



MARION WATER QUALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 18th @ 4:00 pm | Attendance in-person and virtually (via Teams)

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jeff Crowther, Member at Large Jake Hush, Member at Large Brenda Sanchez, Vice-Chair, Member at Large Rick Massey, Land Development Mark Grenz, Home Builders Association Brent Stevenson, Agricultural Industry (via Teams)
STAFF PRESENT:	Stephanie Pulvers, Marion County Public Works Cory Swartwout, Marion County Public Works Roxanne Toepfer, Marion County Public Works Brian May, Marion County Public Works
GUESTS:	Lyle Schellenberg Angela Plowhead (via Teams)
ABSENT:	Mike Erdmann, Home Builders Association Richard Walker, Chair, Member at Large
QUORUM:	Gary White, Member at Large Yes

MEETING OPENED	Brenda called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Attendance was noted, and introductions were made.
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CSRC MANAGEMENT STRATEGY	<p>Construction Site Runoff Control Discussion</p> <p>The meeting focused on finalizing a recommendation for the Construction Site Runoff Control Management Strategy in response to new DEQ requirements regarding mercury TMDL compliance. The committee reviewed three proposed options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Option 1: Countywide expansion of 1200-CN requirements, making Marion County the local program administrator.2. Option 2: Expand Marion County's Erosion Prevention Sediment Control Program Countywide (w/o 1200-CN).3. Option 3: Incorporate Erosion & Sediment Control language into Building and Land Development permits. <p>The committee discussed each option's feasibility and potential impact on the county and builders. Concerns were raised about staffing, administrative burdens, and the clarity of requirements for developers and builders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preferred Option: The committee favored Option 3 due to its manageable approach, limited administrative burden, and emphasis
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on educating developers on erosion control. Members noted that this option aligns well with DEQ requirements while remaining feasible for both staff and applicants.

- **Home Builders Association Input:** Mark Grenz shared insights from the Home Builders Association, emphasizing the importance of clear, accessible information and tools for identifying project areas needing erosion control.
- **Further Development Needs:** Brent Stevenson highlighted the need for a robust GIS tool that accurately identifies conveyance systems, including irrigation canals, to support clear guidance for applicants.

MOTION AND VOTE

Motion: Jeff Crowther moved to present all three options to the Board of Commissioners, with Option 3 as the recommended strategy.

Second: Rick Massey seconded the motion.

Results: Unanimous approval – motion passes.

NEXT STEPS

The committee’s recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for consideration, with the goal of finalizing an approach by the September 2025 implementation deadline. Staff will continue to develop educational materials and self-assessment tools to support Option 3.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Brenda adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

November 12, 2024, at 5:30 pm – Marion County Public Works