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Description automatically generated**Peconic Estuary Protection Committee**

**Meeting Summary – April 10, 2024**

**Held at Cornell Cooperative Extension Offices**

**Griffing Avenue, Riverhead**

**ATTENDEES**

**Committee Member Representatives**

Town of Brookhaven | Veronica King (Committee Vice Chair)

Town of Riverhead | Drew Dillingham (Committee Vice Chair)

Town of Southold | Michael Collins

Village of Sag Harbor | MaryAnn Eddy

Suffolk County | Jennifer McGivern

NYS DOT| Lindsay Pacelli

**Additional Participants**

Eileen Keenan | Peconic Estuary Protection Committee, Coordinator

Corey Humphrey | SCSWCD, District Manager

Erik Bergey, P.E. | Suffolk County DPW, Senior Civil Engineer

Scott Curatolo-Wagemann | CCE Suffolk, Senior Resource Educator

Carolyn Sukowski | CCE Suffolk, Natural Resource Education Specialist

Madison Wall | NYS DOT, Environmental Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 10:15.

1. Eileen Keenan confirmed her resignation as Coordinator, effective April 30, 2024. Veronica King indicated that efforts are underway to transition to a successor shortly.
2. **March 6, 2024 Meeting Summary:** The March 6, 2024 Meeting Summary was accepted. It has been posted to the PEPC website.
3. **NYS DEC 2024-2029 MS4 Permit:** Interim Certifications and upcoming July 3, 2024 deadlines were discussed, including:

* SWMP updates
* Comprehensive mapping
* Part VIII Impaired Waters requirements
* Distribution of illicit discharge education materials
* IDDE Enforcement Response Plans
* Prioritized inventory of construction sites
* Nuisance bird populations and related signage at municipal facilities
* Dog waste receptacles
* Catch basin inspection and maintenance programs

1. **Drainage Area Minimizations/Mitigation of Outfall Discharges:**

* Progress in identifying priority outfalls for elimination was discussed.
* It was noted that the NYSDOT has provided data on their interconnections with municipal storm sewer systems. NYSDOT advised that NYSDEC is preparing to issue an individual SPDES MS4 Permit specific to the NYSDOT.

1. **Other Business:**

* Eileen advised that Committee member Paul Pallas has retired and that a new Greenport representative is needed.
* Eileen noted that NYSDEC has provided notice that they are seeking input on potential changes to the SPDES Construction General Permit (and, potentially, the Design Manual) to address climate change impacts. Input is requested by May 3, 2024.

1. **Next PEPC Meeting:** The previously planned May 8, 2024 meeting date was canceled. It is anticipated that the next meeting will be held in June.