**ACEC/NC and PENC Joint Environmental and Energy Committee**

**Meeting Date & Time:** May 18, 2022, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

**Location:** Virtual - MS Teams Call

**Meeting Agenda**

* Welcome, Introductions
  + Leah Young, P.E., KCI, (PENC Co-Chair)
  + Chris Windley, P.E., CJS (ACEC Co-Chair)
  + Matthew Fogleman – Board Liaison
* **Presentation – OpenRoads, SUDA, and OpenBridge – Cyrus McCall with KCI**
* Accomplishments of 2021/2022
  + Identified Chairs and Vice Chairs for Subcommittees
    - Chris to follow up with Miles Galloway (Wooten Company) about possible Vice-Chair on ACEC side.
  + Re-engaged with NC DEQ leadership with meeting on February 16, 2022
    - DEQ prefers 1 industry meeting
    - Jim Smith to follow up with DEQ leadership
    - Currently swamped with SRF program and lack of staff
  + Extending opportunities for involvement in Committee by inviting Future Leaders classes
* Challenges of 2021/2022
  + Co-Vice Chairs for Committee were unable to be confirmed.
  + Education and Network Event lacked voluntary participation by NCDEQ and others and it was decided to forego the event until next year.
* Subcommittee Reports: (5 minutes each)
  + Environmental - Katharine Mather (Chair)/ Andy Rodak (Vice-Chair)
    - The Environmental Subcommittee is following the new proposed Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) changes to NEPA regulations as they have continued to shift back and forth and will provide future updates as details get ironed out.
    - On April 20, 2022, CEQ issued the Phase 1 Final Rule. The rule finalizes a narrow set of changes to generally restore regulatory provisions that were in effect for decades before the 2020 rule modified them for the first time.
    - The current NEPA Implementing Regulations Desk Reference issued for May 2022 can be found at: <https://ceq.doe.gov/docs/laws-regulations/NEPA-Implementing-Regulations-Desk-Reference-2022.pdf>
  + Solid & Hazardous Waste - Sean O’Neal – Catlin (Chair)/ Justin Frabriziani (Vice-Chair)
  + One Water - Will Larsen, PE – The Wooten Company (Chair) / Brian Oschwald (Vice-Chair)
    - DWI Spring Funding: Application Deadline was May 2nd. Anticipated awards made as early as July 2022.
    - DWI will administer grants for stormwater projects through its competitive funding process from the Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investments fund. There is approximately $100.5 million in federal funds appropriated in the state budget for stormwater projects. DWI is currently accepting comments on the plan to administer these funds, with a deadline to submit feedback by June 3, 2022. The deadline for applications is September 30, 2022. The following press release is very informative: <https://deq.nc.gov/news/press-releases/2022/05/04/state-seeks-public-comment-proposed-plan-administer-american-rescue-plan-acts-funding-stormwater>
  + Energy - Steve Kerlin – Terracon (Chair) / Brandon Finch – McAdams (Vice-Chair)
* Goals for Next Year (Open Discussion):
  + Fill Co-Vice Chair positions for Committee
  + Conduct Education/Network Event with Planning Committee set by 1st Quarterly Meeting
  + Increase involvement and expand member footprint
  + Increase interaction with NCDEQ on committee and subcommittee levels
  + Hold at least one outreach event with school-age children
  + Other ideas from subcommittees?
* Meeting/Events for Next Year:
  + Future 2022-2023 Joint Environmental and Energy Committee Meetings are tentatively scheduled as follows with subcommittee in paratheses responsible for lining up presentations – More information to come
    - Networking and Social Event – July 21, 2022
    - 1st Quarterly Meeting – August 18, 2022 (One Water)
    - 2nd Quarterly Meeting – November 17, 2022 (Environmental)
    - 3rd Quarterly Meeting – February 16, 2023 (Solid & Hazardous Waste)
    - E&E Education and Networking Event – TBD
    - 4th Quarterly Meeting – May 18, 2023 (Energy)
* Closing Comments