

Wet Weather Team Project Overview

Wet Weather Team
Informational Meeting, June 6, 2006
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Wet Weather Team Charge

- The Consent Decree requires stakeholder engagement on two items:
 - Funding plan for the Wet Weather Program
 - Public information, education, and involvement plan
- In addition, MSD seeks guidance on its investment choices in the overall design and implementation of the Wet Weather Program

Examples of MSD's Investment Choices

- Infrastructure investments to increase storage and/or treatment capacity for the sanitary and combined sewer systems
- Investment in back-up power sources
- Frequency of cleaning, maintenance, and equipment repair/replacement
- Intensity of compliance inspection and enforcement activities
- Educational programs to prevent pollution
- Nonpoint source controls to limit water pollution

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Why Stakeholder Involvement is Important to the Wet Weather Program

- MSD's investment choices in the design of the Wet Weather Program will affect:
 - Water quality
 - Public health
 - Affordability of rates
 - Cost of development
 - Level of service provided to customers
- Stakeholders will help ensure that resources are used wisely to meet compliance obligations and address community needs

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Proposed Wet Weather Team Composition

- MSD personnel
- Stakeholders representing the following interests:
 - Business and industry
 - Community neighborhoods
 - Environmental advocacy
 - Environmental justice
 - Government
 - Organized labor
 - Public health
 - Recreation
- ~20-25 stakeholder participants

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WWT Process Overview

- Structured, systematic process that occurs over two years (June '06 – May '08)
- Supported by a neutral, third-party facilitation team, with technical support
- Goal is to provide meaningful stakeholder input into MSD's Wet Weather Plan
- Process will be "consensus seeking"
- Result will be a better outcome for MSD and the community

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Wet Weather Team Proposed Meeting Rhythm

- Shorter (2-Hour) Meetings to Convene the Wet Weather Team and Share Information
 - June 6, 2006
 - July 20, 2006
 - August 15, 2006
- Longer (4-5 Hour) Meetings for the Values-Based Risk Management Planning Process
 - Every 4-6 weeks from Sept. 12, '06 through May 2008
 - From 4:00 PM to 8:00 or 9 PM with dinner provided
- Meetings held at different locations (for hands-on MSD system experience)

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What Are the Steps in the Process?

- **Step 1:** Define Values (3 short & 2 full meetings)
 - **Step 2:** Identify Risks (2 meetings)
 - **Step 3:** Evaluate Risks (2-3 meetings)
 - **Step 4:** Develop Risk Reduction Strategies (3-4 meetings)
 - **Step 5:** Prioritize Risk Reduction Approaches (4-5 meetings)
 - **Step 6:** Develop Risk Management Plan (2-3 meetings)
- Understand the Problem and Set the Vision**
- Identify, Analyze, and Select Alternatives**

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What Will Result from the Process?

- At the end of the WWT process:
 - MSD will have a prioritized list of investment choices
 - Those choices will be the framework for MSD's Draft Wet Weather Plan
 - The Draft Plan will be sent to MSD's Board, and then will be finalized after a public review period
 - Final Plan will be sent to EPA by December 31, 2008
- The Final Wet Weather Plan will:
 - Meet all compliance requirements
 - Attain the community's desired service levels

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Discussion Items

- Wet Weather Team Charge
- Wet Weather Team Composition
- Meeting Approach and Rhythm

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