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Mr. Phil Chang  
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Re: Central Oregon Stormwater Manual

Dear Mr. Chang:

We wanted to write and congratulate you on finalization of the Central Oregon Stormwater Manual - Final Revised, August 2010. As you know, our staff provided comments on earlier versions regarding both stormwater and underground injection and control measures included in the manual. We believe that the manual is an excellent compendium of practices and approaches for controlling pollutants contained in stormwater and is designed to comply with applicable federal and state regulations, while being tailored to the unique climatic and hydro-geologic conditions of the region.

We appreciate that the manual is the result of a regional collaborative effort to provide technically sound, consistent stormwater design guidance throughout Central Oregon. The manual was completed as a partnership with the Cities of Bend, Redmond, Prineville, Madras, and Sisters, along with Crook and Deschutes Counties providing oversight and funding for the regional manual project. We also appreciate the funding and technical assistance role of the Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies and State Lottery funds provided through the Central Oregon Community Investment Board for the purpose of promoting economic and community development.

Overall, the manual provides valuable reference for engineers, builders, and local government staff regarding environmentally-sound principles and practical tips for the design and construction of stormwater runoff treatment and flow control facilities to protect both water quality and natural runoff patterns. While the Department is not in a position to approve the manual as agency guidance to municipalities, counties and contractors, we do acknowledge the manual includes appropriate information and stormwater management controls to facilitate stormwater permit and underground injection control authorization applications submitted to DEQ. We do expect that the document will be revised as time and experience provide new opportunities for pollutant control measures.

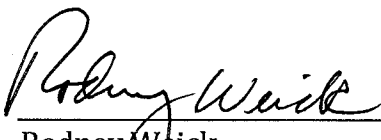


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Again, we applaud your efforts and look forward to working with you and Central Oregon Communities as they implement stormwater management controls under this new manual. If you have any questions or would like to further discuss stormwater management in Central Oregon, please call either Eric Nigg or Rodney Weick (503-229-5886).

Sincerely,

  
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