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### **MEETING AGENDA** **San Mateo Countywide Water Coordination** **Committee (SMCWCC)**

**Date:** Wednesday, Jan 17, 2018  
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.  
**Place:** San Mateo City Hall  
Conference Room C (across from Council Chamber)  
330 West 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
San Mateo, CA

PLEASE CALL Sandy Wong (599-1409) IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND

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| 1. | Public comment on items not on the agenda                                   | Presentations are limited to 3 mins |             |
| 2. | Approval of minutes from the November 15, 2017 meeting                      | Action (Pine)                       | Pages 1 - 3 |
| 3. | Update and discussion on “Water Summit” planning                            | Action (Pine)                       | Pages 4 - 6 |
| 4. | Receive presentation on the San Mateo Plain Subbasin groundwater assessment | Information (Ice)                   | Page 7      |
| 5. | Member comments and announcements   | Information                         |             |
| 6. | Adjournment<br><b>(Next meeting – February 21, 2018)</b>                    | Action (Pine)                       |             |

**NOTE:** All items appearing on the agenda are subject to action by the Committee. Actions recommended by staff are subject to change by the Committee.

**NOTE:** Persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids or services in attending and participating in this meeting should contact Mima Guilles at 650 599-1406, five working days prior to the meeting date.

**Countywide Water Coordination Committee****DRAFT  
MINUTES****MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2017**

Chair Pine called the meeting to order at 7:38 am at the San Mateo City Hall.

Attendance sheet is attached.

**1. Public Comments on items not on the agenda.**

None.

**2. Approval of minutes from the September 20, 2017 meeting.**

*Motion: Chair Pine moved to approve the September 20, 2017 minutes as presented; member Gauthier seconded; Motion carried unanimously.*

**3. Update and discussion on “Water Summit” planning.**

Chair Pine updated the committee on the current planning process for organizing a “Water Summit” planned for Spring 2018, the main objective of which is to raise awareness among local elected officials and agency staff about the breadth of water-related planning and infrastructure projects occurring around the county and the level of collaboration necessary to make these projects successful. This will lay the groundwork for future collaboration.

- Date – March 31, 2018
- Location – Cañada College
- Plenary speaker (tentative) – Congresswoman Jackie Speier
- Keynote speaker (confirmed) – Grant Davis – Director of California Department of Water Resources
- Duration – 8:30 a.m. to noon or 12:30, including plenary/keynote, County overview, panel discussion of projects, project breakouts, and final panel on integration and funding

Members discussed what other counties/regions in California are doing to address water integration and possible borrow from. Also discussed the format and breakout session design. Members also raised the question about which local projects to highlight, and agreed the summit should be truly countywide, including the coastside, Foster City levee project, among many others. Members inquired about the relevancy of SB 231 in creating new or raising existing stormwater fees, as well as the possibility of a Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District or other local financing tools to bridge the water infrastructure funding gap. The members agreed a countywide governance and financing structure like the Santa Clara Valley Water District may ultimately be appropriate in San Mateo County.

**4. Receive a presentation on the SAFER Bay Project (San Francisquito Creek Joint Power Authority).**

Len Materman from San Francisquito Creek Joint Power Authority (JPA) presented the SAFER Bay Project, which is a flood protection project addressing 11 miles of Bay shoreline at risk to sea level rise in two counties and three adjacent cities (East Palo Alto, Menlo Park and Palo Alto). The SAFER Bay project may use a combination of levees, floodwalls and natural infrastructure (horizontal levees) to protect against sea level rise along Highway 101 up to 9’ above today’s high tide water level. The project will remove properties from the current FEMA floodplain and sea level at 9’ above high tide, and will also upgrade the Bay Trail to provide better community access. A key feature of the proposed SAFER Bay Project is the use of marsh restoration via horizontal levees as a primary means of flood protection.

A significant aspect of this project is the implicit complexity of multiple jurisdictions, regulatory agencies, private businesses and funding sources. There are also challenges of private property encroachment and permitting. These challenges are all more manageable due to the multi-jurisdictional collaboration achieved through the San Francisquito Creek JPA. Identifiable elements of success include the coordination of the two counties and three cities through the JPA, dedicated staff at the JPA who can commit significant time to the project, and funding from the Santa Clara Valley Water District and other participating agencies and stakeholders (mostly local agencies). Ongoing challenges include approval of the use of horizontal levees for flood protection (or other alternatives such as a hydrostatic floodwall) and insufficient funding from responsible parties, including the Federal Government and private stakeholders. The project team is also investigating other funding options such as a new finance district bond, a regional tax through the Bay Restoration Authority, aggregate private flood insurance through the Community Rating System, and a cap and trade market for carbon.

**5. Review and approval of the 2018 SMCWCC Meeting Calendar.**

Members reviewed and approved the following 2018 SMCWCC calendar (note: no formal motion for approval was made).

Meetings will be held in the City of San Mateo, City Hall, Conference Room C located at **330 W 20<sup>th</sup> Ave**

<b>Wednesday at 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM</b>
Jan 17
Feb 21
Apr 18
May 16
July 18
Sept 19
Nov 21

**6. Member comments and announcements (information item).**

None.

**7. Adjournment.**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am. Next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2018.

<b>Countywide Water Coordination Committee Attendance</b>						
<b>Committee Member</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>5/17/2017</b>	<b>6/14/2017</b>	<b>8/16/2017</b>	<b>9/20/2017</b>	<b>11/15/2017</b>
Dave Pine (Chair)	County of San Mateo	X	X	X	X	X
Lisa Gauthier (Vice Chair)	East Palo Alto	X	X			X
Sue Vaterlaus	Pacifica	X	X	X	X	
Diane Papan	San Mateo	X	X	X	X	X
Mark Addiego	South San Francisco	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Others in attendance (November 15, 2017):</b>						
Matt Fabry	C/CAG					
Reid Bogert	C/CAG					
Michael Barber	County Board of Supervisors (District 1)					
Danielle Lee	San Mateo County (Office of Sustainability)					
Jim Porter	San Mateo County Director of Public Works					
Hilary Papendick	San Mateo County (Office of Sustainability)					
Erika Powell	San Mateo County (Flood Resilience Program)					
Len Materman	San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority					
Maggie Tides	San Mateo County (County Counsel's Office)					
Jim Eggemeyer	San Mateo County (Office of Sustainability)					

## C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: January 17, 2018

To: San Mateo Countywide Water Coordination Committee

From: Sandy Wong, Executive Director of C/CAG

Subject: Receive update on countywide 'Water Summit' planning.

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### **Recommendation:**

Receive update on countywide 'Water Summit' planning and discuss and provide input on draft agenda and program components.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

Expenses for the Summit is proposed to be co-funded by the County of San Mateo and C/CAG. Exact amount is TBD.

### **Background:**

At the November 15 meeting, committee members discussed the development of a countywide 'Water Summit' tentatively scheduled at Cañada College on March 30, 2018. Members emphasized the intent to raise awareness among local elected officials and municipal staff across the county about the breadth of collaborative water-related projects underway in San Mateo County and to help lay the groundwork for future collaboration that will be necessary to manage the county's inherently integrated water issues.

Since October, Committee Chair Pine and staff from C/CAG and the County representing sea level rise, flood resilience, ground water sustainability and stormwater have convened weekly summit planning meetings. To date, the planning committee has created a draft agenda and draft workplan for the summit (see Attachment 1). The current scope of the event, as detailed in the draft agenda, includes presentations and opportunities for discussion about high-profile and integrated water planning efforts and infrastructure projects across the spectrum of water issues managed by the county and local municipalities. Below is a list of input, and comments are being sought from this committee:

1. Comments on the Draft Water Summit Agenda.
  - a. Content of the Summit
  - b. Format of the Summit
2. Potential name/title of the Summit.
3. Target Summit attendees.
4. Outreach strategies to promote the Summit and attract targeted attendees.
5. What can members of this committee do to engage other elected official colleagues and promote attendance?

6. Additional resources (including staff or other financial resources).
7. Big picture take-aways?

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1. Countywide 'Water Summit' Draft Agenda

**DRAFT**

## **Water Extremes Summit**

**Friday, March 30, 2018**

### **Agenda**

- 8:00 to 8:30 AM Registration / Reception
- 8:30 to 8:40 AM Welcome and Overview: Supervisor Pine and C/CAG Chair Aguirre
- 8:40 to 8:55 AM Perspectives on Water: Congresswoman Jackie Speier (invited), Senator Hill (invited) & Assemblyman Mullin (invited)
- 8:55 to 9:25 AM Plenary: Water Policy at the State Level: Grant Davis, Sonoma County Water Agency General Manager (former California Department of Water Resources Director)
- 9:25 to 9:35 AM Highlights of Water Activities in San Mateo County: Supervisor Pine
- 9:35 to 10:35 AM Water Extremes Panel  
Moderator: Cathy Schaefer  
Flood Resilience projects: Erika Powell  
SLR Vulnerability Assessment: Hilary Papendick  
San Mateo Plain Groundwater Assessment - A Hidden Resource: Charles Ice  
Foster City: Jeff Moneda (invited)
- 10:35 to 11:30 AM Break-out Sessions: Water Experts
- 11:30 to 12:30 noon Collaboration Panel  
Moderator: Supervisor Pine  
San Francisquito Creek JPA: Len Materman  
Countywide Stormwater: Matt Fabry  
Coastside Water Challenges: Deborah Hirst  
BAWSCA: Nicole Sandkulla (invited)
- 12:30 Adjourn
- 1:00 to 4:00 OPTIONAL - Tour of sites in County

**C/CAG AGENDA REPORT**

Date: January 17, 2018  
To: San Mateo Countywide Water Coordination Committee  
From: Charles Ice, San Mateo County Environmental Health  
Subject: Receive a presentation on the San Mateo Plain Subbasin groundwater assessment.

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**Recommendation:**

Receive a presentation on the San Mateo Plain Subbasin groundwater assessment.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None.

**Background:**

The San Mateo Plain Subbasin underlies the bayside of San Mateo County from approximately the City of San Mateo on the north, to approximately the County boundary at San Francisquito Creek on the south. Currently, there is no entity actively managing the basin.

The Office of Sustainability and County Environmental Health Services are jointly working on a groundwater basin assessment of the San Mateo Plain Subbasin to assess the groundwater resources and current condition of the subbasin; and identify potential groundwater management strategies. The project is funded by Measure A, a countywide half-cent general sales tax passed by voters in 2013, and the Office of Sustainability.

Work on the assessment commenced in April 2016; the assessment is scheduled to be completed by June 2018. The development of the groundwater basin assessment will be a collaborative process. The Office of Sustainability and Environmental Health Services are holding a series of workshops to solicit public and stakeholder feedback.

Staff from County Environmental Health Services will provide a summary of the assessment efforts completed to date.

**Attachments:**

None.