

Countywide Water Coordination Committee

MINUTES MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2017

Chair Pine called the meeting to order at 7:35 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 May 17, 2017 meeting.

Staff noted a correction in the Minutes. The correct title for Erika Powell is “San Mateo County Flood Resilience Program Manager”.

Motion: Member Vaterlaus moved to approve the May 17, 2017 minutes as presented; member Gauthier seconded; Motion carried unanimously.

3. Receive an update on “Resilient By Design – Bay Area Challenge”.

Hilary Papendick provided an update on the Resilient By Design – Bay Area Challenge, a collaborative research and design initiative that connects design leaders to community members and local and national experts. In this challenge, ten teams of architects, engineers, designers, and other experts will work alongside community members and local government to identify critical areas along the San Francisco Bayfront, and propose exciting new solutions that will strengthen our region’s resilience to sea level rise, severe storms, flooding and earthquakes.

4. Develop committee workplan and direct staff on next-steps (action item).

The committee had a robust discussion regarding its priorities, roles and responsibilities relative to collaboration of sea level rise, flood resilience, and stormwater projects. In the near term, the committee can be most impactful in the following areas:

Funding advocacy:

- Receive information and overview of funding opportunities.
- Look for broader collaboration and partners for grant applications. For example, Integrate Regional Water Management (IRWM) Coordinating Committee, Coastal Conservancy, San Francisco Estuary Partnership/Association of Bay Area Governments, etc.
- Leverage private funding.
- Look at Proposition 218 efforts, including what C/CAG already did for a potential countywide stormwater funding initiative.

Information and Education:

- Sponsor mini seminars or conference.
- Receive background information on work done by the previous “Water Committee” last year.
- Have a presentation on what's been done to-date on the Bayfront Canal flood control efforts.
- Receive information on various on-going and planned projects. Having that knowledge would enable the committee to help prioritize and advocate for projects, and provide endorsement.
- Look at what C/CAG will be developing for its Green Infrastructure funding options report that will be created during FY 17/18.
- Provide education on the current regulatory environment for getting projects built.
- San Mateo County is planning to install a significant number of new flow gages in local creeks in the County, some of which flow through incorporated jurisdictions. This data could be used as part of a site prioritization process that involves understanding variable flow conditions, flooding, green infrastructure potential and risk related to stormwater and sea level rise.

Inter-Agency Collaboration:

- The committee can be a sounding board for planning, policy development, and development of templates for ordinance and code changes.
- Consider coastal and bay-side working groups, given very different nature of issues on both sides of the county.
- Look at aggregate flood insurance programs.
- Development agreements - standardize/institutionalize terms and conditions for future developments (for the area between US 101 and the bay).
- Consider a damage assessment "strike team" to assist agencies when flood events occur

Other:

- Provide additional staff to help pursue other projects.

5. Adjustment to committee meeting calendar for 2017 (action item).

The committee decided to keep the following future meeting dates:

August 16, 2017

September 20, 2017

Every other month thereafter.

6. Member comments and announcements (information item).

None.

7. Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 am.

| Countywide Water Coordination Committee Attendance | | | | | |
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| Committee Member | Agency | 5/17/2017 | 6/14/2017 | | |
| Dave Pine (Chair) | County of San Mateo | X | X | | |
| Lisa Gauthier (Vice Chair) | East Palo Alto | X | X | | |
| Sue Vaterlaus | Pacifica | X | X | | |
| Diane Papan | San Mateo | X | X | | |
| Mark Addiego | South San Francisco | X | X | | |
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| Others in attendance (June 14, 2017): | | | | | |
| Sandy Wong | C/CAG | | | | |
| Matt Fabry | C/CAG | | | | |
| Reid Bogert | C/CAG | | | | |
| Hilary Papendick | San Mateo County (Office of Sustainability) | | | | |
| Jim Porter | San Mateo County (Public Works) | | | | |
| Len Matterman | San Francisquito Creek JPA | | | | |