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SEEP Committee Meeting
Panhandle Area Council, 11100 Airport Drive, Hayden
April 15, 2009
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Nelle Coler – Board Member
Tom Freeman- Board Chairman
Denna Grangaard – Committee Member (PLRC&D)
Jack Gunderman – Kootenai County Planning Department
Kenny Hicks – Board Member
Glen Rothrock – Board Member

Items in blue indicate task to be completed.

Call to order – no call to order, no quorum

Adopt Minutes – no minutes adopted

Treasurer's Report –

Old Business

Trailer and Signage –Logo is ready for the City. Trailer can be stored at PAC when needed. Pad lock is needed for the trailer hitch. [Confirm with Greg if storage at his property during off season is still an option.](#)

Construction Field Guide – Revisions needed: “infiltrate” removed, and revise in the Manual page 112!

Joan had a contact in Spokane . Jaime's name was given as a reference. [Jamie to update us if she's received questioning.](#)

PSA - Voice over completed. Two of them made. Trans Canada number on the back needed. Filming in Bonner County needed. Comcast will work with us “in double” since we're a non-profit. [Nelle]

[Kenny will get the contact information for the Silver Valley local access channel.](#)

Center for Watershed Protection (CWA) Grant/Advanced Class :
Under new business.

Web Site Update and Resource Directory – not discussed

Committee reports and assignments

Training Cadre – Under New Business

Marketing Committee – See PSA notes above.

Consideration for Hayden Days Parade: Denna offered if SEEP would be interested. Hayden Days are 24-26 July 2009. Group is interested. Glen would offer to be in the parade for SEEP. Group offered a “Protect Hayden Lake” message:

- Promote PAC in the SEEP float.
- Promote BMPs for Hayden Lake protection.
- Promoting BMPs for Hayden Lake Water Quality. Hayden Homeowners Associations: involved WS district, Lake Home Association, City Council, Lakes Highway District (319-Joe Wiest). Have their logo, handout flyers, stickers...

Find someone to pull the Trailer

Dover Home and Garden Show: Kate and Jamie might be attending. Confirm.

“Talk Dirt to Me” at Dover Bay, June 6, 2009 11am to 5pm

Dover Bay Waterfront Resort

Advanced Class – See notes under New Business.

Regulatory Update – Tom went through notes and plans of the NPDES Multi Sector General Permit (MSGP) held the day previous.

Overview:

Reporting: Quarterly. Water sampling. 29 categories. Cover other industries other than construction: continuous discharge to waters of the us (mills, quarries, pulp plants). Not same as an MS4: discharge to a municipal treatment system. MSGP in the teaching phase now. Required to have coverage by late May 09.

Copy of EPA education slideshow “Industrial Stormwater” given, authored by Julie Congdon and Michael L. CGP Contact for us is Dick Heatherton.

ESC Technology – no action.

Presentations/Outreach

No new updates.

Report of Fines

No report of fines at this time.

New Business

Committee Membership – Carrie Holtan, CDA Tribe resigned from the Tribe. Carrie sent a letter of resignation from SEEP. [Board will review the letter and respond to the open SEEP position.](#) Rebecca Stevens verbalized to Tom that a new person is planned to be hired, and that person will be considered for SEEP involvement.

Basic Course, Trainers and Cadre – Shoshone Update: 12 signed up for Bonners Ferry, in Shoshone 7, 7 Kootenai) We are three participants shy of the Shoshone class. Glen will secure the field site. Silt fence plow demonstration for Shoshone needed. Kenny can get a second source for this plow other than Cat.

Benewah Class: Class size was perfect at 7 participants. Presenters were non-paid people and we needed a presence in Benewah. Field day went smoothly. Plow did not show up for the second time that it's been scheduled.

Class Evaluations: The evaluation showed that participants didn't know that SEEP is voluntary, they thought it should be mandatory. Expedited plans review is the BEST incentive not just unlikely fines.

The reverse-side of some class evaluations were not filled out. Field Evaluation comments included: a tour of the site to identify problems and solutions before instruction. Go to a real site with BMPs installed.

Norm gave an excellent critique of the class and field day. He strongly supports the value of this training.

Trainer Rebecca Stevens noted that the Site Assessment portion of the class is repetitive to the previous sections. [SECTION NEEDS WORK.](#)

SEEP Certification - Tom clarified that SEEP does not certify individuals to perform inspections. SEEP certification is not a nationally recognized certification. NSEC, IECA, SEEPISC does certify inspectors. SEEP is a knowledge and application of erosion and sediment control principles. SEEP functions to serve homeowners and contractors, currently. Kenny requested that SEEP make this clear for participants. Participants need to know that they are not being certified to contract permit applications and perform inspections. Terms like: *voluntary, mandatory, and certified* need to be better outlined and understood.

[Consider a slide at the end on National inspection cert's \(how offers it, what it does for you\), and how that is different that SEEP certification. Address this idea this fall.](#)

County/SEEP relationship – County Moderate Risk|SEEP certifications = consider future offer. Tom suggests that SEEP take class evaluation comments to Kootenai county and ask them to consider offering permit expedition, incentives, and allowances for SEEP certified individuals.

Jack G. Kootenai Co.: Planners are not able to schedule enough time to make site visits for permit applications, specifically Moderate and High Risk Sites (HRS). Inspections are needed, however. Homeowners become responsible to self check and check contractor and any changes to the plan since the plan was County approved. Design Professional (DP) may have an involved plan that has a checklist which speeds review of application.

Tom: SEEP has a code of ethics, and good training to be recognized. Tom requested SEEP and Kootenai County to consider SEEP certified individuals to review Moderate Risk Sites [like building additions near open water] under the direction of the DP. SEEP also trains individuals to update and review plans: to keep them a truly living document. SEEP certified individuals could also draw the plans to be certified by a DP.

Training Dates and location confirmation: Advanced Class - Jamie and Misha coordinated together. Misha reviewed the powerpoint intro, commented, and revised notes. Misha is satisfied with it in general.

Joan Meitl SBDC Small Business Development Center, said she thought state of Idaho did away with low erosivity waiver. Tom was not able to confirm that statement by reading through the CGP.

CWP added three slides to an FTP but it's not downloadable. [Tom will connect with Jamie to resolve it.](#) Tom emailed the notes to CWP on the advanced class.

Joan Meitl, offered classes for permitting aspects.

Tom is hopeful for a fall class presentation of the Advanced Class.

Other Business

Because the Shoshone Class is on May 20 the next meeting will be Wednesday, **May 27th, 10am to 12 pm**, at Panhandle Area Council to approve February and March minutes, review Shoshone Class, discuss Panhandle Class, discuss advanced class.

Group adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.