

Countywide Water Coordination Committee

MINUTES MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 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.

Jerry Hearn provided public comments on the proposal for a new agency. Mr. Hearn's comments focused on the importance of maintaining a watershed perspective on integrated water management issues throughout the county and remaining flexible as the agency develops since the agency would be taking on novel and complicated work requiring significant coordination across many stakeholders. Mr. Hearn also emphasized the importance of having passionate, knowledgeable and engaged Board members direct the agency.

2. Approval of minutes from the November 30, 2018 meeting.

Motion: Member Aguirre moved to approve the November 30, 2018 minutes as presented; Seconded by Member Vaterlaus; Member Chuang abstained; Motion carried unanimously.

3. Review and recommend endorsement by the C/CAG Board of Directors of the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Agency proposal.

Ellen Cross with Environmental Science Associates (ESA), which is supporting the SAT effort, summarized recent actions and deliverables from the SAT, including the second of two city meetings for sharing the concept of the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Agency (FSLRRA) proposal; refinements to the brochure, proposal and FAQ; and endorsement of the proposal and brochure by the SAT at its Dec 13 meeting. Chair Pine updated the Committee on the proposed process for modifying the existing 1959 San Mateo County Flood Control District Act to create the new agency, after having met with the County lobbyist and Assembly Member Kevin Mullin and Senator Jerry Hill to discuss the proposed strategy. Chair Pine shared that under an urgency bill or a budget trailer, the legislation could likely be modified by July 1, 2019, at which time the agency would be established.

The Committee discussed the following revisions to the proposal and brochure based on input from the SAT and this Committee:

- The term "Implementation and Funding Plan" was modified to "Investment Plan," highlighting the primary intent of the initial plan to support a long-term funding initiative, rather than develop a highly detailed implementation plan at the outset
- Language was added to propose up to two additional years of annual funding contributions in the event a long-term funding structure is not secured in the first three years, provided the agency has demonstrated sufficient progress and the agencies agree to their respective contributions

The Committee discussed the plan for outreach to cities under Phase 2 of the agency proposal and endorsement. Based on feedback from the cities, it is anticipated that councils will require one or two meetings to be educated on the proposal and take action on approving a resolution to support the new agency with annual funding contributions for the first three years. The Committee agreed to write a letter to the City Managers introducing the proposal and the planned outreach process after endorsements by the C/CAG Board of Directors and the County Board of Supervisors to facilitate the process. The Committee also discussed the potential of outreaching to additional potential funding partners during this time, including San Francisco International Airport, Caltrans, foundations or others. Chair Pine informed the Committee that Larry Paterson has been contracted with the County to support endorsement by cities and initial outreach. Members suggested that city retreats could be an additional opportunity for outreach. Phase 2 of the proposal will also include development of a broader communications plan reaching a wider audience and supporting the creation of the agency as well as efforts towards a sustainable funding structure. This communications plan will target internal city and county departments, water and sewer districts, regional entities, state and federal agencies, non-governmental agencies, private entities and the public. There will also be a website released in early 2019 to support both city outreach and a broader communications plan.

Finally, the Committee reviewed the schedule for planned endorsement of the proposal by the C/CAG Board of Directors on January 10 and the County Board of Supervisors on January 29.

Motion: Member Vaterlaus moved to approve recommendation for endorsement by the C/CAG Board of Directors of the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Agency proposal; Seconded by Member Yarbrough-Gauthier; Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of 2019 calendar of meetings.

The Committee discussed the need for holding meetings in 2019 and the timeline for requesting applications for appointment to FSLRRA Board of Directors by July 1, 2019. It was proposed that the Water Coordination Committee continue to meet monthly at its current time and location at San Mateo City Hall, until further notice. The Committee agreed to the following 2019 calendar of meetings:

2019 Meeting Dates
3rd Fridays from 7:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.
January 18
February 15
March 15
April 19
May 17
June 21
July 19
August 16
September 20
October 18
November 15

December 20

Motion: Member Addiego motioned to approved the proposed 2019 calendar of meetings; Seconded: Member Yarbrough-Gauthier; Motion carried unanimously.

5. Member comments and announcements (information item).

None.

6. Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 am. Next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2019.