## STORMWATER COMMITTEE Regular Meeting Thursday, October 18, 2018 2:30 p.m.

## **Meeting Minutes**

The Stormwater Committee met in the SamTrans Offices, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor auditorium. Attendance at the meeting is shown on the attached roster. In addition to the Committee members, also in attendance were Sandy Wong (C/CAG Executive Director), Matt Fabry (C/CAG Program Manager), Reid Bogert (C/CAG staff), Jon Konnan (EOA, Inc.), Sandy Mathews (LWA, Inc.), Ahmad Haya (Redwood City), Breann Liebermann (San Mateo County), Tatum Mothershead and Richard Chiu (Daly City), and Matt Zucca (San Mateo). Chair Breault called the meeting to order at 2:44 p.m.

- 1. Public comment: None
- 2. Stormwater Issues from C/CAG Board Meetings: Matt Fabry provided an update on stormwater-related items from the C/CAG Board in June, September, and a presentation in October on the San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program, highlighting the primary areas of support provided via C/CAG, including local technical support, direct compliance and regional collaborative efforts.
- 3. ACTION The draft minutes from the May 17, 2018 Stormwater Committee meeting were unanimously approved as drafted (motion: Murtuza, second: Oskoui).
- 4. INFORMATION Fabry provided announcements on stormwater issues:
  - SB 231 stormwater fee exploration in San Mateo County: Received update on the exploration of SB 231 stormwater utility fees in San Mateo County, with support from a statewide task force and is identifying potential cities/counties to enact test cases to provide legal standing to overturn the Salinas decision that under Prop 218 prevents stormwater from being included in new utility fees without a ballot measure. Several jurisdictions in San Mateo are investigating potential projects that could uphold the SB 231 provision to enable stormwater utility fees through a public hearing and protest process.
  - Regional concept developments for RAA: C/CAG continues to work with consultants, jurisdictions and Caltrans staff to identify regional project opportunities. Two new project concepts have been developed recently, including 1) San Bruno 280/380 interchange, which would occur on Caltrans property and would treat drainage from San Bruno, Pacifica, the County and Caltrans ROW, and 2) Red Morton Park in Redwood City, which would treat drainage from Redwood City, Woodside and the County. C/CAG staff is currently working with jurisdictions and Caltrans to find funding to design and construct these projects. The Orange Memorial Park Project and the Atherton project are also moving forward (the Atherton project is now being considered for a new location at Menlo College under the athletic fields). Newly identified projects will be included in the RAA modeling results for potential future projects and pollutant load reductions.
  - October 22 meeting with Regional Water Board staff on RAA: Fabry provided an update on a briefing planned with Water Board staff on SMCWPPP's progress with the RAA and how to frame the results for including targets for green infrastructure in the GI Plans.

- FY19-20 and beyond budget planning: Fabry discussed the initial FY19/20 planning discussion
  with the Ad-hoc Workgroup, which made recommendations for cutting services further in 19/20
  to match the current budget and then considering future changes to the program to more costeffectively provide program support to the permittees. Staff will plan to meet again with the Adhoc Workgroup in the coming months to further identify areas to cut back in FY19/20 and
  otherwise shift resources within C/CAG and among the permittees to cost-effectively meet the
  requirements of the MRP.
- Green infrastructure projections for new and redevelopment: New projections for new and redevelopment will be shared soon with the permittees, including acreage projections through 2020, 2030 and 2040. A memo will be circulated to the GI Committee, NPDES TAC, Stormwater Committee and Planning and Building Directors for feedback on the projections.
- Other: Fabry shared current funding opportunities, including the EPA Water Quality
  Improvement Fund, the Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plan (IRWMP) funds for
  integrated water projects in the Bay Area, and Prop 1 Stormwater Program funds due to be
  released in the coming months. It was noted that San Mateo County is not getting its
  proportionate share of the IRWMP funds, and that for state funds, there is typically a 1-to-1
  non-state fund match requirement.

5. INFORMATION - Receive presentation on PCBs load reductions and annual reporting. Jon Konnan presented the status of PCBs load reductions in San Mateo County based on the Annual Report submittal in September 2018. As a county, San Mateo permittees did not meet the populationbased load reduction requirements by all control measures by the July 1, 2018 compliance deadline. As a region, however, all permittees under the San Francisco Bay Regional Municipal Stormwater Permit (MRP), including San Mateo County Permittees did achieve the 2018 compliance reduction of 500 g/year. San Mateo County permittees did achieve the green infrastructure-based load reduction requirement for 2018 and 2020. Based on the current assessment of PCBs load reductions through 2020 for all permittees under the MRP, including San Mateo County permittees, there appears to be a significant shortfall between current reductions and future reported reductions, including the PCBs/building demolition program credit of 2 kg/year on a regional basis, which will be assumed if all permittees implement programs by July 1, 2019. One area of potential is source property referrals; however, significant effort has been put into source property identification, including desktop screening and sampling, and it is believed most of the larger sites have already been identified and/or referred. Unlike other more industrialized areas of the MRP region, however, San Mateo has fewer industrial sites, and those that do exist tend to be smaller, making the prospect for load reduction via source property referrals even less optimistic in San Mateo County. Two sites in San Carlos were identified as existing cleanup sites to be followed-up for additional cleanup to meet water quality standards and to achieve load reduction credit this past fiscal year. One site still requires a referral process and additional sampling before credit will be received. It was noted that to support San Mateo County permittees, if future compliance deadlines are not met regionally or at the county level, SMCWPPP is continuing to sample sediment in targeted locations to demonstrate the commitment to finding potential source properties, and the process will be documented in the TMDL implementation plan to be submitted on behalf of the permittees by the program in 2020. It was also noted that demonstrating a level of commitment to begin institutionalizing green infrastructure in local GI Plans will be supportive.

6. INFORMATION – Receive presentation on the BASMAA PCBs/Building Demolition project and next steps for program adoption and implementation.

Sandy Matthews presented the BASMAA project outputs for developing a program to manage PCBs in building materials during demolition. The MRP requires permittees to develop and implement or cause

to be implemented programs to manage PCBs in building materials prior to demolition by July 1, 2019. BASMAA produced tools and guidance over the past several years to support local program development, adoption and implementation, including a demolition applicant package, model language for adoption, CEQA documentation and outreach support. The development of these tools included significant engagement with Water Board staff, EPA staff and industry stakeholders. Additional trainings for permittees to help adopt programs has been planned by the BASMAA project team (the first staff training was held on Oct 9 and the second will be Oct 30, 2019). C/CAG staff recommends jurisdictions begin engaging with city attorneys and legal counsels, as well as relevant building officials and planning and building staff to review ordinances and codes to determine the best approach for adopting a local program. C/CAG staff is also planning a one-hour webinar for San Mateo legal counsels and other key staff to receive a briefing on the program requirements and address questions. The webinar is being planned for December or January. C/CAG staff will also look for future opportunities to engage City Managers and Building Officials, as well as provide additional support as needed to individual agencies. For jurisdictions considering creating a new ordinance it is recommended approving a new ordinance in May to provide adequate time for two hearings prior to enactment of the new code.

7. ACTION - Review and recommend approval of consultant selection for the Caltrans grant-funded Countywide Sustainable Streets Master Plan.

Fabry provided an overview of C/CAG's process to select a consultant or consultant team to develop a countywide sustainable streets master plan recently awarded funds from the Caltrans Adaptation Planning Grant Program. Two project proposals were received (Paradigm Environmental and Tetra Tech) after widely distributing the Request for Proposals via BASMAA and CASQA distribution lists and hosting a pre-proposal workshop in September. A selection committee comprised of C/CAG staff, County staff, County Environmental Health and the City of Burlingame, scored the proposals based on the criteria outlined in the Request for Proposals, and made a recommendation of Paradigm Environmental after inviting both firms to conduct an interview. It was noted that both proposals were presented underbudget and similar in scope, but that the Paradigm team presented a stronger proposal that overall aligned closer with C/CAG's vision for the project, in addition to having strong existing relationships with C/CAG and SMCWPPP through ongoing work. C/CAG staff issued a notice to proceed on Oct 2, 2018 and has already met with Caltrans staff to initiate the project. Staff will keep the Committee informed of progress and opportunities for direct engagement.

- 8. Regional Board Report: None.
- 9. Executive Director's Report: C/CAG Executive Director Sandy Wong reported that the Countywide Water Coordination Committee (CWCC) is moving forward on efforts to develop a recommendation on a new agency to address flooding and sea level rise. The CWCC established a Staff Advisory Team including 16 agency representatives with expertise in water and agency organization/administration issues. The draft proposal is coming forward and workshops to share the proposal and get input from the cities are planned for Nov 14 at Brisbane City Hall and Dec 3 at the San Mateo Main Library. City Managers will be invited directly.
- 10. Member Reports: None.

Chair Breault adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.