

STORMWATER COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 21, 2016
2:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

The Stormwater Committee met in the SamTrans Offices, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA, 2nd floor auditorium. Attendance at the meeting is 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 Manager), Jon Konnan (EOA, Inc.), Jim Eggemeyer (San Mateo County), Patrick Ledesma (San Mateo County), Michelle Daher (East Palo Alto), Azalea Mitch (Menlo Park), and John Fuller (Daly City). In Chair Breault's absence, Vice-Chair Walter called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

1. Public comment: None

2. C/CAG staff Matt Fabry provided an update on issues relevant to the Committee from the November and December C/CAG Board meetings:

- In November the Board approved issuing a task order to EOA, Inc. to continue providing technical support services to the Countywide Water Pollution Program while C/CAG staff completes the competitive procurement process for selecting consultants to continue supporting the Program in the future.
- In November the Board reviewed and approved a resolution that affirmed C/CAG's commitment to supporting its member agencies in meeting stormwater permitting mandates, requested State Water Board partnership on addressing pollutants of concern, and expressed concern regarding the quantitative load reduction requirement for PCBs which are presented as Numeric Effluent Levels rather than Numeric Action Levels in the reissued Municipal Regional Permit (MRP).
- In December the Board reviewed and approved the appointment of Peter Vorametsanti, Interim Public Works Director, to represent the City of Millbrae on the Stormwater Committee, and received a presentation from Fabry on key provisions of the reissued MRP.

3. ACTION – The draft minutes from the August 20 and October 15, 2015 Stormwater Committee meetings were approved unanimously. (Motion: Willis, Second: Oskoui).

4. PRESENTATION – Fabry and Jon Konnan (EOA, Inc.) provided a presentation on key provisions of the reissued MRP and how they compare to the previous MRP. Fabry noted that the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) adopted the revised MRP on November 19, 2015. Despite many hours of testimony at the adoption hearing, Permittees remaining concerns with the final draft permit were mainly not addressed. The permit regulates the stormwater discharges from C/CAG's member agencies, all of the municipalities in Santa Clara, Alameda, and Contra Costa Counties, and the cities of Vallejo, Fairfield, and Suisun City. It addresses the full spectrum of stormwater issues, including municipal operations, industrial and commercial facility BMPs/inspections, construction site management, water quality monitoring, public outreach, new and redevelopment, and certain water quality pollutants of concern. Key provisions in the revised permit include requirements to reduce trash, mercury, and PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) discharges from storm drains and for each municipality

to develop a Green Infrastructure Plan.

Committee members asked about C/CAG's level of support to agencies in developing their Green Infrastructure Plans. Fabry stated that C/CAG will provide as much support as possible on the countywide level (e.g., guidances and templates) but noted that each agency will need to have its own local council and community engagement process.

Fabry noted one key change with the revised MRP is that potable water discharges are no longer covered. Agencies that have water utilities must get coverage under the State General Permit for Drinking Water System Discharges and should have filed a Notice of Intent for coverage by January 1, 2016.

Konnan summarized the Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program's recent approach to identifying watersheds in San Mateo County where PCBs and mercury controls would be most cost-effective. The approach is consistent with MRP requirement and includes desktop and field monitoring components. It is intended to show a reasonable level of effort towards identifying source areas for these pollutants. Konnan also briefly summarized the new MRP requirement to develop a program to manage PCBs-containing materials and wastes during building demolition. The program is for buildings constructed during the 1950s through 1970s when PCBs were in widespread use including in caulking around windows and doors and in concrete joints and in sealants in floor systems. Konnan noted that this program will play a key role in meeting the PCBs load reduction requirements, in that the permit stipulates that two-thirds of the required load reduction will be credited if the program is satisfactorily implemented.

Committee member Walter asked if there is ongoing monitoring for PCBs and mercury in fish in San Francisco Bay and Konnan confirmed that this type of monitoring has been and will continue to be conducted every few years.

5. ACTION – In August 2015, the C/CAG Board approved 10 on-call contracts with firms qualified to provide support to the Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program in various categories of expertise. In November, C/CAG staff issued a Request for Proposals to the 10 firms for numerous support tasks associated with the reissued Municipal Regional Permit. Nine of the 10 firms submitted proposals. Staff convened a review panel including Committee members Porter and Oskoui and conducted interviews during the first week of January. Fabry provided a handout detailing the review panel's recommendation regarding which consultant should receive task orders to provide support services to the Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program. Committee members requested a future presentation by the selected consultants on the overall scopes of work.

The Committee unanimously approved the staff recommendation (Motion: Murtuza, Second: McMinn).

6. INFORMATION – Fabry summarized information on a SMCWPPP/SCVURPPP water quality petition requesting the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to review the Regional Water Board's reissuance of the MRP. At the December 8, 2015 C/CAG Board meeting the C/CAG Board directed staff to explore opportunities for signing on with another Countywide Stormwater Program's petition. C/CAG's Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program signed on as a co-petitioner with the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program (SCVURPPP) on behalf of C/CAG's member agencies. The SCVURPPP petition addressed procedural concerns with the reissuance process as well as the technical issue of whether Numeric Effluent Limitations for mercury and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) reductions are appropriate instead of Numeric Action Levels. The petition was filed on December 16, 2015.

Committee members requested additional information about the timeline for the State Water Board to consider the petition. Committee members also requested C/CAG staff forward a model letter urging State Water Board review of the SMCWPPP/SCVURPPP petition on the reissued MRP.

7. Regional Board Report: NONE

8. Executive Director's Report: C/CAG Executive Director Sandy Wong provided an update on the new C/CAG Water Committee, which will facilitate discussions on countywide approaches to water related issues, such as stormwater runoff pollution control, flood control, and sea level rise. The new committee includes seats for elected officials and city/county managers, and a seat for BAWSCA. Wong noted that the Water Committee is inviting various guest speakers, including the following in February 2016:

- A speaker from the Santa Clara Valley Water District to discuss how that organization functions, including aspects such as obtaining federal funding.
- A representative from the Integrated Water Resource Management Plan program, especially since San Mateo County may not be getting its share of available funding through this program.

9. Member Reports: NONE

Vice-chair Walter adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m.