

CITY OF ELKO
4th QUARTER MEETING - STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)
MINUTES

3:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Elko City Hall, Council Chambers
1751 College Avenue, Elko, Nevada
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CALL TO ORDER

Dennis Strickland called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Dennis Strickland, City of Elko, Public Works Director, Chairman
Bob Thibault, City of Elko Engineer
Adeline Thibault, City of Elko, Environmental Coordinator
Michele Rambo, City of Elko, Community Development Manager
Amanda Quintero, Minutes Clerk
Jason Demaline, NDOT
Michelle Grover, NDEP

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The August 17, 2021 minutes were approved by general consent.

I. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review, consideration and discuss ongoing interfacing items with the Nevada Department of Transportation, and matters related thereto. **DISCUSSION ITEM**

Jason Demaline, NDOT, stated he was aware of Ruby View having an illicit discharge in the area and it ended not being illicit of discharge after all.

No further comments were made.

- B. Review City of Elko Stormwater Permit – A review of ongoing enforcement of the City of Elko’s MS4 Permit, and projects associated with the MS4 Permit, and matters related thereto.
DISCUSSION ITEM

Addie Thibault, Environmental Coordinator, said she finished the annual report and it is available to view. It is similar to the years past with some exceptions to public outreach, due to COVID-19. She advised the board to reach out to her for questions or additional information. The second part was to address storm drain inlets and Best Management Practices (BMP’s) around the inlets. In a major storm event, covers around the Drop Inlet (DI), needs to be pulled, especially for the public safety. Going forward they will need to look at where they are placed and correspond with construction companies in the area to be removed. In the Elko construction manual they tell the construction companies to engineer the BMP’s to a 2 year 24 hour storm event within 24 hours after the storm and there is an inspection. In October, there was a storm that had exceeded the 1.16 inches of rain. In this instance, we don’t expect the BMP’s to hold, this is the reason they will need to be checked and engineered for a 2 year, 24 hour storm event. According to the MS4 permit, we are at the maximum extent practicable of eliminating sediment. We can’t engineer BMP for the rare storm events.

They have also been working with the audit and the Enforcement Program. The code has been changed and an enforcement plan has been developed.

Michelle Rambo, Community Development Manager, reviewed the processes of enforcement (Exhibit 1). There is also an appeals process in place because the process prior resulted in being a criminal offense directly.

Ms. Thibault does not foresee using it often but will use it when there is a violation. She will include this process in the construction manual.

II. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be scheduled for February 15, 2022.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Dennis Strickland adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Strickland

Chairperson, Stormwater Advisory Committee

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