

City of Valdosta - Stormwater Committee Meeting No. 2 – Regulations and Existing Program

Date: 1 December 2009 5:30 PM

Location: Multi – Purpose Room (City Hall Annex)

List of Attendees:

- Elliot Norwood – District 1
- Angela Wall – South Georgia Regional Center (SGRC)
- Henry Calhoun – Community
- Dan Deaver – Engineer
- Elton Cowart – District 6
- Ginny Holton - Community
- Danny Parkinson – District 4
- Danny Sermons - Community
- Sonny Vickers – District 3 Councilman
- Von Shipman – City of Valdosta – City Engineer
- Emily Davenport – City of Valdosta – Stormwater Superintendent
- Jason Scarpate – City of Valdosta –Assistant Director of Utilities
- Kelly Bell – City of Valdosta – Environmental Technician
- Steve Sedgwick – CDM
- Patrick Victor – CDM
- José Maria Guzman – CDM

Absent:

- Alan Sanderson – District 5
- Can Denizman – VSU
- Danny Rountree – Contractor
- Connie Ledbetter – Community
- Jeff Lovell – At Large/Engineer
- Rodney Flucas – District 2

Summary

In this second meeting the committee reviewed the current regulatory requirements that are enforced in Valdosta. Since 2002, the City of Valdosta is under the Phase II implementation of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater Permit, and therefore has to comply with strict operation and maintenance requirements. There are also activities related to engineering, safety, and floodplain encroachments that are under regulatory constraints from several Federal and State agencies. The presentation described in detail the current division of responsibilities within the City departments, and the current ongoing effort to do an extensive engineering study in the major streams of Valdosta, to update the Stormwater Master Plan.

The following are specific discussions that occurred in conjunction with the presentation:

- (1) The City has adopted several measures to control litter, such as educational campaigns, community activities, adoption programs for roads, and the creation of the environmental court.

- (2) The City does not issue a certificate of occupancy (CO) for single family homes, and there is no way to control the illicit discharge of chlorinated water from swimming pools to the stormwater system. If city staff identifies an illicit discharge, they can react, but the best tool at this point is education.
- (3) The City has been adopting measures to comply with the Community Rating System (CRS) program and classify for FEMA discount. Currently the City staff includes a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM), and is conducting outreach programs and documentation of floodplain activities. In the next months the City will be able to compile these efforts in order to officially enter the CRS list.
- (4) Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL): the limits imposed on Two Mile Branch were set in 1996, and updated in 2006. Since then the City has identified and fixed a sewer leakage, and eliminated an illicit discharge coming from a restaurant.
- (5) Boundary Conditions: as we discussed the engineering analysis to evaluate streams, Ms. Holton asked regarding the influence of the Withlacoochee River. CDM explained that the Withlacoochee River and Mud Creek are receiving waters for all the Valdosta streams, and are considered as boundary conditions. Therefore there will be no detailed study of these streams, but their conditions are used as boundaries for the Valdosta streams.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 19th 2010 at 5:30PM at the same location. If you have any questions please contact Emily Davenport at 229-259-3592.