



Standards Oversight Council (SOC)

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DRAFT COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

Wednesday, February 26, 2013 || 9:00 am – 12:00pm || DATCP, Room CR 211

Conference Call Number: (877) 826-6967 & Conference ID: 1458130 (dial this number when prompted)

Attendees: Pat, Mary Anne, Bruce, Richard, Perry, Gini, Jim.

Updates

- All November meeting action items were resolved unless otherwise noted here.
 - Gini will continue to work on developing a SOC webinar or interactive presentation for the website. She will also look into the possibility of allowing participant CEUs for webinar attendance.
 - NRCS is evaluating training needs this spring and will see if some small logistical support would be helpful from SOC Coordinator.
 - It was decided that DNR Runoff mgmt meetings are not the best venue for Gini to attend for increasing understanding of DNR programs. It may be better for her to attend training for new DNR staff instead or meet with the stormwater liason group.
 - All agency Council members are still encouraged to add language to their PD regarding participation on the Council.
- Reviewed Staff Report
 - Next projects for Gini – Continue working with 590 team; Announce publication of PPvmt standard, Conduct PPvmt team evaluation and work on training/webinars; Work with NRCS on revising 393 standard through EZ Process; Assist WLWCA staff with Conference and website development; Work on revising Handbook with updated PD, TSA, and SOC process steps
- Reviewed 2013 final P & L and 2014 Budget. Gini will post to the website.
- The revived Inter-agency Training Committee is continuing to meet and make progress. We heard an update from how everything was going. NRCS may have new staff for training purposes. The national NRCS has directed the states to also issue non-engineering job approval soon. It is important for all agencies to remain financially and programmatically committed to this effort for a thorough training program to thrive.

Team Updates

- Nutrient Management – recent/upcoming meetings: Jan 21, Feb 13, Mar 25, Apr 10, May 14
 - The team is working in small groups to advance the thinking on specific topics and provide recommendations to the full team. The small groups consist of N management, Winter Spreading, Karst, and Tile Drainage.
 - We've discussed various ways to get initial feedback on these technical topics.
 - The 590 team changed its next meeting location to the WI Dells to help several team members also attend the UW Discovery Farm Steering Committee meeting held the same day, March 25th.
 - Gini met with Duck Creek Watershed Advisory Group in Adams County to discuss process for 590 standard revision and the technical topics the team will be reviewing. Very positive comments came back to SOC members from Advisory Group members.

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- Permeable Pavement
 - Broad review complete with comments and responses posted to SOC and DNR website.
 - Final draft standard and Tech Note sent and approved by WDNR.
 - The team plans to meet annually (probably in spring starting in 2015) to review new research and field experience, and discuss potential updates.
 - Gini will be sending out an online team evaluation as soon as standard and tech note are posted to the website.

- Other EZ Process standards
 - NRCS Standard 393, Filter Strip – Terry Kelly, standard revision lead, is drafting revisions of the standard with input from the WLWCA Technical Committee. We are coordinating a meeting with the people invited below in late March or early April to discuss the revisions and give Terry further direction on what is needed to complete this standard revision. After the meeting the group will decide if more work or even a Full Team process is needed.
 - Current invitees include:
 - Terry Kelly, NRCS
 - Bernie Michaud, DNR Water Resources Engineer
 - Paul Sebo, Washington County
 - Drew Zelle, DATCP Ag Engineering Specialist
 - Andy Holsback, Ozaukee County
 - Perry Lindquist, Waukesha County
 - Tom Slawski, SEWRPC
 - Greg Olson, Sand County Foundation, Fond Du Lac County

Chris Clayton, River Alliance, Jim Jolly, Brown County, Peter Wurzer, DATCP giving feedback on draft.

Gini will reach out to Tom about most recent review of research. Gini and Pat will also check on available research and review 2005 Buffer Initiative to see if data is available.

- WDNR Standard 1062, Storm Drain Inlet Protection for Construction Sites –Storm Water Engineer, Ryan Lentz, has revised the standard with input from the past team. The revised standard mainly includes additional inlet types and updates to the figures. The revised standard and mark-up version with an explanation of the changes will be going out for broad review within the next few weeks.
- WDNR Standard 1002, Site Evaluation for Stormwater Infiltration, is being revised and announced through the minor process. The revised standard includes ‘permeable pavement systems’ in Table 1.
- 634A Shoreland Habitat – This was an interim NRCS standard, that did not have a national standard. This standard was deleted from the NRCS directory. DATCP and DNR are looking to see if they reference this standard in their rule and how often it is used. If so, then the standard will need a ‘place’ to be housed, so that DNR and DATCP can point people to the standard. DNR is considering being a formal Custodian of the standard. In the time being, NRCS could keep the interim version on their website.

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- o 632 Waste Separation Facility will be revised this year to reflect updates from the national standard. Originally this standard was planned to be revised through the minor process. It is used often and was a top standard that needed to be revised according to the 2013 Tech Needs survey results. Based on these considerations, the revised standard will go through the EZ process and be open for public comment for three weeks.

Private Sector Participation in SOC Process

The Council discussed the status of private sector engagement in technical standards development, which has been very good. The Council revisited its role to provide oversight to the process for developing technical standards and the delivery of conservation programs. The Council agreed that private sector input in the technical standards development process through the SOC technical teams, and the open public review process is very important and should be strongly encouraged. The Council also agreed on the importance of continuing current policy for publicly posting all SOC related meeting notices and minutes on the WLWCA web site in a timely manner to maximize the transparency of the entire SOC process.

Outreach Strategies, i.e. Annual Report

Overview of recent outreach opportunities (mainly to stormwater community)

- February 2014 NASECA presentation about SOC process and upcoming Work Plan; received input on standards coming up for revision; 200+ attendees.
- March 2014 Fox Wolf Watershed Conference; SOC overview in conjunction with permeable pavement standard release.
- DNR Water Star webinar series - April webinar for municipality audience; followed by more detailed and technical webinars regarding permeable pavement for July.
- Annual report was reviewed. 400 copies will be printed.

Next Meeting – May 21 at DATCP, Fish Bowl room

We'll check in a month for the date to confirm the need for a meeting and potential agenda items.

Action Items

- Gini should check in with Pat and JR to see if minor logistical support would be helpful in regards to training implementation.
- Gini will continue to work on developing a SOC webinar or interactive presentation for the website. She will also look into the possibility of allowing participant CEUs for attendance to webinar.
- All agency Council members are encouraged to add language to their PD regarding participation on the Council to ensure continuity of SOC leadership.
- Gini should post 2014 budget to the website.
- Pat will check on keeping the 634A Shoreland Habitat standard on the website so that it is somewhere for people to reference.
- Revise and print 2013 Annual Report; post to website
- Send individual thank you to counties that contributed to SOC with report and brochure.
- Gini will send an email out to LCCs and LCDs, maybe just Thursday Note list to announce 2013 Annual Report and thank counties that contributed to SOC in 2013.
- Gini will reach out to Tom Slawski to see if he has a current review of the recent research. Pat and Gini will also look into additional research.

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