

**MOA Ad hoc committee meeting conf. call
July 31, 2019**

Attendees:

Craig Borrenpohl, Alyssa Gersdorf – City of Post Falls
Mike Anderson – City of Coeur d’Alene
Karl Rains – WA Department of Ecology
Mike Zagar – Kootenai Environmental Alliance
Rob Lindsay – Spokane County
Ben and Lara Floyd – White Bluffs Consulting

Ben gave an overview and there were three areas addressed at the last MOA meeting which were adding implementation as part of the TF focus, clarify/verify how Idaho (ID) dischargers and others can sign onto the MOA/join the TF as voting members, and addressing funding. Specific language was discussed also along with codification. For the MOA revisions the comments were captured and Ben made a track changes version for review. The committee went through the version and additional suggestions were made.

Potential MOA Edits review:

- With the first edit about accommodating ID permittees we are really not amending the MOA but the operating guidelines which is to reflect the current activities of the TF. Are we taking out too much here? Update it that permits were issued in 2014 and included a requirement to participate in the TF. Change wording to Permittee membership including both NPDES and IPDES and it will be a global update to the document.
- On page 2 can we change it to include ID permits also? Karl said it is specific to the WA permit holders. Ben suggested repeating the language from earlier and adding it at the end. It makes sense to include what Idaho requires also but have a stand alone sentence about it.
- On page 10 shall we change to those invited to participate in the first paragraph? Karl suggested wording such as any entity can submit a letter of intent to join and then the TF can vote on it. Under additional government agency membership take out ID NPDES wastewater permit holders. Also, it should say Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.
- On page 12 shall we reword the Ecology responsibility of providing and coordinating timely technical review as appropriate? Note that it is specific to the grant agreements for Ecology and not to include as IDEQ responsibility.
- Note that because roles and responsibilities vary, certain entities are still voting members on page 16 regarding entities such as Spokane Regional Health District as they were mischaracterized in the last codification attempt?
- Neither the City of Millwood or Stevens County have MS4 permits so they may be able to be removed from the list of stormwater agencies to include on page 20? It was suggested to leave as is since we do not know the history of why they were all included. Maybe that is something to clarify?
- Do we need to have a row for ID dischargers under roles and responsibilities? It was decided to expand the WA one to WA and ID dischargers.
- Add a facilitator/administrator may be retained by the TF instead of will be retained if ever there are funding issues.
- Change committees to work groups on page 25 since that is what we call them and include some wording about how anyone may participate in the work groups.

Next Steps:

- WBC will create a new track changes version and will send it out for final review to the committee and share it at the August TF meeting.
- WBC will formulate a one-page recommendation summary which will describe the minimal changes. The group agreed that Rob Lindsay will present the information at the TF meeting with help from other committee members.

Codification:

At the last meeting Ben shared examples of groups that had been codified and that WBC would come up with a white paper memo. WBC will get the information together to share at the next TF meeting. Karl thought something about codification should be shared at the next meeting and that discussion was a big part of the TF revisiting the MOA. It needs to be on the radar sooner rather than later so we don't have to make a quick decision later regarding codification. A white paper could be taken back to entities for discussion.

WBC will email the white paper out to the committee for comment by August 21 and bring it to the TF meeting on August 28.