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NORTH CAROLINA SEDIMENTATION CONTROL COMMISSION
COMMISSION'S TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MAY 20, 2021
ONLINE WEBEX MEETING

The North Carolina Sedimentation Control Commission's Commission Technical Committee (CTC) met on May 20, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. online via WebEx. The following persons were in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Mark Taylor (Chair)
Ms. Karyn Pageau
Mr. AJ Lang, PhD
Ms. Robin Smith
Mr. Steve Albright
Dr. Rich McLaughlin
Ms. Toni Norton
Mr. Donald Pearson

OTHERS

Ms. Julie Coco, State Sediment Specialist, DEMLR, DEQ
Mr. Graham Parrish, Assistant State Sediment Specialist, DEMLR, DEQ
Ms. Rebecca Coppa, Sediment Education Specialist, DEMLR, DEQ
Ms. Kimberly Summers, RRO, DEMLR, DEQ
Mr. Joe Dupree, RRO, DEMLR, DEQ

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Chair Mark Taylor began the meeting at 3:32 pm.

Mr. Taylor gave a brief overview of the previous meeting and committee status reporting to the SCC.

Mr. Taylor reminded CTC members to submit their brief written bios to Ms. Coppa to then be shared with the other CTC members.

Mr. Taylor asked Ms. Coco to give an overview of the SCC's public email policy and application of the NC Open Meetings Law. Ms. Coco gave an overview and addressed questions. There remained some confusion about how many committee members constitutes a quorum and thus the maximum number who can confer in small groups without constituting a public meeting of the committee. Mr. Taylor will follow up with legal counsel to get clarification on this.

Mr. Taylor gave an overview of the Screening Subcommittee Meeting held on May 3, 2021. The subcommittee discussed the CTC's duties and limitations and agreed that it should neither be an editor for the ESC Design Manual (perceived as a DEMLR staff duty) or an extensive research team (perceived

as an academic function, e.g., NC State BAE). The CTC has historically reviewed and approved commission proposals for new/updated design manual standards and done limited technical research and literature reviews. Also noted was the fact that NCDOT has a relatively new ESC manual that overlaps with DEMLR's and that NCDWR can be a resource for current information on BMP effectiveness and water protection needs. Julie Coco reported that the two most frequent problems with land quality rule/permit compliance are 1) failure to follow an approved plan (install all measures), and 2) lack of maintenance of BMPs. The subcommittee reviewed the topics proposed for CTC consideration and discussed types of topics and priorities but stopped short of prioritizing the topics presented to date. Categorization of topics was discussed, such as "Review and Comment", "Research state-of-the-practice", "New Standards", etc.

Mr. Taylor discussed his ideas on how to categorize proposed topics that the CTC should address and other "Things to Consider" with regard to how the CTC will operate – see handout titled "Disposition of Needs/Tasks Brought to the SCC Commission Technical Committee (CTC)" (file name: Disposition of Needs CTC 2021 DRAFT). The committee discussed these ideas and agreed to: 1) use the entire committee to establish categories and priorities, and 2) base committee actions and recommendations on consensus rather than voting, at least for now. Other items in the handout will be taken under advisement as the committee's work develops.

Ms. Coco introduced Ms. Summers and Mr. Dupree from the Raleigh Regional Office and noted they were key contributors to the DEMLR Regional Office topic request list. Mr. Taylor thanked them for their interest and contributions and invited them to attend the June meeting where the topics will be discussed in greater detail.

Mr. Taylor stated that the CTC's homework for the June meeting will be to individually review the task lists and come prepared to suggest priorities, categories, topics of personal interest, etc.

Mr. Taylor adjourned the meeting at 4:44pm