

STORMWATER COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 17, 2014
2:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

The Stormwater Committee met in the SamTrans Offices, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, 4th Floor Dining Room. 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 Coordinator), Dave Bishop (Colma), Gary DeJesus (City of San Mateo), John Fuller and Cynthia Royer (Daly City), Jim Eggemeyer (San Mateo County), John Hoang (C/CAG), Jon Konnan (EOA, Inc.), Jerry Bradshaw and Jennifer Per Lee (SCI Consulting Group), and Geoff Brosseau (CASQA). Chair Breault called the meeting to order at 2:55 p.m.

1. Public comment: None

2. Issues from last C/CAG Board meeting: Staff member Fabry indicated the C/CAG Board had received updates on the potential countywide funding initiative.

3. Approval of Minutes: The draft minutes from the February 20, 2014 and April 17, 2014 meetings were approved unanimously. (Motion: Walter, Second: Fuller)

4. INFORMATION – Presentation on California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA). Geoff Brosseau, Executive Director of CASQA, gave a presentation on the organization's achievements and future plans. C/CAG, through its San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program (SMCWPPP), annually purchases an area-wide membership to CASQA on behalf of its member agencies. CASQA's accomplishments in 2013 include 1) revamping its website for an improved user experience, 2) representing its members via comment letters and testimony related to various water quality regulatory issues (e.g., receiving water limitations, pesticide registration, EPA rulemaking on waters of the US, and the statewide trash amendment), and 3) holding the 9th annual CASQA conference. Looking forward, CASQA is tracking the above regulatory issues and other statewide issues (e.g., bio-objectives, bacteria, and the stormwater strategic plan) and will comment as necessary. CASQA is also developing its own strategic plan, multi-decade stormwater quality management vision, and various stormwater quality handbooks, manuals, training programs, and web portals. Geoff concluded by mentioning that CASQA's Annual Report and schedules for various committees are available on its web site (casqa.org) and told the group to feel free to submit feedback or requests for statewide efforts to him or C/CAG staff member Matt Fabry.

5. ACTION – Recommend the C/CAG Board accept the stormwater funding initiative Opinion Research Final Report. Jerry Bradshaw (SCI Consulting Group) gave a presentation summarizing the results of the opinion research as presented in the report. Telephone and mail surveys were conducted to gauge levels of support for the initiative at different fee levels, test various projects, programs and messages to determine key community priorities, and provide support data by each individual municipality in San Mateo County. Bradshaw presented details about the methodologies used, the survey results, and the community priorities that the survey revealed were most important. Overall the survey results suggest 1) solid support for the initiative at rates of \$24 and \$30, 2) environmental and water quality issues rank higher than controlling tax increases, and 3) community priorities align well with stormwater program goals. Challenges include 1) bringing C/CAG members to agreement on moving forward, 2) accurately determining future stormwater program needs (e.g., to address PCBs and trash), and 3) passing authorizing legislation that would allow C/CAG to sponsor the initiative. The

Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the C/CAG Board accept the report. (Motion: Oskoui, Second: Underwood)

6. INFORMATION – Update on PCBs/Mercury Planning and Data Collection. Matt Fabry and Jon Konnan (EOA, Inc.) gave a brief presentation on 1) findings from pilot studies and other work conducted under the current stormwater permit term, 2) findings from the funding initiative Needs Analysis, 3) current efforts to work with municipalities with substantial old industrial land uses to identify potential new pollutant source areas, and 4) the status of working with Regional Water Board staff to develop a PCBs/Mercury permit language framework for the upcoming reissuance of the stormwater permit. A new vision under consideration is a multi-decade program to gradually incorporate Green Infrastructure (GI) across the urban landscape. GI potentially provides multiple benefits, including treating stormwater runoff to reduce discharges of PCBs and mercury. The current thinking is that while part of the PCBs and mercury load could be addressed by identifying and cleaning up sources in old industrial areas, much of the load may need to be addressed by treatment with GI because these legacy pollutants have become so widely dispersed in the urban environment. GI planning and projects may provide the opportunity to integrate reducing pollutant loads with other drivers and funding sources such as transportation projects. However, there is currently large uncertainty about the effectiveness and short and long-term costs of such an approach.

7. INFORMATION – Update on Municipal Regional Permit Reissuance. Matt Fabry briefly gave an update on this topic. He noted that recent meeting minutes from the MRP 2.0 Steering Committee and its workgroups were attached to the agenda package. The GI Workgroup is discussing long-term GI master planning and implementation to address both roadway reconstruction issues and pollutants such as PCBs and mercury. Regional Board Staff anticipates releasing a permit Tentative Order for public review in February 2015 and that the effective date of an adopted permit would be July 1, 2015.

8. INFORMATION – Update on Potential Changes to MRP Potable Water Discharge Permitting. Matt Fabry gave a brief overview of developments around this topic, which is most pertinent to local agencies that are potable water purveyors. Potable water discharges from these municipalities are currently regulated under Provision C.15 of the municipal stormwater permit. Matt noted that EBMUD originally wanted a new NPDES permit because it does not currently have this type of coverage. The Bay Area Regional Water Board and the State Water Resources Control Board have released regional and statewide draft general permits, but the Bay Area permit process was recently put on hold to allow the statewide process to proceed. Either of these permits could impact local agencies that are water purveyors and currently covered by the stormwater permit, though the statewide permit appears less onerous. One important issue is that both draft permits include a Numeric Effluent Limit (NEL) for chlorine which could lead to onerous Mandatory Minimum Penalties. SMCWPPP will prepare comment letters on the draft permits, which will include a request that NELs be replaced by benchmarks or targets.

9. Regional Board Report: NONE – Regional Board staff was not present.

10. Executive Director's Report: Sandy Wong, C/CAG Executive Director, noted that she and Matt Fabry plan to evaluate to structure of C/CAG's stormwater program and associated committees and workgroups addressing stormwater permit compliance.

11. Member Reports: NONE

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

2014 Stormwater Committee Roster					
Agency	Representative	Position	Feb	Apr	July
Atherton	Gordon Siebert	Public Works Director	X	X	
Belmont	Afshin Oskoui	Public Works Director	X	X	X
Brisbane	Randy Breault	Public Works Director/City Engineer	X	X	X
Burlingame	Syed Murtuza	Public Works Director	X	X	X
Colma	Brad Donohue	Director of Public Works and Planning	X		O
Daly City	Patrick Sweetland	Director of Water & Wastewater	O	X	O
East Palo Alto	Kamal Fallaha	City Engineer			X
Foster City	Brad Underwood	Public Works Director	X		X
Half Moon Bay	Mo Sharma	City Engineer	X		X
Hillsborough	Paul Willis	Public Works Director	X		
Menlo Park	Jesse Quirion	Interim Public Works Director	X	O	X
Millbrae	Charles Taylor	Public Works Director			
Pacifica	Van Ocampo	Public Works Director/City Engineer	X	X	
Portola Valley	Howard Young	Public Works Director			X
Redwood City	Saber Sarwary	Supervising Civil Engineer			X
San Bruno	Jimmy Tan	City Engineer	X	X	
San Carlos	Jay Walter	Public Works Director	X		X
San Mateo	Ray Towne	Interim Public Works Director	X	X	O
South San Francisco	Brian McMinn	Public Works Director	X	X	X
Woodside	Paul Nagengast	Deputy Town Manager/Town Engineer	O		X
San Mateo County	Jim Porter	Public Works Director	X		O
Regional Water Quality Control Board	Tom Mumley	Assistant Executive Officer	O		

"X" - Committee Member Attended

"O" - Other Jurisdictional Representative Attended