

TMDL Forum: Building State Capacity in Region VIII, IX and X States Seattle, Washington

Objective: States and USEPA will discuss major issues they face at this time regarding TMDL development and approval. They will share lessons learned and consider measures that can be taken to improve and expedite the process. Action items for USEPA Headquarters, USEPA Regions VIII, IX and X and States will be agreed to. Related issues in the NPDES Permit and other Water Programs will be addressed.

Dress code is casual for all days of session

MONDAY, January 14, 2002
Location: Great Room I

- 1:00 PM** **Introduction & Discussion of Forum Objectives**
Megan White/Dave Peeler, State of Washington, Dept. of Ecology
Art Baggett, ASI WPCA Board Member, Region 9 & Chair, California State Water Resources Control Board
Linda Eichmiller, Deputy Director, ASI WPCA
- 1:30 PM** **TMDL Program Status**
Chuck Sutfin, USEPA, Office of Wetlands, Oceans & Watersheds
- **USEPA Regulations**
 - **USEPA Guidance Development**
 - Listing/Delisting
 - Monitoring
 - State Methodologies
 - Permitting
 - Standards
 - Section 319
- 3:00 PM** **BREAK**
- 3:15 PM** **♦ Litigation Update**
Hazel Groman, USEPA, Office of Wetlands, Oceans & Watersheds

4:15 PM ♦ **Keynote: State's Perspective on TMDL Issues**
Dave Mabe, Water Quality Programs Administrator
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

5:00 PM Adjourn

5:30 PM Reception - TULLO Ristorante [1100 Fifth Avenue, 2nd Floor, (206) 623-1066]

TUESDAY, January 15, 2002
Location: Great Room I

8:00 AM Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM ♦ **Target Identification**

▪ **Measurements and Monitoring**

- Credible Data laws: *David Smith, Region 9 for State of Arizona*
- Beneficial Use Reconnaissance: *Mike Edmondson, State of Idaho*
- TMDL effectiveness: *Steve Hood, State of Washington*

10:00 AM BREAK

10:15 AM ♦ **WQS and TMDL Development**

- Biocriteria: What are states doing? - *Dick Pedersen, State of Oregon*
- Indicators & targets—narrative criteria and surrogates in TMDLS:
Bruce Cleland, ACWF
- What if TMDL shows that WQS are not achievable? - *David Smith, USEPA Region 9*

11:00 AM ♦ **Allocation Development**

- **Upper Klamath Lake TMDL:** *Dick Nichols, State of Oregon*

12:00 PM LUNCH [Location: Great Room II]

1:30 PM ♦ **Allocation Development**

- **Wet Weather TMDLs--Alternative approaches:** *Bruce Cleland, ACWF*
- **TMDLS with Tribes and Federal Agencies:**

3:00 PM BREAK

3:15 PM **Natural Conditions and TMDLS:** *Dru Keenan/John Palmer, USEPA Region 10*

5:00 PM Adjourn

8:00 AM Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM ♦ Public Involvement:

Discussion Leader/presenter-- *Thomas Mumley, California State Water Resource Control Board*

- **Surviving the public debate**
- **Building local partnerships**
- **Convincing reluctant communities to take ownership**
- **Effective use of watershed councils**
- **Using local entities to supplement state capacity**

10:00 AM ♦ New Approaches: Ideas & Innovations for Expediting the TMDL

Process: Moderator—*Walt Poole, ACWF*

- **Simplification:** *Paul Pickett, State of Washington*
 - "TMDL Tools and Trajectories": new methods and adaptations of well-established approaches that are helping Washington to produce TMDL technical analyses quickly but still of a high scientific quality. This talk will provide an overview of several of the latest TMDL technical analytical tools and approaches for parameters such as temperature, bacteria, dissolved oxygen, and total dissolved gas
- **Innovations:** *Bruce Cleland, ACWF*
 - What other studies or documents can be accepted as TMDLs (that is, how to adapt already completed studies into TMDL formats)
 - What parameters can be addressed outside a formal modeling exercise?
- **Efficiencies:** *Ron McBride, State of Washington*
 - What are some organizational, administrative, fiscal and technical options that states could employ to do more TMDLs with less time and dollars (especially for state faced with court-ordered schedules)?
 - Consolidation of watersheds
 - Extrapolating allocations over large areas
 - Relying on others available data
 - Allowing others to do TMDLs
 - Out-sourcing state capacity to local entities

11:30 AM Wrap-up:

Discussion Leaders: *Art Baggett and Chuck Sutfin*

- **Agreement on Priority Action Items that should be considered**
- **Identification of next steps**

12:00 PM Adjourn