

MINUTES
NORTH CAROLINA SEDIMENTATION CONTROL COMMISSION
COMMISSION'S TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MARCH 16, 2023
ONLINE WEBEX MEETING

The North Carolina Sedimentation Control Commission's Commission Technical Committee met on March 16, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in-person and 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 (Co-chair)
Mr. A.J. Lang
Mr. Steve Albright
Ms. Toni Norton

OTHERS

Ms. Julie Coco, State Sediment Specialist, DEMLR, DEQ
Mr. Graham Parrish, Assistant Sediment Specialist, DEMLR, DEQ
Ms. Rebecca Coppa, Sediment Education Specialist, DEMLR, DEQ
Ms. Davy Conners, Environmental Program Consultant, DEMLR, DEQ

Minutes:

The meeting began at 3:00 pm.

Draft meeting minutes from 2/16/23 were approved by consensus.

Moved on to announcements from the Chair, Mr. Taylor, that Ms. Robin Smith has stepped down from the CTC. So, in addition to the 4 spots that the Chair and Ms. Coppa are currently accepting nominations for they now have an additional open spot.

Moved on to reviewing the progress of the work groups and updated the table tracking their progress.

Moved on to workgroup updates. Mr. Taylor and Ms. Norton began by updating on their work on Section 6.17 RECPs. A discussion ensued, and edits were made throughout the text. Mr. Lang and Ms. Pageau noted that they believe RUSLE2 has some updated C-factors for construction, and this might be a good place to put an updated table. Mr. Lang asked if RUSLE/example calculations of stress are needed here for RECPs? Mr. Taylor said, maybe not, if the relevant calculations are already done in another section such as the lined channel section. Mr. Lang

asked where 15% came from for low slope in the construction specifications section. Mr. Taylor said it came from his professional opinion and soil survey map thresholds. There was some discussion on what the slope percentage should be, the final decision will be left to DEMLR.

Mr. Taylor asked if “Construction Specifications” should change to “Construction Guidelines”. Julie concurs but would want more input from other DEMLR staff before changing that in the entire manual. Mr. Taylor noted that he wanted a reminder to show DEMLR an example of a specification list from another state.

Ms. Norton said she’s not prepared to present her sections today. But then asked if compost should be in its own standard, or if it can have its own place, like a definition, or in the glossary or in the appendices. The question then came up if DEMLR wants the CTC to update the glossary as well. Ms. Coco agreed that it would be a good idea to update glossary definitions as the standards are updated, if something needs updated or needs to be defined/added. For example, adding a definition of low slope.

Ms. Coppa offered to add a word version of the glossary to the CTC folders.

Mr. Lang asked the committee if slash should be added as a separate practice standard or included by reference only? Mr. Taylor asked if there is still an institutional bias/resistance to brush barriers or using natural/tree waste. Ms. Coco said that she doesn’t know how often they are being used, or if there are resistance to them being used, but there is a newer school of thought now days to shift away again from using plastic and use more natural materials. Mr. Taylor also suggested that this could be tabled for now and be added when the committee is working on creating new draft standards. Ms. Pageau added that temporary access roads could be a good place to incorporate this as well.

Ms. Pageau asked if DEMLR’s received the completed standards. Ms. Coco addressed the comment and then noted that they (DEMLR and CTC) will have to decide how they will want to present the final changes to the SCC.

Ms. Coco noted that she has a new DEMLR staff comment file in the SharePoint folder where she is tracking any new comments about manual updates. Ms. Coco also had a conversation with a Faircloth skimmer representative so will need to look at their calculations to reflect that the manual is current, and the committee should consider incorporating language that makes the skimmer section more generic now that there are more brands on the market.

The April meeting of the CTC is cancelled due to the conflict with the Local Program Workshop on April 20th.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be a hybrid meeting and is scheduled for 3:00pm – 5:00pm on May 18, 2023, and will be held as a WebEx meeting. Toni said she can present her two. Donald may be able to come back with skimmer, and AJ & Karyn with temporary stream crossing.

Mr. Taylor adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm.