



Using The Updated *RI Soil Erosion and Sediment Handbook*: **General Plan Review Checklist Work Session** January 23, 2015 and February 12, 2015 (afternoons) Summary of Survey Results

The results of both the January and February work sessions have been aggregated in this summary, due to low attendance in the second work session. Out of 21 attendees in January, 19 returned a complete survey, a 90% response rate. Out of four attendees in February, all returned a complete survey. Most respondents felt that the work session was relevant and practical for their work and that it improved their understanding of the Handbook. The majority found the level of technical information appropriate to easy and the pace of the work session appropriate.

	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Neither Disagree or Agree 3	Agree 4	Strongly Agree 5	Mean
1. This work session was relevant and practical for my work.	4.4%	0%	13%	60.9%	21.7%	3.96
2. I will be able to use what I learned in this work session.	4.4%	0%	21.7%	52.2%	21.7%	3.87
3. The group work improved my understanding of the Handbook.	4.4%	8.7%	8.7%	60.9%	17.4%	3.78
4. I still need to know more in order to better understand how to use the Handbook.	4.4%	0%	39.1%	47.8%	8.7%	3.57
5. The group work was a good way for me to learn this content.	4.4%	4.4%	21.7%	52.2%	17.4%	3.74

	Easy	Somewhat Easy	Appropriate	Somewhat Difficult	Difficult	Mean
6. The level of technical information was:	21.7%	8.7%	65.2%	4.4%	0%	2.52
	Slow	Somewhat Slow	Appropriate	Somewhat Fast	Fast	
7. The pace of the workshop was:	0%	8.7%	78.3%	13%	0%	3.04

8. What was your most important reason for attending today?

Almost all respondents answered that their main reason for attending involved learning about the Handbook or the checklist. All submitted answers are included below. The responses are grouped according to the day that the respondent attended.

- To keep current.
- To understand the checklist.
- Required.
- Obtain training.
- Plan review.
- Introduction and participation in soil erosion and sediment control handbook changes and modifications.
- To learn more about the new handbook as it applies to my work.
- Learn about new changes and practices.
- Learn the new manual.
- To better understand the handbook.
- Learn about handbook requirements.
- The most important reason for attending was to provide a chance (?) to give me latest data on the SESC Manual group review.
- Handbook writers' reasons.
- To learn more about the checklist, as I don't regularly perform such reviews.
- Help to review SESC plans for small projects.
- Ensuring consistency of applications for the ESC Handbook.
- Familiarity with the SESC requirements.
- Learning the format of the new checklist.

- To learn about the new changes to the Handbook and what will be required in the design checklist.
- General information about new requirements.

9. Did we help you achieve your most important reason for attending?

Nineteen (19) respondents said that we did help them achieve their most important reason for attending. One (1) said that we did not, and three (3) did not answer the question at all! The respondent who said that we did not help him/her achieve his/her most important reason for attending said that he/she thought the work session was about the Handbook's requirements, not a checklist critique.

Either way, please let us know what we could have done better by checking all options that apply and writing any comments in the space provided.

Out of the choices provided, three (3) respondents said that we could have provided better information before the workshop.

Three (3) respondents said we could have clarified the workshop objectives.

One (1) respondent said we could have made the workshop activities more stimulating.

One (1) respondent said we could have improved the workshop organization.

One (1) respondent said we could have shortened the time for the workshop.

Five (5) respondents said we could have added video to the workshop.

Other Improvements?

- Discussion on better review process to get review of contractor's work involved rather than initial designer's initial design.
- Thought Handbook requirements not checklist critique.
- Integrate with existing permitting approach.
- Some of the slides were redundant between morning and afternoon session.

10. What specific topics would you like to see covered in future workshops?

- Installation methods and deciding on best BMP for particular site condition.
- Regulation enforcement.
- Inspection training.

Additional Comments and Suggestions for Future Training

- Thanks!
- Certification program for consultants and environmental compliance monitors.
- More joint CRMC/DM permit staff collaboration/training (not just planning staff).
- Address invasive species management with regards to topsoil stockpiling.
- Many of the items already covered in our permitting.