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Third Quarter 2015 Stormwater Management Program News

Announcements:

We're pleased to announce that the new City of Cañon City website has launched. Please be sure to visit the Stormwater Division pages which have been completely updated. A wide variety of information is now available, including resources for teachers and the general public and stormwater construction forms. You can even report a problem or ask a question via a form available on the web page. The Stormwater Division's web pages can be accessed at

http://www.canoncity.org/departments/departments/streets_stormwater_and_engineering/stormwater_division.php

Another new function of the City's website is an "E-Notify" option under "Recent News" on the home page. This function will allow a person to receive notifications when any changes are made on the Recent News page. To subscribe, click on the yellow envelope under "All News" on the "Recent News" page.

Precipitation Notes:

A search of the records from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) from 1900 to the present show that February, 2015, had the third largest total precipitation and snowfall amounts on record in that time period. Total precipitation for February, 2015, was 2.12"; only 1905 (6") and 1903 (2.16") had more. Snowfall for this February was 19.8". February, 1997, and 1903, had more with 28.7" and 27" respectively.

April, 2015, ranked 6th in precipitation amounts since 1900 with 4.89". May, 2015, had the second highest amount of precipitation on record with a total of 6". Only May, 1980, had more (6.57").

On April 27, 2015, NOAA recorded a total of 2.93" of precipitation received for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. on the 27th. This is the 4th largest amount recorded during a 24-hour period since 1900. 24-hour period amounts of 3.4" were recorded in September, 2013; 3.21" in April, 1999, and 3.0" in January, 1982.

Cañon City typically receives an average of about 13" of precipitation annually. As of July 31, 2015, our total precipitation for this year is 18.95".

State News:

Phase II General Stormwater Permit Renewal:

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) began the process of revising the general stormwater permit in November, 2012. This permit is issued by CDPHE to many municipalities and counties throughout Colorado based on specific criteria the EPA and the State set and which Cañon City meets. There are six areas the permit covers, and which permitted municipalities and counties (MS4s) must have programs to address. These areas include:

- 1) Public Education and Outreach
- 2) Public Participation/Involvement
- 3) Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- 4) Construction Site Runoff Control
- 5) Post-Construction Stormwater Management
- 6) Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

The first draft of the revised permit was released for Public Comment in November, 2013. CDPHE received numerous comments on the draft, leading to a decision to revise the first draft. The second draft was released for Public Comment in May, 2015. The City of Cañon City submitted comments at the end of June. CDPHE is now reviewing the comments and hopes to issue the final permit prior to the end of the year. Many of the suggested revisions include more stringent requirements, particularly in the Construction Site Runoff Control and Post-Construction Stormwater Management areas. Many revisions were also made in the Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations section. Although the Public Notice period for comments has ended the draft permit and fact sheet can still be viewed at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wq-ms4-permits>.

Architectural Paint Stewardship Program, SB 14-029

A new paint recycling program began on July 1, 2015, which will make it more convenient to recycle unwanted paint. CDPHE will oversee the program. More than 100 drop-off sites began accepting paint from the public on July 1; another 70 are expected to join the program in the coming year. From the CDPHE news release: "Paint drop-off sites will accept all paint brands, regardless of where they were purchased. Items that can be dropped off for recycling include most house paints, primers, stains, sealers and clear top coatings (varnish and shellac). PaintCare, a nonprofit stewardship organization, will transport the paint from the drop-off sites to processing facilities, where it will be remixed into recycled-content paint, used as fuel or made into other products. A small portion of the paint, 2-4 percent, will undergo proper disposal." Local drop-off sites include:

- Knecht Home Center – 3090 E. Main St.
- Sherwin-Williams – 1015 Main St. There is a limit of 5 gallons per person per day. The containers must not leak, must be closed and need to have the manufacturer's label in place.
- Habitat for Humanity's ReStore – 727 S. 8th Street. They will accept most interior and exterior house paints. They will not accept marine paint or paint in aerosol cans. The cans must be closed and have the manufacturer's label in place.
- Twin Enviro Services – 2500 Hwy 67, Penrose. They will accept paint at a cost of \$1/gallon.

A note on local recycling services:

The Upper Arkansas Recycling Program is a collaborative program sponsored by the Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments (UAACOG) and regional entities, including the City of Cañon City. The program accepts glass bottles (only), aluminum, tin and newspaper. There are four drop-off recycling sites in Cañon City:

- 330 Royal Gorge Blvd, under the 4th Street bridge
- 6th Street and Royal Gorge Blvd, behind the Municipal Museum. Bins for cardboard are also located here.
- 1711 Fremont Drive, at the SE corner of the City Market/Big R parking lot
- 1401 Oak Creek Grade Road, at Winnelson.

Twin Enviro offers complete recycling services, including acceptance of used oil and e-waste. They perform source sorting at their facility. Curb-side recycling is available or items can be dropped off for free at their facility for recycling. For more information contact Twin Enviro at 372-6671.

Howard Disposal offers curb-side recycling and free drop-off at their facility at 645 McDaniel Blvd. They do not accept glass, plastic shopping bags or used oil. They do not recycle used paint, but will accept paint cans, if they are open and all paint inside is completely dry. Howard Disposal does accept #1 and #2 plastics, aluminum, tin, newspaper, magazines and cardboard. For more information contact Howard Disposal at 285-4805.

Federal News:

Waters of the United States Proposed Rule

In April 2014, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) published a proposed rule change to the definition of the "Waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act in the Federal Register. This rule was passed and is due to go into effect in August. Due to U.S. Supreme Court cases challenging the agencies' interpretation of the Waters of the U.S., they have proposed the changes with the purposes of ensuring protection of the nation's aquatic resources and to make the process of identifying Waters of the U.S. less complicated and more efficient. The proposed rule redefines the existing definition of Waters of the U.S. and adds definitions of several terms. Many feel this rule change will actually expand the numbers of Waters of the U.S. and will create more uncertainty as to which waters are covered and which are not. Several states have filed lawsuits alleging that the new rule unlawfully expands the Agencies' jurisdiction over state land and water resources beyond the limits established under the Clean Water Act.



"We live in a global environment, which is a closed system. Environmental contamination affects us all." Richard Radcliff

Please feel free to direct any concerns or questions to Glenda DeBekker, City of Cañon City Stormwater Program at either 276-5265 or grdebekker@canoncity.org.