

Countywide Water Coordination Committee

MINUTES MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 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 June 14, 2017 meeting.

Motion: Member Vaterlaus moved to approve the June 14, 2017 minutes as presented; member Addiego seconded; Motion carried unanimously.

3. Receive presentation on mapping countywide water coordination issues (information item).

C/CAG staff demonstrated C/CAG's Geographic Information System (GIS) data viewer, which was originally created to display a prioritization of potential project sites for stormwater management as part of the countywide Stormwater Resource Plan. An updated version of the data viewer was presented to the Water Committee, including data layers from each of the three priority program areas (stormwater, sea level rise and flood resiliency). The demonstration showed the potential to integrate consultant resources and leverage geographic data to visualize and promote collaboration, especially regarding multi-benefit regional projects. It was emphasized that multi-benefit projects have the greatest potential to meet water quality requirements under the Municipal Regional Project, while also creating opportunity to integrate flood management and sea level rise adaptation strategies. Per request by Committee members, staff will send the link to the viewer to Committee Members.

4. Receive presentation on countywide stormwater program opportunities for collaboration (information item).

C/CAG staff presented on areas for potential collaboration in regard to the countywide stormwater program efforts. The focus was on green infrastructure planning, which was identified as the main opportunity for linkage among water coordination issues. These include:

- Green Infrastructure (GI) Scenario Planning
 - Opportunities to include additional watershed characteristics in GI project site screening and prioritization required for all GI Plans
 - Could update GI scenario modeling to account for predicted changes in future precipitation caused by climate change
- Planning document updates
 - Currently all jurisdictions must update relevant planning documents to incorporate GI, but could also include or promote model language for sea level rise planning and adaptation

- New and redevelopment projections (requires GI for stormwater management on applicable new and redevelopment projects)
 - Could build on existing model planning update language for GI to include adapting local development planning and approval processes to account for future sea level rise
- Project concepts
 - Funding opportunities require well-developed project concepts, which could be co-developed through C/CAG for multi-benefit projects
- Outreach
 - Opportunity for a more holistic approach to outreach, where programs can better leverage resources and coordinate shared messaging
- Funding
 - The committee could advise local jurisdictions to help develop MOUs and funding arrangements for multi-benefit, multi-jurisdictional projects. The committee also agreed it could support the process of prioritizing and facilitating these projects in pursuit of grants

5. Receive information on San Mateo Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment messaging consultant selection (information item).

Office of Sustainability staff provided an update on efforts to create supplemental communication and outreach materials for the Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment and the process of selecting a communications consultant to develop these materials in the next three to six months. The emphasis of the outreach strategy is to encourage action among different audiences (e.g., elected officials, local agency staff, community organizations and the general public). The materials will include a Sea Level Vulnerability Assessment highlights pamphlet, a factsheet for each city conveying the individual concerns around the sea level rise scenarios, an online story map with additional website updates, and one or two short videos about current efforts and future actions. Staff will continue to seek guidance and direction from the committee members on the consultant selection process and outreach strategy.

6. Continue discussion on committee workplan and next-steps (action item).

Chair Pine led a discussion of next-steps for the committee workplan, focusing on key opportunities for coordination and support from the committee. A handout was provided outlining the following focus areas for the committee:

- 1) Be the sounding board on ideas; 2) collaboration; 3) education; 4) funding; 5) long-term solutions; 6) host a water summit.

The committee discussed:

- Hosting a “Water Summit” to educate and to feature examples of how funding packages are put together for larger multi-benefit projects
- Funding, with a focus on navigating near-term and long-term goals and opportunities
- Multi-jurisdiction collaboration and influencing statewide policy to facilitate collaboration

The idea of a Water Summit and workshopping multi-jurisdictional project concepts were identified as a valuable role for the committee to play in advocating for further collaboration and building projects. Though a countywide funding initiative is unlikely in the near term,

building support through finding funding for multi-jurisdictional projects, and developing three to five project concepts across the County, could be a good way to gain buy-in from local jurisdictions. The committee discussed having County Public Works staff present at the next committee meeting the proposed Bay Front Canal Project, and other Flood Resilience Program projects being developed by the County, as an example of the challenges faced in such projects.

Members agreed to hold the September 20 Water Coordination Committee meeting, and then to adjust the schedule to every other month thereafter. Committee members recommended the September meeting focus on the Bayfront Canal presentation and initial discussions about planning a Water Summit in 2018.

No action was taken for the workplan.

6. Member comments and announcements (information item).

None.

7. Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 am.

Countywide Water Coordination Committee Attendance					
Committee Member	Agency	5/17/2017	6/14/2017	8/16/2017	
Dave Pine (Chair)	County of San Mateo	X	X	X	
Lisa Gauthier (Vice Chair)	East Palo Alto	X	X		
Sue Vaterlaus	Pacifica	X	X	X	
Diane Papan	San Mateo	X	X	X	
Mark Addiego	South San Francisco	X	X	X	
Others in attendance (August 16, 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 Director)				
Randy Breault	Brisbane Public Works Director				
Jim Eggemeyer	San Mateo County (Office of Sustainability)				