

Clean Water Services
Development Liaison Committee
 September 11, 2008 Meeting Notes

In Attendance

Developers/Consultants: Ernie Platt, Mike Peebles, Tony Weller, Bill McMonagle, Cedomir Jesic, Wendy Hemmen, Steve Roper
 District Staff: Nora Curtis, Carrie Pak, Mike McGough, Damon Riesche, Marvin Spiering, Bridget Yelton, Dale Bertelson, Sheri Wantland

Introduction and Announcements

Carrie Pak welcomed the attendees back after the summer break. She announced that DEQ has increased 1200 C fees and now has more field staff to inspect projects prior to termination of permit so there might be changes in how the permits are administered. The District has no role in terminating permits, but is renegotiating the Memorandum of Agreement with DEQ as the permit agent.

Plan Review Status

Damon Riesche reviewed the current plan review queue, and specified that the 20 Environmental Reviews in process represent 10 pre-site assessments, 2 site certifications, 7 site assessments and one amendment. The vast majority of environmental reviews are pre-screens, and the type of submittals has shifted to be largely commercial or public projects and partitions. The District continues to hold a large number of approved plans that the applicants have not returned for permit issuance. Plan approvals are good for two years.

Total in Queue	
Engineering Plan Review Queue	7
City Plan Review	5
Environmental Review Queue	10/2/7/1
Plat Review Queue	12

Engineering Plan Review Initial Submittals

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
January	4	11	7	3	4
February	5	4	9	12	9
March	17	11	14	11	9
April	7	5	9	12	10
May	7	9	9	12	8
June	15	9	11	12	3
July	9	10	15	14	11
August	17	13	15	5	3
September	11	12	12	20	
October	12	10	15	14	
November	10	18	19	11	
December	4	5	8	8	

Total	118	117	143	134	57
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Environmental Review Submittals

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
January	56	103	132	137	108
February	70	104	188	136	116
March	88	142	146	161	100
April	120	164	125	168	149
May	120	171	146	209	111
June	106	147	181	203	137
July	96	150	98	146	117
August	106	183	198	194	124
September	112	153	140	144	
October	122	163	125	139	
November	95	104	148	98	
December	73	68	114	82	
Total	1164	1652	1741	1817	962

Downstream Analysis, #16 on Issues List

Marvin Spiering passed out a copy of the section of the Design and Construction Standards (2.04.2.m.3) that describes downstream analysis, with the following area highlighted for discussion and clarification:

B) The analysis shall extend downstream to a point in the drainage system where the additional flow from the proposed development site constitutes 10 percent or less of the total tributary drainage flow.

C) Where the additional flow from the proposed development drops to less than 10 percent of the total tributary drainage flow, then the analysis will continue for the lesser of:

i. One-quarter (1/4) of a mile; or

ii. Until the additional flow constitutes less than 5 percent of the total tributary drainage flow.

D) When the downstream analysis does not continue for at least one-quarter (1/4) mile, the design engineer shall provide a stamped Certification of Investigation that states the design Engineer has visually investigated the downstream system for at least one-quarter (1/4) mile downstream and is aware of no observable downstream impacts to structures.

Marvin projected examples of fictional scenarios and explained how the standards apply in each typical development. Discussion of how the standards are applied to real projects and examples offered by the attendees helped to clarify, and it was emphasized that the analysis continues for one-quarter of a mile OR less than 5 percent. Asked how developers should deal with existing system deficiencies, staff invited them to discuss options for partnering with the District. Carrie cautioned that the District lacks funds to address all system deficiencies.

Discussion of modeling data prompted Carrie to note that as the District completes subbasin Master Plans there will be more and better data for the District and developers to share. For now, designers should assume that data in the past 10 years is accurate while older data needs further scrutiny.

Design and Construction Standards Update—Vegetated Corridors

Damon reported that due to changes in DSL and COE wetland delineation regulations, the District updated three items in Chapter 3 of the D & C Standards. Effective August 5, 2008, there are slight changes in the wetland fill, submittal requirements for wetland delineations, and buffer adjustments for trapezoidal stream channels. Asked about flexibility for urban streams, Damon said the redevelopment section of the Standards allows the desired flexibility. And, staff will consider modification of planting standards for steep slopes if there is justification.

Website Update

The Development Services pages on the District website are being updated and the new, improved version will be available by the end of the week.

Next Meeting Agenda

The proposed agenda for the next meeting will include Low Impact Development Approaches and PUEs.

Action Item

1. Ernie and Carrie will develop the next agenda to be distributed by September 29.

Next Meeting: Thursday, Oct. 2, 2008, 7:30 a.m. Chinook Room, 2550 SW Hillsboro Hwy (Staff will escort visitors to the meeting room.)