

STORMWATER COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 20, 2014
2:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

The Stormwater Committee met in the SamTrans Offices, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, 2nd Floor Auditorium. Attendance at the meeting was shown on the attached roster. In addition to the Committee members, also in attendance were Sandy Wong (C/CAG Executive Director), Matt Fabry (C/CAG Program Coordinator), John Fuller (Daly City), Cynthia Royer (Daly City), Dong Nguyen (Woodside), and Jon Konnan (EOA, Inc.). Chair Breault called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

1. **Public Comment:** None
2. **Issues from the last C/CAG Board meeting (Fabry):** Staff member Fabry indicated the C/CAG Board approved the appointment of Brian McMinn to replace Committee Member White, who retired.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The Committee unanimously approved the draft minutes from the November 21, 2013 meeting. [Motion – Oskoui, second – Ocampo]
4. **Approval of 2014 Calendar of Meetings:** The Committee unanimously approved the monthly calendar of meetings for 2014, with the understanding that meetings would generally be held every other month, with the remainder being canceled if no Committee actions are necessary. [Motion – Ocampo, second – Underwood]
5. **Nominate and Elect Vice Chair:** Chair Breault opened the floor to nominations for a new Vice Chair and Committee Member Walter volunteered through self-nomination. The Committee voted unanimously to approve Walter as Vice Chair.
6. **Information – Presentation on Integrated Monitoring Report:** Fabry and Jon Konnan (EOA, Inc.) provided a presentation related to the upcoming draft Integrated Monitoring Report (IMR) required by the Municipal Regional Permit (MRP). The presentation focused on Parts A and C of the forthcoming IMR (Part B was discussed with the Committee in November), which detail water quality monitoring activities under MRP Provision C.8 and mercury and PCB load reduction opportunities, respectively.

For IMR part A, Konnan summarized the monitoring management questions, sampling locations, and results, including planned follow-up monitoring projects, as well as important issues to consider and preliminary costs and benefits regarding monitoring activities.

For IMR Part C, Konnan reviewed the Total Maximum Daily Load and associated load reduction drivers for the pilot studies performed in the Pulgas Creek Pump Station watershed in San Carlos and then summarized the load reduction opportunities described in the report, which focuses on three primary load reduction scenarios associated with high and moderate opportunity areas and diversion of stormwater to wastewater treatment plants. Konnan provided general costs and anticipated load reductions for each scenario, and closed with a summary of next steps with regard to review and finalization of the complete IMR submittal to the Regional Water Board by March 17.

Konnan also provided a handout summarizing a proposed three-track approach to generating additional information to inform the mercury and PCB requirements in the next five-year issuance of the MRP, including anticipated support from municipal staff in reviewing and ground-truthing land use areas included in mercury/PCB load reduction scenarios.

Committee members engaged staff in discussion of various questions, including concerns regarding the short turnaround period for review and comment, under-estimation of costs for stormwater diversions to treatment plants, and ability of treatment plants to accept additional flow in light of existing capacity issues.

7. **Regional Board Report (NOTE – this item taken out of order):** On behalf of Committee Member Mumley who was unable to attend, Regional Water Board staff member Dale Bowyer provided comments regarding the trash load reduction requirements in the MRP, including preliminary feedback on review of long-term trash load reduction plans submitted by permittees in early February with a concern that many permittees included relatively vague language regarding future development of assessment tools, the importance of documenting significant new measures in the September annual report to demonstrate compliance with the permit-mandated 40% trash load reduction by July 1, 2014, a planned meeting with permittees to discuss the trash reporting format, the importance of demonstrating through existing assessment tools that trash control measures are effective and that permittees shouldn't wait for "perfect" assessment tools to be developed, and recognizing that although it is challenging for permittees to make long-term financial commitments to trash load reduction, the fewer commitments permittees make the more likely the Regional Board will include more prescriptive requirements in the reissued MRP. Committee members engaged Bowyer in discussion on these issues, providing further detail on long-term resource limitations and asking the Regional Board to assist in finding additional funding.

8. **Information – Update on Potential Countywide Funding Initiative:** Fabry and Konnan provided a brief presentation regarding outstanding questions in regard to the Funding Needs Analysis associated with the potential countywide funding initiative for stormwater compliance activities. Due to time constraints, Chair Breault asked staff to

focus on issues requiring immediate Committee feedback and asking Committee members to work separately with staff on other outstanding issues. Staff requested feedback from the Committee regarding costs for trash control vs. municipal long-term trash reduction plans (Committee agreed needs analysis should continue using current assumptions for trash load reduction costs) and distribution of anticipated mercury/PCB costs (Committee suggested countywide vs. jurisdictional cost approaches for mercury/PCBs is a political/process issue and should be addressed separately).

9. **Information – Update on Municipal Regional Permit Reissuance:** Due to time constraints, staff member Fabry referred Committee members to the materials included in the agenda packet.
10. **Regional Board Report:** Reported above under item 7.
11. **Executive Director’s Report:** Executive Director Wong reiterated the need for municipal support letters for C/CAG’s funding initiative enabling legislation, AB 418.
12. **Member Reports:** None

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM