



## MARION WATER QUALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:30 pm | Attendance in-person and virtually (via Teams)

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MEMBERS PRESENT:	Brent Stevenson, Agricultural Industry Jeff Crowther, Member at Large Jake Hush, Member at Large Gary White, Member at Large (via Teams) Richard Walker, Chair, Member at Large Mark Grenz, Home Builders Association Brenda Sanchez, Vice-Chair, Member at Large (via Teams)
STAFF PRESENT:	Stephanie Pulvers, Marion County Public Works Cory Swartwout, Marion County Public Works Roxanne Toepfer, Marion County Public Works Maxwell Hepburn, Marion County Public Works
GUESTS:	Justin McGillivary Cesar Zamora, Marion Soil and Water Conservation District
ABSENT:	Rick Massey, Land Development
QUORUM:	Yes

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MEETING OPENED	Stephanie called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. Attendance was noted, and introductions were made.
MEETING MINUTES	Approval of February 29, 2024, Meeting Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Motion: Brent moved to approve minutes; Jeff seconded.</li><li>• Discussion: None.</li><li>• Results: Voice vote is unanimous – motion passes.</li></ul>
STAFFING UPDATE	<b>Matt Knudsen</b>  Stephanie shared that Matt is no longer the Stormwater Program Supervisor. Matt is still with Marion County as an Onsite Wastewater Specialist 2. The Stormwater Program Supervisor position is expected to be posted soon. Brian May, the Environmental Services Division Manager, will be managing the program directly in the interim.
REGULATORY UPDATE	<b>Temperature TMDL</b>  No new information.

### **TMDL for New Pollutants**

Neither of the following are implemented in Marion County, however, PFAS has been drafted for the Columbia Slough and trash has been drafted for 2 sections of the Willamette River.

### **MS4 Phase II Renewal**

Rocky shared that Pablo Martos, one of the permit writers for the MS4, advised that the draft is planned to be finalized by Summer and final version of MS4 Phase II to be completed by the end of the year.

## **CSRC MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

### **Construction Site Runoff Control**

“To minimize mercury and control potential sediment runoff from construction sites, counties must incorporate erosion control requirements into county building and grading permit applications. Permit language must require erosion, sediment and waste material management controls to be used and maintained at construction sites from initial clearing through final stabilization. Counties may prioritize where these building and grading permit requirements are applied, for example where increased development is occurring, according to county zoning regulations, or where large subdivisions or large-scale dense development is allowed.

Through an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism, counties must be able to pursue enforcement and technical assistance, as appropriate, at construction sites where pollutants could discharge to waters of the state, either directly to stream or through a conveyance system. In each TMDL annual report, the county must track implementation of its construction site runoff control program and describe all activities.”

The Committee was split into two breakout groups to explore the two options, expanding the 1200-CN permit from the Stormwater Management Area to county-wide or an educational acknowledgment form embedded within the existing building permit structure.

Jeff shared items covered within the breakout group that discussed the educational acknowledgment form. The pros were there are inspectors in the field that can report back to the environmental services team, it would be easy to incorporate, can cover more properties and in the MS4 area its already covered. The cons were compliance as there aren't dedicated inspectors and it is unsure that it will satisfy DEQ.

Rocky discussed items shared within the breakout group covering the expanded 1200-CN permit county-wide. Some highlighted items were the potential to adopt different fees for higher risk areas, a staggered program (starting with an educational approach), understaffing, and compliance. Jeff shared that having someone from the Building Division at the next meeting

would be helpful. Rocky shared that implementation date is September 2025.

STAFF UPDATES

**1200-Z Training**

Stephanie shared that Marion County is hosting CWT Training Academy for a OR 1200-Z Workshop on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open through July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The cost is \$275 per person.

**Earth Day 2024**

Stephanie shared photos from the Earth Day event. There were 300+ attendees and 140 families, 6,559 views on the website, 10 partner agencies (more than ever before), 73 surveys collected between the passport and the event, 218 activities completed in the Passport to Sustainability (47 on the kids passport), 21 bird houses built to go into Marion County Parks, 41 new social media followers in the month of April, social media engagement was 11,062 and impressions totaled 214,798. Stephanie went over the survey results.

**Goals for Next Meetings**

Cory shared that Marion County staff will be reviewing and updating the MWQAC bylaws.

Stephanie shared that we will be looking to set committee goals. Cory shared that a survey was sent out a while back but there was low participation.

Stephanie shared that another topic will be program goals and priorities. Marion County will start to look at water quality data and regulations, discussing program goals and would love the committee's input.

Cory shared that the committee is due for Chair/Vice-Chair nominations, and this will be a topic at the next meeting.

Cory shared that he would like to get the Committee on a recurring scheduled meeting. Cory asked if the committee would like to meet monthly, twice monthly, or quarterly. The committee agreed that quarterly would be best.

COMMITTEE  
UPDATES/FEEDBACK  
PUBLIC INPUT  
MEETING ADJOURNED

Jeff shared that the current Chair has been doing an excellent job.

None.

Richard adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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NEXT MEETING:

August 13, 2024, at 5:30 pm – Marion County Public Works