CSO Public Participation Workshop Overview

CSO Permittee Network Meeting
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Purpose & Agenda

• Purpose:
  • Bring together permittees and Supplemental CSO team members
  • Share best practices
  • Work together in integrated teams to share information

CSO Public Participation Workshop
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Location: Peterstown Community Center, Elizabeth, NJ
Wednesday, March 6, 2019
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Agenda

I. Welcome and Introductions
II. NJDEP Remarks on Vision for Public Participation
III. Evaluation Forms
IV. Featured Speaker: Ed Suslovic of the Cutler Institute at the Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine

Lunch Provided

V. Breakout Session: Supplemental Team Partnership
VI. Seeking Supplemental Team Feedback Using Surveys
   Dan Loomis, City of Elizabeth
VII. Linking Supplemental Team to the Greater Public
    Drew Curtis, Ironbound Community Corporation
    Break

VIII. Break-out Session: Engaging the Greater Public
IX. Wrap up, Lessons Learned and Next Steps
Workshop by the numbers

• 69 attendees
• 18 permittees/representatives
• Supplemental CSO Team members from nearly all teams were in attendance
Breakout session - What is the role of the permittee and Supplemental teams?

HAVES
- direct access to public & regulators
- open line of communication
- advocacy meets officials, legislators
- center for education
- conduit to general public
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NEEDED
- public input
- revenue stream
- public education
- clarity on the process/impacts
- opportunities
- funding
- collaboration

Q1. Expertise: deep knowledge, presence simply, awareness, networking/connections, community

Q2. Need: guidelines from regulators, templates, understanding communities concern, awareness of governing bodies, use GIS data, regulatory operations, public information, appropriate messaging, real-world effects community, regionally.

Q3. This combo the opportunity to engage, educate & empower the community thru expertise of CEO team.
We heard about...

• Elizabeth shared how they use online surveys during Supplemental CSO Team meetings to seek feedback from team members in real-time using the website: www.polleverywhere.com. These surveys record the input given, are quick and easy and trends are able to be seen.

• Ironbound Community Corporation shared how they host two meetings per ward, have a goal of 40 people/meeting, listen more than they talk and try to make the meetings fun with food, music and raffles.
Breakout session - Map Your Stakeholder Landscape

- Organize stakeholders by their relative power/influence and interest/stake in the outcome

- This is a good tool to help determine which stakeholder groups must participate to ensure lasting consensus and how to engage each group so their concerns are heard and represented.
Feedback

• Survey results:
  • Overall experience was mostly positive
  • Best part of the day: speakers/presenters and the breakout sessions
  • If you could change something about today: attendees requested resources to help permittees and supplemental teams, wanted more info on DEP’s expectations of public participation and wished the date of the workshop was at the beginning of the permit cycle
  • Most valuable take away: stakeholder mapping exercise and networking
  • Anything else to share: appreciate the opportunity to interact with other permittees, Supplemental CSO members and DEP staff
Moving forward

• DEP is open to more feedback today on how to build upon the workshop
• We expect to see an increase in public participation in the next year leading up to the final LTCP which is due June 1, 2020
• The DEP continues to be a resource for permittees. Reach out to us with your public participation needs
Thank you

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