

Hinkson Creek
Collaborative Adaptive Management
Stakeholder Committee
May 24, 2017

Attending: EPA Facilitator Shawn Grindstaff, Commissioner Fred Parry, Paul Mehrle, Ben Londeree, Todd Houts, Jeanine Pagan, Jennifer Hoggatt, Councilman Karl Skala, Mark Farnan, Jay Turner, Frank Gordon, Tom Trabue

Absent: Jonathan Sessions, Nathan Odle, Diane Oerly, Hank Ottinger

Guests: Erin Keys, Lynne Hooper, Nicki Fuemmeler, Theresa Thomas, Bill Florea, David Carani, Cody Luebbering, Jennifer Sullivan, Brittany Ruse – Columbia Tribune

1. Welcome to Process participants and Introductions

Introduction of Stakeholders and guests

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Nicki Fuemmeler to check on minutes from the February 9, 2017 meeting. Ben Londeree will take Hank's place reviewing the minutes.

3. April CAM Follow-up

Open discussion of themes and observations taken from Summit:

- A discussion of the sampling requirements and how to continue after the fall sampling was held. Stakeholders will discuss further at the next meeting.
- Fred Parry wants to understand the metrics we're using to determine if CAM is making any progress, and would anyone notice the progress made if CAM was done. Jennifer Hoggatt recommended the group reread the CAM agreement, as it explains what success and termination look like.
- Science strategy says MSCI scores are showing promise, but Science Team doesn't know why.
- Todd Houts thinks it's possible we are seeing the results of our MS4 permit and not CAM, because there is no pollutant identified for the impairment to measure by traditional parameters, and the general stormwater permits target nonpoint source pollutants.
- Janine Pagan thought it was clear from the summit that the Action Team has possible projects, but there is no science to show how much these projects would help and funding is a problem.

- Jay Turner thinks if we decommission private sewage receptacles and require people/neighborhoods along the creek to tie into public sewer, the creek would show an improvement in health.
- Karl Scala thinks we need to simplify the science and create a few laboratories within the watershed to experiment what can and cannot affect what's already there.
- Bill Florea offered to bring the list of positive activities done in the watershed since Hinkson Creek was listed, that was given to EPA when the consent decree came out, to the Stakeholder group.
- Shawn Grindstaff gave two handouts to the group, showing the traditional approach and appreciative approach, which is what we have adopted.

4. Collaborative Adaptive Management Committee Discussion of Next Steps

No upcoming action items to incorporate into the budget. A discussion was had on when the Stakeholders would endorse action items.

5. Action and Science Team Updates

No new updates

6. Process and Education on Succession Planning Follow-up

New Stakeholders meeting to discuss the original CAM agreement, where we were at each year, and latitudes the Stakeholders have. Potential dates are 7/10/17 and 7/17/17. General consensus is late afternoon, 7/10/17 works better for the new members. Nicki will check into using a county conference room.

7. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Nicki Fuemmeler

Edited by Ben Londeree