inform Cities. I.E. using automated technology to draw down detention basins in advance of predicted rainfall and feed District data into NOAA predictive process.
- BMP maintenance—few or no established efforts to maintain small BMPs. Short term goal to get a grasp on idea (what is needed, how much \$\$ is needed), long term goal to establish shared maintenance program in cooperation with Cities, County, SWCD, etc.
- Groundwater—Existing roles for District in monitoring, pollution prevention, conservation, re-charge. Agencies identified potential role for SWWD in permitting currently non-permitted users. Outstanding questions make it unclear if there is a need to permit currently non-permitted users. Question considered: if State can identify a sustainable withdrawal rate, and currently non permitted

users are a significant portion of the sustainable withdrawal rate, should SWWD play role in permitting them? Consensus that permitting role better suited to County level.

- AIS spread—role for District limited to disseminating educational materials/programming developed at larger levels (EMWREP, County, DNR).
- Greenway Expansion—valuable combined use potential for preserving natural areas, conveyance systems, unique habitats, recreation, etc. Implementation should be focused on voluntary tools although pending buffer requirements and enhanced enforcement likely to play a role in establishment.
- Flood damage reduction/mitigation—SWWD currently assists communities in responding to known problems, ie. Wilmes Lake and Cedar Ave homes. Maintain implementation framework in place to respond to additional areas in future.

3. Next Steps

- Plan Update status
- Timeline: Anticipate initial planning workshop with SWWD Board in June with Draft Issues/Goals section of WMP ready for review with TAC in August.

Meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

Input received following the meeting:

H. Markus: Issues and Goals pdf:

- Under Groundwater - Sustainability, add the word 'groundwater' so some do not get the wrong idea: Promote sustainable withdrawals to prevent {**groundwater**} mining
- Under Groundwater: I think there will be Climate Adaptations need here as well as for surface water
- Under Natural Resources - Habitat: exchange the 6th and 7th bullets AND consider adding a bullet setting a goal for promoting pollinator and bird friendly plants, especially along buffer strips and place it near the top of the Habitat list

Trends and Changing Influences pdf:

I think this summary very much understates the challenges and impacts of [non-regulatory] agricultural practices as to excess nitrates to groundwater, excess phosphorus to surface water, and excess flows from drainage.