

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

**Meeting Minutes**

The Stormwater Committee met in the SamTrans Offices, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.), Steve Carter (Paradigm Environmental), John Fuller (Daly City), Michelle Daher (City of East Palo Alto), Azalea Mitch (City of Menlo Park), Pam Boyle Rodriguez (City of Burlingame), Paige Safe (City of San Carlos), Andrew Wemmer (City of South San Francisco), Leo Chow and Sarah Scheidt (City of San Mateo), Andrea Chow (County of San Mateo), Mark Lander (City of Half Moon Bay), Dale Bowyer (Regional Water Board), and Tess Byler (San Francisquito Creek JPA). Chair Breault called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

1. Public comment: None

2. C/CAG staff Matt Fabry provided an update on issues relevant to the Committee from the March C/CAG Board meeting. The Board received a copy of executed Task Order EOA-02, issued to EOA, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$247,027 for water quality monitoring services to the Countywide Water Pollution Program for Fiscal Year 2015-16. The Board also reviewed and approved Resolution 16-04, authorizing the Executive Director to execute Task Orders with EOA, Inc., Larry Walker & Associates, and S. Groner & Associates in amounts not to exceed \$464,480, \$326,209, and \$250,000, respectively, for technical support services to the Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program during Fiscal Year 2015-16.

3. ACTION – The draft minutes from the January 21 and February 18, 2016 Stormwater Committee meetings were approved unanimously. (Motion: Walter, Second: Underwood).

4. INFORMATION – Fabry provided an update on various petitions requesting that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) review the Regional Water Board's reissuance of the Bay Area stormwater Municipal Regional Permit (MRP). 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. Other Bay Area countywide stormwater programs and municipalities also submitted petitions. All of these petitions generally 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 NGO San Francisco BayKeeper also filed a petition. Some Bay Area countywide clean water programs are submitting comments on the BayKeeper petition. The State Water Board has agreed to take up the various petitions and the Regional Water Board therefore needs to formally respond to the petitions by a deadline that was extended to May 15. After that the State Water Board has options, including to reach decisions on the petitions or to convene a public hearing process that would be under a timeline.

Fabry also provided an update on a proposed 2016 statewide ballot initiative originated by the League of Cities and others. The proposed measure would have established an alternative process for local government to impose fees for water, sewer, stormwater, and flood control services without voter approval and authorized cost recovery fee structures. However, based on recent polling results showing a lack of voter support, the initiative effort was discontinued, though it may be brought back in 2018. Committee members noted that C/CAG needs to determine whether or not to continue its countywide stormwater funding initiative and requested that we try to obtain more details about the polling results to inform future planning.

5. ACTION – Fabry and Steve Carter (Paradigm Environmental) provided a presentation on project screening and prioritization for the countywide Stormwater Resource Plan (SRP). SRPs are required in order to compete for voter-approved bond funds for stormwater or dry weather capture projects. C/CAG is working with Paradigm Environmental to develop a countywide SRP on an expedited schedule to enable its member agencies to submit implementation grant proposals for the State Board’s stormwater grant program, which will be distributing up to \$200 million in Proposition 1 Water Bond funds in two separate funding rounds. Round 1 grant applications are due the first week of July. On the longer term, the SRP will also support C/CAG’s member agencies in developing their Green Infrastructure (GI) Plans, as mandated by the MRP.

The SRP characterizes drainage areas, stormwater infrastructure, land characteristics, hydrology, and pollutant sources and transport. It then identifies and prioritizes opportunities for stormwater capture projects and GI, using a GIS screening of public parcels and rights-of-way. The prioritization is based on maximum effectiveness for stormwater control and achieving other benefits (e.g., groundwater recharge, reuse, enhancement of habitat or open space). Committee member feedback was requested on the preliminary screening and prioritization process developed by Paradigm. Committee members noted that although the process has subjective aspects, it is transparent, quantifiable, and parameters can easily be adjusted. The Committee recommended giving greater weight to factors indicative of the potential presence of PCBs. Jon Konnan (EOA, Inc.) noted that the prioritization process relies mainly on comprehensive land use data as an indicator of PCBs, but more sparse data from samples collected in the field and analyzed for PCBs could be brought in later. The Committee also provided feedback on other aspects of the prioritization scheme such as the weighting associated with different types of roadways.

Paradigm Environmental will also develop project concept documents for local agencies that will provide the basis for grant applications. Committee members provided initial feedback on the number and detail of project concepts to be developed.

In follow-up Paradigm will incorporate the Committee’s feedback into the screening and prioritization process and Fabry will send a list of potential projects to all of the agencies and seek immediate feedback on the viability of each project.

6. ACTION – C/CAG staff Fabry handed out and reviewed preliminary FY 2016-17 budget information for the Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program. Going into FY 2016-17, the maximum available budget for consultant support on MRP requirements is about \$2.4M. This includes revenue from Measure M, the ongoing NPDES property fee, and carryover from previous fiscal years. Compliance assistance costs are anticipated to remain at the same level as FY 2016-17 in future fiscal years for some categories of services, whereas costs for some categories (e.g., GI planning and PCBs aspects of water

quality monitoring) should start to taper off. Fabry noted that in future years the budget may be limited to annual revenue minus various ongoing administrative and permit support costs, which is approximately \$1.7 million annually. That level of annual expenditure may be insufficient for C/CAG to provide member agencies with all of their desired permit compliance assistance, which would necessitate prioritizing types of assistance, potentially beginning in FY 2017-18. Fabry plans to bring a draft FY 2016-17 budget to the C/CAG Board in May and the final budget for approval in June.

7. Regional Board Report: Dale Bowyer (Regional Water Board) noted that the Regional Water Board supports prioritizing siting of GI such that runoff with higher levels of pollutants is treated. Bowyer acknowledged that the discontinuation of the proposed 2016 statewide ballot initiative effort (see Item No. 4 above) was unfortunate but local agencies should look for opportunities to enhance revenue via trash and litter “fees for service” (e.g., adding to existing trash collection fees).

8. Executive Director’s Report: NONE.

9. Member Reports: NONE.

Chair Breault adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m.