

STORMWATER COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 17, 2013
1:45 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), Jean Higaki (C/CAG), John Hoang (C/CAG), Brian McMinn (South San Francisco), Huy Nguyen (San Carlos), Cynthia Royer (Daly City), Michelle Daher (East Palo Alto), Dale Bowyer (SF Regional Water Board), Jon Konnan (EOA, Inc.), and Jill Bicknell (EOA, Inc.). Chair Breault called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

1. **Public Comment:** None
2. **Issues from the last C/CAG Board meeting (Fabry):** As noted on the agenda.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The Committee unanimously approved the draft minutes from the August 15, 2013 meeting. (Motion – Oskoui, second – Ocampo)
4. **Presentation on preliminary draft Funding Needs Analysis associated with the potential Countywide Funding Initiative:** Staff member Fabry and Jon Konnan (EOA, Inc.) provided a summary presentation of the preliminary draft funding needs analysis, including an overview of the report preparation methodology, major assumptions, areas for focused municipal review, and next steps. Staff requested detailed comments from Committee members by October 25. Committee raised various questions and concerns, including need for standard definitions to help address lack of consistency between jurisdictions in how revenues and expenditures were reported, public perception or support for individual municipal needs vs. the greater good of water pollution prevention, validity of street sweeping cost estimates, and pros/cons of translating needs into jurisdictional tax or fee rates vs. countywide.
5. **Presentation on draft Feasibility Status Report:** Jill Bicknell (EOA, Inc.) provided a presentation on the forthcoming draft Feasibility Status Report that is required under the Municipal Regional Permit to be submitted by Permittees to the Regional Water Board by December 1, 2013. Bicknell detailed the history of the feasibility criteria, areas covered in the draft report, and timeline for review and approval by local and regional committees, Permittees, and the Bay Area Stormwater Management Agencies Association (BASMAA) Board.

6. **Presentation regarding green streets requirements and integrating water quality and transportation funding programs:** Staff member Fabry provided a brief presentation on next steps with regard to addressing the current Municipal Regional Permit (MRP) requirements associated with pilot green street projects and roadway requirements for stormwater treatment when the MRP is reissued. The presentation detailed a vision for integrating water quality and transportation funding programs, with emphasis on the need to bring water quality funding into the regional transportation funding programs to enable effective integration of green infrastructure with planned roadway projects. This would enable jurisdictions to gradually start retrofitting transportation infrastructure in a structured fashion, as opposed to the highly opportunistic approach that currently occurs, and thereby gradually achieve progress toward water quality improvement, especially in regard to pollutants of concern, such as mercury and PCBs. Chair Breault emphasized local streets and roads maintenance revenues have been diverted to address a variety of issues in California, leading to a projected statewide deficit of approximately \$9 billion over the next 10 years. As such, it is highly unlikely public works directors will be supportive of any issue that further reduces their ability to fund maintenance of existing transportation infrastructure. In addition, there is an ever-increasing competition for space within public rights-of-way, which in many cases, are inadequate to accommodate current recommended standards with expanded sidewalks, bike lanes, landscaping, and now stormwater treatment.
7. **Update on Municipal Regional Permit Reissuance:** Staff member Fabry provided a brief summary of the written agenda report and plans to continue utilizing the ad-hoc permit implementation committee members to provide San Mateo County representation in ongoing discussions with Regional Board staff on through the established Reissuance Steering Committee. Chair Breault reported that Committee member Willis, who was unable to attend, had expressed concern about Regional Water Board staff's proposal to lower the MRP Provision C.3 threshold for projects mandated to provide low impact development-based stormwater treatment.
8. **Regional Board Report:** Staff member Fabry directed Committee members to the email included in the agenda packet from Committee member Mumley regarding the Regional Water Board's planned trash workshop on November 13. Water Board staff member Dale Bowyer emphasized that jurisdictions need to demonstrate significant actions in high trash generating areas by next July and in the 2014 Annual Reports in order to satisfy the current MRP requirement to show a 40% reduction in trash loading from storm drains. He also highlighted that, through the \$5 million Association of Bay Area Governments trash grant, Permittees achieved four times the area required by the MRP to have full trash capture treatment. Bowyer highlighted that this was achieved at a much lower cost than Regional Board staff estimated in the MRP fact sheet, indicating capital costs have come down significantly with regard to trash capture. Committee member Porter emphasized that for the unincorporated County, all of the "low hanging fruit" locations for installing trash capture devices have been addressed, and installing additional trash capture devices is likely going to be much more expensive as storm

drain inlets have to be rebuilt or significantly modified to allow device installation and provide capture capacity.

9. **Executive Director's Report:** None

10. **Member Reports:** None

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM