



**CONSTRUCTION SITE STORMWATER INSPECTOR  
WORKSHOP**

San Mateo, CA

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

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**MORNING SESSION**

**1. Water Board Perspective** – Given by Devender Narala, Regional Water Board Staff

**Very Useful: 21      Somewhat Useful: 17      Not useful: 0**

**Comments:**

- Power Point visuals needed
- Should hand out cards/contact info.
- Need videos & photos at situations
- Better with some presentation slides
- Good to know that they are willing to be there for us
- Helps humanize team
- Good to show Water Board as resource
- I am a new inspector and this information was very helpful
- Good to have a contact from the county
- Power point presentation would provide better information we can read
- Great to get direct line contact for San Mateo County representative of RWB

**2. Reissued MRP** – Given by Kristin Kerr, SMCWPPP Program Staff

**Very Useful: 28      Somewhat Useful: 11      Not useful: 0**

**Comments:**

- Very last explanation w/too much to cover. Difficult for young new Engineers/Inspectors to follow
- Good update of the C.6 changes
- Seemed rushed. As a new engineer would be great to discuss these practices.
- Good information about new changes
- Good quick overview
- Good to get a quick overview of what's new in the MRP.
- Highlights of MRP 2.0 were great with limited redundant info
- Statement about dewatering and uncontaminated groundwater are not clear and

contradictory

3. **Vendor Presentation** – Given by David Franklin, Filtrexx Sustainable Technologies

**Very Useful: 19**

**Somewhat Useful: 17**

**Not useful: 2**

**Comments:**

- Comprehensive & useful
- Most of the slides provided duplicate information with a different picture. Had to take notes on most of presentations because it was not included on slide.
- Sales pitch
- Showing points of failure of BMPS and how to look for good/bad bmps.
- Photos could be clearer explaining good layout vs. bad layout
- Make sure to clearly point out the point of each photo
- I thought the content was good and interesting but the Power Point Presentation was terrible.
- Should be for designer and contractors “A lecture for them!”
- A little more explanation on slide with relevant text
- Very difficult to follow presenter
- A lot of the material went over our heads
- Keep this presenter excellent insight/info great
- Slides can't be used for further review - useless. Very unclear. Slides all have same bullets to left with no indication of relevance or relation to slide. Moved way too fast for non-experts. Sales pitchy as well - not enough basic knowledge.

4. **Caltrans Experience** – Given by Peter Schultze-Allen, SMCWPPP Program Staff

**Very Useful: 31**

**Somewhat Useful: 8**

**Not useful: 0**

**Comments:**

- Good examples of BMP's & pros & cons of each.
- Good information on what work and does not, great images with side by side comparisons
- 2<sup>nd</sup> half more for designers
- Would have been good to have more details from presenter
- Good example of new BMPS
- Good examples of good and bad and effective implementation
- Much much better and suited to audience
- Slides have more info. Useful

5. **Group Exercise** – SMCWPPP Program Staff

**Very Useful: 22**

**Somewhat Useful: 13**

**Not useful: 1**

**Comments:**

- Some of the best parts of the program
- Too many references to go online/go to the website, wanted to leave with answer for each group exercise, not have to find it on the website at some time in the future
- Interesting to hear how others would handle each situation; would have been better if the inspector from the site gave the presentation; better explanation of the site and why things were done the way they were.

- Too large of groups.
- Group setting not that effective; better to lead discussion
- Examples were not that great
- Helpful for practical woes
- Get more exposure
- Very helpful to see and critique BMPS
- A good chance to share info & site experiences with other agencies
- The ending breakdowns caused confusion between presenters and the audience
- Somewhat limited a CAD type layout would serve better in my opinion
- Always good to see examples. More time for this and formalize

**6. Did this training meet your expectations?    Yes: 33        No: 3**

- I expected Caltrans to present as that was implied. I did not expect sales pitch.
- Much improved from previous years
- Why did you cut training time?

**7. What parts of the training were most useful to you?**

- Actual problems and solutions. Group exercise.
- Erosion control/Sediment control contractor discussion and examples
- Showing the updated requirement and exercises to show the thought processes of other industry professional's relation the BMP's
- BMP examples
- All was pretty useful, vendor least
- Updates and group
- Group exercise
- All
- Updates
- Compost overview
- #3 & #4
- Group exercise
- Case studies
- Where the commenters explained the negative effects
- The real life examples
- Pictures and firsthand experience
- Group exercise
- Learn more about compost
- Having Water Board present
- Group discussion
- Item #4 Caltrans
- Reissued MRP presentation and BMP measures
- Group Exercise were very helpful in illustration real life situations
- Contact information
- Group discussion
- Slide show and group exercise
- MRP Update
- New MRP changes

- Discussions about BMPs (group exercise) to identify what is correct practice.
- Talk about changes to new Permit
- MRP Presentation and the Caltrans Presentations
- Example photos, the increased use and success of compost as erosion control

#### **8. What would have made this training more useful?**

- BMP presentation by QSP or QSD not vendor. BMP presentation appropriate for audience not experts. Better description on each slide.
- If using sites as group exercise, get sites with better images that show “totality of site” too difficult at times with pics that don’t show the whole picture i.e. Top, site size etc.
- More presentable information from water board to understand the logic and ways to enforce regulations. SMARTS overview.
- Color printouts for group exercise
- Coffee after lunch
- More discussion/open dialogue between municipalities on what constitutes violation/enforcement/inspection
- Better/more clear pictures
- More info on copper and zinc aspect
- More case studies
- Go over more BMP categories
- Pictures in group exercise needed more background
- More of a detail class
- Too short
- Nothing very informative
- More time to adequately cover the programs - too much material
- Use street resurfacing projects
- Add 10 min. breaks once an hour

#### **9. What topics would you recommend for a future training?**

- More info to create consistency with types of enforcement
- Groundwater/dewatering how to handle
- Please go back to the 9 am – 3 pm workshop with a bit slower presentations
- Actual enforcement steps beginning with verbal all the way up to actual violation report
- Details from cities about their specific inspection/compliance program
- Add construction adjacent to waterways as group exercise
- Updated info, etc....
- Longer allocation of time for the group exercise
- Good as is
- Plan reviews
- Providing a lot of failures and their reason
- More BMPs
- Inspection techniques, reporting, documentation, etc.

## 10. General Comments?

- Lunch was good.
- Alternate numbering of people to make more diverse teams
- Please offer some healthy alternatives to white bread sandwiches. Whole grain, salads, even V-8. My special dietary request was not fulfilled.
- Thank you
- This course is evolving and improving each time I attend. Good, thanks
- Thank you very good info. See you again thanks
- Very good
- Good lunch
- Good info
- Good training
- Great workshop overall
- It was a good workshop
- Thank you
- Engineers and contractors should be required to attend these types of trainings. I think there is a lot of useful BMP practices that would be beneficial to those who actually install them.