

# Watershed-Based MS4 Pilot Permit Stakeholder Meeting

NMED District 1 Offices • June 20, 2012 • 1:00–4:00 p.m.

## Summary of Agreements/Actions

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The June 20, 2012 meeting was attended by 22 representatives of local federal, tribal, state, county, municipal, flood control authority, and private consulting agencies. The meeting, originally scheduled for the morning of June 20, was moved to the afternoon because of a scheduling conflict at the District 1 offices.

Agenda items included three items:

1. Update on the Emerging Draft Permit
  2. Cost-Sharing Algorithm Proposal
  3. Watershed-Based Permit Implementation
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### *Discussion Points/Agreements/Actions*

#### **1) Re: Emerging Draft Permit**

Nelly Smith updated the group on progress on the draft permit. The Fact Sheet and the Draft Permit are scheduled to be issued in September.

During discussion, the topic of credits was brought up. The group again emphasized that “credit” implies obtaining some practical benefit. This may take the form of a) reduced costs; b) extended time frames; c) reduced workloads, and/or d) a combination. “Credit” should not merely imply being recognized for doing extra work, as in “extra credit” for schoolwork. It should lead to reduced workloads, lower costs, extra compliance time, etc.

#### **2) Re: Cost-Sharing Algorithm**

Jessica Bennett presented a revised draft formula for sharing costs for joint activities under the watershed-based permit.

Jessica has refined the data sets considerably. The ranking from the scoring is beginning to clarify the “sectors” that each jurisdiction may fall into. During discussion, participants clarified the scoring and the ranking, and noted that as well as how to refine the way overlaps were eliminated. The group expressed their appreciation for Jessica’s continuing work.

Jessica’s presentation from the June meeting accompanies this summary as an attachment.

#### **3) Re: Watershed-Based Permit Implementation**

This discussion topic re-introduced the idea that representatives of governing boards, e.g., mayors, councilors, commissioners, trustees, etc., need to have a parallel set of discussions as the technical stakeholders, if the watershed-based permit is to be successful. The discussion raised a few points—particularly that a stormwater utility may be the best way to handle the permit over the long term. However, extensive discussion was basically deferred to a future meeting.

#### **4) Next Meeting**

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, July 19 from 8:30-Noon at the NMED District 1 offices.**