



Chicago Area Waterways CHLORIDE WORKGROUP

Microsoft Teams Meeting March 16, 2022, 1:00PM Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened by John Schaefer, President of CAWCW, at 1:01pm

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Reminder to submit Membership Forms if your organization hasn't already. List of organizations that haven't submitted a membership form yet is in the slides.

- CAWCW Website
 - www.cawswatershed.org
 - Features/News section in progress
 - Will update member resources section with templates and education/outreach materials as they become available
 - Request for pictures from members for the website. Please share any pictures with Hanna.

- Chloride TLWQS Update
 - Draft Permit and Comments Discussion
 - Shared update with workgroup on Chloride TLWQS. Chloride TLWQS order has been submitted to USEPA for approval on February 9th, they have 60 days to approve, 90 days to disapprove. We anticipate USEPA's approval and IEPA plans to have the permit ready to come out in a similar time frame as the USEPA approval.
 - Workgroup staff met with IEPA staff about the Chloride TLWQS in mid-February. There was a good discussion about several BMPs and the 12-month implementation milestone. From the conversation, as long as your organization outlines the plan for timing and implementation in your PMP and provides updates in the annual report to the progress, they won't have issue with the timing. An email was sent out to the workgroup with the update following the meeting with IEPA staff.
 - Shared the PMP template with IEPA staff for their feedback and comments. They had no comments on it, so we will be moving forward with finalizing the PMP template for member use to complete their PMPs.
 - The draft permit was released for out for comments. Hanna heard from two members that they will be submitting their own comments. The workgroup is



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preparing comments for the draft permit and the comments will be board reviewed and approved.

- New membership category
 - Will be creating a new membership category to include organizations within the watershed that have NPDES permits but are not TLWQS Permittees/Petitioners. This is to help get their participation in the workgroup and support the work that is being done to reduce chlorides. There is the possibility of expanding the watershed area for this membership category to the entire CAWS watershed including the North Branch of the Chicago River beyond the North Shore Channel.
 - We would figure out how to best include the three petitioners who are outside the watershed if they choose to stay in the TLWQS and would need to join the workgroup.
 - Bylaws Update – This would need an update to the bylaws and workgroup staff will prepare the bylaws update and send it out with the annual meeting packet information so that members can review it ahead of voting at the annual membership meeting.

- Mentoring Sessions
 - The workgroup will be hosting mentoring sessions to support workgroup members as they begin planning and implementing the Chloride TLWQS BMPs. The goal of these sessions is to have organizations who are having success with the BMPs provide guidance and share knowledge. It was brought up at the meeting that these should be open to various levels of organization staff based on the topic and who the information is best suited for. The plan is to spread them out across the year and spread out the hosting locations across the watershed area. We would also include potential tours of public works facilities as to help give ideas as to how the BMPs are implemented across different organizations (tours would depend on the topics).
 - Suggestion to bring vendors in for calibration to help provide guidance on calibration
 - The topics will be relevant to the Chloride TLWQS requirements. Suggested topics by workgroup members included:
 - Basics of TLWQS Requirements – What is required of your organization?
 - Suggestion to host this session twice at two different locations



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- Planning for this session to be end of April/Early May to time with approval of TLWQS
- In-person “how to” calibration workshops
 - Early Fall, find different types of equipment to demonstrate with so that most types of equipment are covered – both new and old equipment. Likely would need multiple sessions to allow for small groups to be able learn and ask questions. Best for staff who do the calibration of your equipment.
- PMP working session
 - Late Spring, Early Summer. Would provide for time to get all PMP questions answered and get guidance on preparing the PMP.
- Weather, Pavement Temperature, and Application Rates
 - Possible late summer workshop?
- How to make brine
 - Fall, early winter – when brine production is happening
- How to use liquids – potential to break this topic up by basics, liquid only routes, anti-icing, prewetting/pretreatment, etc
- Locations, Dates
 - Orland Park volunteered to host first session. Homewood also volunteered to host a mentoring session in the future.
 - Will need other hosts for the mentoring sessions.
- Hanna shared save the date for Virtual Deicing Workshops. This training will meet requirement of annual training for Chloride TLWQS. The training will be done same as last year, pay once per workshop and share the link among staff in your organization. Costs will be shared closer to the workshop registration time frame.
- Update on Salt Smart Parking Lots and Sidewalks Training and Certification Program
 - Steering Committee sharing great feedback and meetings going really well. Steering committee includes private contractors, vendors, government agencies, watershed workgroups, and others.
 - Looking for more participation in Steering Committee for Application Rate and Training Program discussions. If any CAWCW members want to participate, they are welcome to! Please email Hanna to participate. Someone from your staff familiar with Sidewalk or Parking Lot maintenance would be ideal.



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- Nearing completion of the final draft of the manual. Narrowed the target audience of the manual and is targeted towards the supervisors and management level staff.
- Focusing training more broadly to include the management level staff but also the operator level staff. Planning for different trainings: Private Contractor specific training and broad training for other target audiences.

- Annual Meeting Reminder: June 15 at 1pm on Microsoft Teams
 - Hanna shared what kind of information will be discussed and voted on at the Annual Meeting in June.

- Opened meeting for discussion and questions.

Meeting ended at 1:35pm.