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COMMUNITY CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING: THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2015, 1:00PM – 4:00PM
4TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, ARCHDALE BUILDING RALEIGH, NC
TELECONFERENCE: 919-212-5733
Webinar: <https://ncag.adobeconnect.com/ccap/>

- I. Welcome and Introductions
Julie Henshaw, Mitch Woodward, Eric Pare, Bill Hart, Anthony Hester, Gary Higgins, Bethany Georgoulis, and Tom Hill were in attendance.
- II. Review and approval of December 17, 2014 minutes
The minutes were reviewed and approved with no changes.
- III. Cost share program rule revisions – allocation parameters
Information on rule 59H .0103 (allocation parameters) was shared with the group, particularly Section (9c), the percentage of each county covered by NPDES Phase I and Phase II requirements. Bethany Georgoulis, stormwater engineer with DEMLR provided clarification to the group regarding what Phase I and Phase II requirements covered. Bethany also discussed the regulations affecting eastern North Carolina counties (CAMA counties, though not CAMA regulations, link here: [coastal county stormwater regs](#)). Bethany also presented a map showing the Phase I and II city, county, MS4, MS1 and military areas (link here: [Phase I and II map](#)) Based on her presentation, the group decided that additional language will likely be needed to clarify the existing parameters for CCAP allocations as it pertains to the existing stormwater legislation.
- IV. FY2016 Budget Status Update and Soil and Water Conservation Commission actions
 - FY2016 CCAP funding – not available yet due to some data needs from other agencies and the state budget not yet finalized. The allocation recommendation will be made at a fall Commission meeting should the Legislature approve a budget.
 - Technical assistance allocation – no changes from last year. Dare and New Hanover counties will each be allocated technical assistance funds from the CCAP allocation.
- V. Detailed implementation plan – no changes from last year.
The 2016 DIP will be forwarded to the Commission for approval at their August meeting.

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- VI. Average cost list – no changes from 2015.
The 2016 Average Cost List will be forwarded for approval to the Commission at their August meeting.
- VII. BMP allocation and voluntary recall process
As stated above, and discussed earlier in the meeting, the allocations will be brought to the Commission after the state budget passes. A request will be made to the Commission for their consideration of voluntary recalls for 2016 fiscal year. Last year the Commission passed a voluntary recall to be held in December with funds redistributed in January. Participants mentioned that October may be a bit early to have the first recall, especially if the CCAP allocations are delayed. The recommendation to the Commission will likely be early to mid-November and mid to late February, depending on when the CCAP allocation is made to districts.
- VIII. CCAP spot check report
The report was provided and discussed with the group. The report was quite good, and similar to previous years with a high compliance rate (99%) with one project out of compliance and 7.3% needing some maintenance. The maintenance issues were primarily due to vegetation problems which are readily corrected.
- IX. CCAP allocation workgroup report
The minutes and discussion from the last meeting (held on 4/16/15) were presented and reviewed. The group reiterated the recommendation of moving toward a regional type of allocation process if funds for CCAP remain limited. The recommendations also were to attempt to have a two-tiered type allocation system, one tier being the regional allocation due to limited funds and the other to allocate funds as they currently are to each individual district should enough funds come into the program to justify this approach. The Advisory Committee appreciated the work and recommendations to date from the allocation workgroup and will forward a recommendation to the Commission after the allocation committee completes its work.
- X. CCAP Education and outreach workgroup report
The minutes and discussion from the education and outreach workgroup were shared with the advisory committee. The education and outreach group began development of a plan, the ultimate goal to educate staff, board members, the Association, and the Commission about CCAP, its goals, some of the excellent projects that have been installed by the districts, and potentially increased funding for this, and all programs. The initial draft plan will have a request sent out to the local districts to provide a short write-up and photos of one or two of their most prominent projects. These will be collected and compiled and shared with districts to show their boards the various projects funded through CCAP. The thought is for the boards to speak with the Association about these projects, and the Association to the Commission. Additionally, support from the Department will be sought. Various education and outreach materials were developed by an intern for the division this past summer. These are very professional and will be shared with the districts and other interested parties. This workgroup will meet again in the coming two months.
- XI. Open discussion
The committee requested division staff follow up with DEMLR staff to learn more about Stormwater EZ and to see if any upgrades to the current CCAP reductions methodology are needed.