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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Works Committee

FROM: Dirk Jablonski, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Stormwater Regulations

DATE: January 23, 2008

The City of Rapid City was given a deadline of December 31, 2008 to implement a stormwater management program that focused on improving the quality of water exiting our storm drainage system and entering Rapid Creek and other surrounding waters of the state. On December 27, 2008, City Council approved three ordinances developed by the Stormwater Steering Committee that achieved this goal.

In an effort to assist those in the construction and development industry the Stormwater Steering Committee and City staff realized the importance of educating the public about stormwater quality. Immediately after the passage of the three ordinances, staff began the education campaign by scheduling speaking engagements and starting the consultant selection process to assist with a mass education effort. Below are the immediate stormwater quality outreach plans:

- On January 23, 2008, staff spoke at the monthly Cheyenne River Watershed Partnership meeting about the City's recent efforts to improve water quality.
- On January 23, 2008, a public service announcement was released notifying the public of the new requirements.
- On February 4, 2008, staff will be presenting the new ordinances to the Black Hills Homebuilders Association in Rapid City.
- On February 4, 2008, staff will be selecting a consultant to conduct a series of training seminars centered around the new ordinances (training to be held in late March):
  - One session for Developers, Council Members, Mayor and select Department Heads
  - One session for City Growth Management and Public Works staff



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- One session for Consulting Engineers
- One session for area Home Builders

Depending on the results of these educational exercises more outreach will be conducted as necessary. At a minimum, annual formal education seminars will be scheduled as will speaking engagements to various special interest groups as they are requested.