

MINNEHAHA CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
JOINT MEETING OF THE RULEMAKING TASK FORCE
AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Summary of April 23, 2009 Meeting

Task Force Members Present: Jim Johnston, Steve Mohn, Ethel Smith, Tony Goldenstein, Ginny Black, Tom Aasen, Bill Bushnell, Duncan Steinman.

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present: Jesse Struve, Cara Geheren, James Landini.

Others Present: Carole Toohey, Tom Cesare.

MCWD Managers Present: Jim Calkins, Jeff Casale.

MCWD Staff Present: James Wisker, Steve Christopher, Louis Smith.

Review of Stormwater Subcommittee Meetings & Progress

Mr. Wisker provided a summary of activities to develop the Stormwater Rule amendments. Work is continuing on estimating the cost of compliance with the proposed standards, and in defining “feasible abstraction” in different development scenarios. A TAC subcommittee has been meeting to discuss application of the District’s stormwater management standards to single family subdivisions, redevelopment, linear projects, and regional solutions. Task Force and TAC members discussed clarifying questions. Mr. Wisker compared the current Stormwater Rule N with proposed policy directions, and explained that larger development sites are more conducive to installing treatment facilities to address nondegradation of water quality and volume control standards. At the same time, redevelopment of more than 50% of a medium sized site presents a significant opportunity to reduce phosphorus loading.

Rule G Revisions

Mr. Wisker reviewed additional proposed changes to Rule G concerning wildlife crossings, and addressing the protection of first order streams. Task Force and TAC members asked clarifying questions. TAC members expressed concern with the cost of sizing culverts for large wildlife; Mr. Wisker offered to work with TAC members to identify likely new crossing projects and explore how the proposed rule amendments would apply, and to explore the merits of a 100 foot setback for horizontal drilling.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.