



PUBLIC WORKS & MOBILITY DEPARTMENT—Storm Water Division

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Follow-up Response from Annual Report Form Page 2 of 12:

Answer the following five (5) questions on an additional page with corresponding reference or on a data storage device.

- (1) What are the source(s) of funding for implementation of the MS4 permit and the estimated percentage of the total budget allocated from each source listed?
For fiscal year (FY) 2020, the funding source for the implementation of the MS4 permit was 99.6% from Storm Water Fees.
- (2) Specific to the annual reporting calendar year, how did the permittee justify commitment of resources or budget allocations to the implementation of the MS4 permit to decision-makers and the public? Provide a summary of meetings and outcomes held with decision-makers and the public.

March 11, 2020 - (Dennis, Katie, Tracy, Marie, Michelle) Final quarter standing in FY20. Not enough budget for large projects remaining. Pre-Planning Budget for FY21.

March 31, 2020 - (Dennis, Katie, Marie) FY21 Budget Adjustments

June 8, 2020 - FY21 Budget review with Dennis Bowman

June 22, 2020 - FY21 Budget review with final adjustments w/ Dennis Bowman

July 22, 2020 - (Dennis, Katie, Marie, Michelle, Pat Brook, Jerry Ellis, etc.) Public Works Committee Final Budget Presentation via Skype and open to the public for comment.

November 30, 2020 – Storm Water Budget Rate Review (Skype Meeting – Dennis, Katie, Marie, Tracy, Allison, Andy) FY21 Budget status review.

December 4, 2020 – Storm Water Budget Review (Skype Meeting – Tracy, Marie, Andy, Dennis, Allison, Jeremy, Katie) CIP Financing, Automation of asset management, possible rate increase.

- (3) Has the permittee demonstrated program effectiveness to obtain budget allocations for this annual reporting calendar year or previous years? Why or why not? If so, what program effectiveness metrics were presented?

Yes, the City of Missoula has demonstrated program effectiveness. While budget allocations are primarily obtained by actual rate revenue being collected, we do have to present contracts and projects for approval to City Council. A much needed maintenance contract was approved for \$54,000. A significant project for Levee Maintenance was prepared late 2020 and will be approved and implemented in 2021. The Storm Water Utility has demonstrated an effectiveness not only with instituting our program, but with combining efforts with other entities such as Missoula Valley Water Quality District, Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks, and United States Army Corps of Engineers – all of which allows us greater support by Council and the public.



- (4) How was this annual reporting calendar year's approach to allocate resources different than the previous year's approach?

2020 resource allocation focus shifted to build the program by fully staffing all positions that the utility requires to function at its highest level. Administrative/Billing, Engineering, and GIS positions were added which contribute directly to our ability to comply with all aspects of the MS4 Permit, and our main priority of ensuring local water quality.

- (5) Was the permittee successful in their request for budget allocations? Describe the outcome and factors that affected or resulted in that outcome.

Yes, we were successful in our request for budget allocations. Our small utility has more than doubled in size in 2020. This growth initiated the approval of additional resources (rate funds) for staffing and equipment increases.