

Committee Request for Board Action: None

31 attendees, representing 17 member agencies.

SSS WDR Reissuance

There was a discussion about what makes a “good” collection system, since these may have a special designation under the new SSS WDR, where they are eligible for decreased reporting requirements. The obvious metrics, such as volumetric and numeric spill rates, and peaking factors, all have problems since it is hard to do an apple-to-apples comparison. They may also unfairly penalize older collection systems compared to new ones. A performance-based metric may be more appropriate.

CASA met with State Water board staff the afternoon of 11/29 to continue to clarify the issues of concern and to discuss the MRP. The first draft of the revised SSS WDR is expected in February/March 2019.

Regional Water Board FY19 Priorities

Regional Water board staff attended the meeting and described their priorities for this fiscal year. In the past year, they did 13 inspections. The Administrative Enforcement Office decides which agencies get penalties. In general, violations have been issued for non-compliant reporting where the report is missing, rather than just late. The outline for their prioritization scoring is:

Spill Ranking

- SSO rate and Volume
- Category 1 SSOs
- SSOs that exceed 50,000 gallons
- Percentage of SSO spilled that reached surface water

Compliance Rankings

- Missing “No Spill” certifications
- CIWQS Questionnaire completed on time.
- All SSMP elements are complete
- Pipe Age

Other Rankings

- Most recent inspection
- Formal enforcement actions (ACLOs, CDOs, NOVs)
- Failure to report required items into CIWQS
- Third party actions (e.g., EPA, Baykeeper, or ERF consent decrees)

Degreasers and Root Foaming Agents

There was a discussion about chemicals applied for sewer maintenance. One member reported that their agencies does root cutting and removal prior to treating with Vaporoot. One issue to keep in mind is that the homeowner cannot use their lateral for a few hours the day the root chemical is applies. No one at the meeting reported using degreasing chemicals in restaurant laterals.

Next Collection System Committee Meeting

Our next committee meeting will be held on January 24, 2019.