

Countywide Water Coordination Committee

MINUTES MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2018

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 February 21, 2018 meeting.

Motion: Member Addiego moved to approve the February 21, 2018 minutes as presented; Seconded by Member Vaterlaus; Motion carried unanimously.

3. Receive update on the “Floods, Drought, Rising Seas, Oh My!” Challenges and Opportunities for Water Management in San Mateo County summit.

Committee received an update on the “Floods, Drought, Rising Seas, Oh My!” Challenges and Opportunities in for Water Management in San Mateo County summit hosted at Canada College on March 30, 2018. Chair Pine shared program highlights, including a large attendance of approximately 300 people, nearly forty posters representing twenty-five local projects, press coverage from multiple media outlets, and abundant positive feedback from attendees. The event planning team created a resources page with PDFs of the project profiles, images from the event and the video presentation from Congresswoman Jackie Speier calling on local support for developing a unified water agency to support infrastructure funding in San Mateo County. The committee agreed the water summit could be a biannual event to maintain engagement on high profile and water-related projects and progress with a new agency if developed.

4. Discussion on next steps to countywide water collaboration – One Water.

Chair Pine led a discussion about next steps for creating a unified water agency or department within an existing agency to better coordinate flood control- and sea level rise- related projects and competitively pursue state and federal funding. The committee reviewed the core needs of such an agency, including funding and management of regional-scale sea level rise, flooding and stormwater projects and discussed how work under this new agency may integrate with current departments and agencies. The committee proposed a plan for contracting consultant support to facilitate making a recommendation to the C/CAG Board of Directors for options for a new agency by the end 2018. The committee agreed to the formation of a Staff Advisory Team (SAT) composed of 16 staff from cities and county public works departments, water agencies, the County Manager’s Office, staff to the Board of Supervisors, county legal counsel, and staff from each core program area (sea level rise, flooding and stormwater). The SAT would support the Water Coordination Committee in proposing options for a new agency with support from a County on-call contractor, beginning with a scope of work to develop a strategic plan for the creation of a new agency. It was agreed that the SAT would

likely need to meet monthly through the remainder of the year to work closely with the consultant on the proposed plan. Chair pine also proposed recommending the C/CAG Board approve inclusion of C/CAG Chair Maryann Moise Derwin and exiting-C/CAG Chair Alicia Aguirre on the Water Committee. This recommendation was based on the recognized need for additional elected official engagement in developing a recommendation for a new agency, and the value of institutional knowledge brought by the C/CAG Board leadership.

Committee members agreed to schedule the first SAT meeting on May 3, 2018 and to bring back a proposed scope of work for developing a strategic plan for the Water Coordination Committee to review and provide input on at the next committee meeting.

5. Member comments and announcements (information item).

None.

7. Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 am. Next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2018.