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MEETING AGENDA **San Mateo Countywide Water Coordination** **Committee (SMCWCC)**

Date: Friday, May 17, 2019
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Place: San Mateo City Hall,
Conference Room C (across from Council Chamber)
330 West 20th Avenue, San Mateo, CA

PLEASE CALL Reid Bogert (599-1433) IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND

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| 1. | Public comment on items not on the agenda. | Presentations are limited to 3 mins | |
| 2. | Approval of minutes from the April 19, 2019 meeting. | Action | Pages 1-3 |
| 3. | Receive presentation on County Flood Resilience Program. | Information | Page 4 |
| 4. | Receive updates and provide input on formation of the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District. | Action | Pages 5-7 |
| 5. | Discuss future for the San Mateo Countywide Water Coordination Committee. | Action | Pages 8-9 |
| 6. | Member comments and announcements. | | |
| 7. | Adjournment. Next scheduled meeting June 21, 2019. | | |

NOTE: All items appearing on the agenda are subject to action by the Committee. Actions recommended by staff are subject to change by the Committee.

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Countywide Water Coordination Committee

MINUTES MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2019

Chair Pine called the meeting to order at 7:38 am at the San Mateo City Hall, Conference Room C.

Attendance sheet is attached.

1. Public Comments on items not on the agenda.

Carol Steinfeld provided comment on the need for water security in San Mateo County and to plan for uncertainty with future climate conditions and supply management. Ms. Steinfeld suggested the C/CAG Water Committee could take this issue up after the new Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Agency is established.

2. Approval of minutes from the March 15, 2019 meeting.

Motion: Member Diane Papan moved to approve the March 15, 2019 minutes contingent on proposed edits from Sandy Wong to correct the public comment made by Carol Steinfeld; Seconded by Member Chuang; Motion carried 7-0.

Sandy Wong, Executive Director of C/CAG, proposed edits to correct the public comments made by Carol Steinfeld at the March 15, 2019 meeting to read “Carol Steinfeld suggested the committee, after launching the new agency, switch its focus to addressing state-of-the-art water supply management, specifically water supply diversification, emergency water supply, decentralized water reuse, and advanced conversation.”

3. Receive update and provide direction on enacting legislation, city engagement efforts, staff transitioning and investment planning and other related topics on the proposed Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District (FSLRRD).

Deputy County Counsel, Paul Okada, updated the Committee with regards to advancing AB 825 and other issues pertaining to establishing the new Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District (FSLRRD). Mr. Okada shared feedback from the Coastal Commission, which expressed concern about whether amending the District Act would have consequences for the California Coastal Act. County Counsel confirmed the amended legislation would not affect existing law under the California Coastal Act, and that the amended legislation would provide clarity on this issue. Mr. Okada reported that the League of Women Voters also contacted County Counsel and expressed concern about the level of public involvement in forming the new District. County Counsel has advised reiterating the value of public participation in the documentation and process of forming the new “Board in Waiting” to address this concern. Mr. Okada updated the Committee on feedback from the County’s legislative consultant, with regards to potential concerns about AB 825 from legislators concerned with bills that include taxation authority. The concerns revolve mostly around AB 825 referencing existing government code that allows the issuance of revenue bonds without the typical 50% voter approval. County counsel noted that this is similar to powers of other districts, like BART, for example. After making some minor modifications to the draft amendments, the bill will go to the Assembly Legislative Committee for the initial hearing on April 24, and the Appropriations Committee on May 17. Final changes to the bill language can be made through April 30. Finally, County Public Works has met with the Controller’s Office and Local Agency Formation Commission to plan for the transfer of operations between the existing Flood Control District and the FSLRRD. Relevant County staff will meet at least monthly through December 2019 to ensure a smooth transition.

Staff provided updates on city engagement efforts and endorsement of the FSLRRD. At the time of the meeting, 17 out of 20 cities/towns in San Mateo County had already endorsed the proposal. The Committee discussed what should happen if remaining cities do not endorse the proposal. The Committee agreed that the municipal regional stormwater permit requirements to build green infrastructure and attain load reductions for certain pollutants would provide additional incentive for all agencies to participate, especially those that do not have adequate means to develop green infrastructure in the public right-of-way. C/CAG's recent request for additional state funds through Assembly Member Mullin's office to develop designs for regional capture projects would further support this work.

Lastly, staff updated the Committee on the schedule for soliciting members of the new "Board in waiting" for the FSLRRD, developing an RFP for an investment plan and initial staffing. C/CAG plans to bring a solicitation package for approval at its May 9 Board of Directors meeting and will recommend appointments at its June 13 meeting. The Board of Supervisors anticipates appointments for its two positions at its June 25 meeting. After the Board in waiting is appointed in June, there would be a recruitment process for General Manager for the FSLRRD and concurrent development of an RFP for creating an investment strategy. The General Manager would then approve the investment strategy RFP for release in October 2019. Assuming AB 825 makes it through the legislature, the Governor has until September 30, 2020 to sign it, after which it would go into effect January 1, 2020 and the Board in waiting would become the official governing board.

4. Review and provide input on draft solicitation for appointing the new board of the FSLRRD.

The Committee received and discussed the draft solicitation for recruiting C/CAG Board members to the Board in waiting for the FSLRRD. The solicitation follows the general format as other C/CAG committee solicitations and provides a brief background on the formation of the FSLRRD, the geographic representation of the new Board, terms, and application process. Staff suggested including some financial background on the existing Flood Control District, if appropriate. Len Materman suggested including more definition of the existing Subzones of the Flood Control District and the current MOU projects therein. The solicitation requests a letter of interest by May 31, 2019, and applicants will have an opportunity to speak at the June 13 C/CAG Board meeting, prior to appointments by the Board.

5. Member comments and announcements.

Comments included mention of the Ora Loma Sanitary District site visit to the horizontal levee the week prior, and a planned meeting with staff at the San Francisco International Airport to brief them on the new agency. C/CAG staff also urged agencies that have not already submitted letters of support for the Mullin budget request to do so as soon as possible. The Committee also agreed to agendaize the Committee's schedule and plans for the future for the May 17 meeting.

6. Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 am. Next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2019

Countywide Water Coordination Committee Attendance											
Committee Member	Agency	Jan 18, 2019	Feb 8, 2019	Mar 15, 2019	April 19, 2019						
Dave Pine (Chair)	County of San Mateo	X	X	X	X						
Lisa Yarbrough-Gauthier (Vice Chair)	East Palo Alto	X	X	X	X						
Sue Vaterlaus	Pacifica	X	X	X	X						
Diane Papan	San Mateo	X	X	X	X						
Mark Addiego	South San Francisco	X	X	X							
Maryann Derwin	Chair of C/CAG		X	X	X						
Marie Chuang	Vice Chair of C/CAG	X		X	X						
Alicia Aguirre	Former Chair of C/CAG			X	X						
Others in attendance (April 19, 2019):											
Sandy Wong	C/CAG Executive Director										
Matt Fabry	C/CAG										
Reid Bogert	C/CAG										
Jim Porter	SM County Public Works Director										
Jim Eggemeyer	SM County Office of Sustainability										
Paul Okada	SM County Counsel										
Brian Perkins	Represnetative for Congresswoman Speier's Office										
Carol Steinfeld	member of the public										
Jerry Hearn	Committee for Green Foothills										
Len Materman	San Francisquito Creek JPA										
Junko Bryant	Grass Roots Ecology										
Julia Mates	Belmont City Council										

C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: May 17, 2019
To: San Mateo Countywide Water Coordination Committee
From: Sandy Wong, Executive Director of C/CAG
Subject: Receive presentation on County Flood Resilience Program.

Recommendation:

That the Countywide Water Coordination Committee (Committee) receive an update on the County's Flood Resilience Program.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Background:

Erika Powell, Manager of the County Flood Resilience Program, will present on the status of the three Flood Resilience Program collaborative efforts, including the Bayfront Canal and Atherton Channel Flood Management and Restoration Project and Watershed Management Plan, the Belmont Creek Watershed Management Plan, the Navigable Slough Flood Management Study, and the Countywide Flood Emergency Response grant work. This work includes the installation of six stream gauges on the bay side, two gauges on the coast side, a webcam on Bayfront Canal/Atherton Channel, the development of emergency operations plans for three watersheds, and the launch of a public facing stream gauge information website. These projects will be managed under the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District (FSLRRD) once established, as described in the FSLRRD Proposal. They are currently being managed under the County Flood Resilience Program. Funding to manage these projects will continue to be provided by the County for the first three years of the new District as outlined in the Proposal.

Attachments:

None.

C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: May 17, 2019

To: San Mateo Countywide Water Coordination Committee

From: Sandy Wong, Executive Director of C/CAG

Subject: Receive updates and provide input on formation of the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District.

Recommendation:

That the Countywide Water Coordination Committee (Committee) receive updates and provide input on formation of the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District (FSLRRD), including regarding Assembly Bill 825, city/town endorsements, agency start-up plans and schedule, development of a draft Request for Proposals for Investment Strategy, C/CAG's recruitment for five city seats, and other relevant issues.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Background:

Staff will provide a general update on developments regarding the proposal for the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District since the Committee met in April. Updates will include status on bringing AB 825 (enacting legislation for the FLSLRRD) through the state legislative committees, status of endorsement by towns and cities, transition planning for the new district, development of a draft Request for Proposals for developing a Flood and Sea Level Rise Investment Strategy, C/CAG's recruitment of city/town representatives for the new governing board, and other issues.

Attachments:

1. City/Town Endorsement Status
2. Draft schedule for FSLRRD start-up

City	Scheduled Date	Status
South San Francisco	N/A	Endorsed
Belmont	2/12/19	Endorsed
Half Moon Bay	3/5/19	Endorsed
East Palo Alto	3/5/19	Endorsed
Brisbane	3/7/19	Endorsed
San Carlos	3/11/19	Endorsed
San Bruno	3/12/19	Endorsed
Colma	3/13/19	Endorsed
Pacifica	3/25/19	Endorsed
Millbrae	3/26/19	Endorsed
Burlingame	4/1/19	Endorsed
Redwood City	4/8/19	Endorsed
Hillsborough	4/8/19	Endorsed
Daly City	4/8/19	Endorsed
Portola Valley	4/10/19	Endorsed
San Mateo	4/15/19	Endorsed
Atherton	4/17/19	Endorsed
Woodside	4/23/19	Endorsed*
Menlo Park	5/7/19	Endorsed
Foster City	5/20/19	Pending

* *Woodside endorsed the proposal but approved \$15,000 in annual funding versus the requested \$25,000. Following the formation of the Agency, the FSLRRD Board will consider the ramifications of this reduced payment.*

Sketch Schedule for the establishment of FSLRRA

Revised April 19, 2019

April 19, 2019	Water Committee makes comment on recruitment package for city representatives for north/central/south/coast/at-large seats
May 2019	Receive support for FSLRRA from all cities
May 9, 2019	C/CAG begins recruitment for the 5 city representatives
June 13, 2019	C/CAG appoints the 5 city representatives to serve on the “Board-in-Waiting” and on the FSLRRA Board
June 25, 2019	BOS appoints 7-member Committee as “Board-in-Waiting”
July 2019	“Board-in-Waiting” approves recruitment package for the FSLRRA General Manager (GM)
May/June 2019	Staff team prepares draft RFP (pending approval by GM) for Investment Plan
Sept/Oct 2019	“Board-in-Waiting” approves appointment of GM. County to contract with GM. (FSLRRA can formally appoint the GM after 1/1/2010)
Sept 30, 2019	Deadline for Governor to sign bills
Sept/Oct 2019	GM approves RFP for Investment Plan. County releases the RFP on behalf of the FSLRRA.
January 1, 2020	AB 825 takes effect - FSLRRA is official. “Board-in-Waiting” becomes the Board of Directors

C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: May 17, 2019

To: San Mateo Countywide Water Coordination Committee

From: Sandy Wong, Executive Director of C/CAG

Subject: Discuss future for the San Mateo Countywide Water Coordination Committee.

Recommendation:

That the Countywide Water Coordination Committee (Committee) discuss next steps for the Committee after the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District is formed.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Background:

The San Mateo Countywide Water Coordination Committee (Committee) formed in May 2017 as a standing committee as recommended by the C/CAG Ad-hoc Water Committee, which met through 2016 explore multi-jurisdiction water issues in San Mateo County, focusing on sea level rise, flooding, and stormwater and with the intention of finding more collaborative approaches.

The Committee established a focus on funding advocacy, information and education, and inter-agency collaboration regarding these regional water-related issues, and hosted a regional water summit, "Floods, Droughts, Rising Seas, Oh My!" on March 30, 2018, which was attended by 300 people and closed with a call to action from Congresswoman Jackie Speier for San Mateo to form a new agency to better compete for state and federal funding and be better prepared for sea level rise in San Mateo County.

Following the summit and after adding three new members form the C/CAG Board (C/CAG Chair, Vice-Chair and immediate past Chair), the Committee embarked on a process to create a proposal for a new agency to address sea level rise, coastal erosion, flooding, and regional stormwater management. This culminated in endorsement of a proposal for the Flood and Sea level Rise Resiliency Agency in January 2019 by the C/CAG Board and County Board of Supervisors and 19 of 20 cities and towns to date, including commitment of three years of funding by all endorsing agencies. AB 825 has been introduced by Assembly Member Mullin to create the new agency, the solicitation is out for city/town council representatives who wish to be considered for appointment to the governing board of the new agency, and plans are underway for recruiting a General Manager and releasing a Request for Proposals for developing

an investment strategy that can be used to secure long-term, sustainable revenue.

Given these accomplishments and the likelihood that the new agency will be up and running in January 2020, staff recommends the Committee members discuss the future of the Committee, including whether the Committee continues to meet in 2020, potentially with a revised purpose and goals or whether the Committee no longer serves a meaningful purpose within C/CAG and can disband. In addition, the Committee has received public comment at recent meetings recommending the Committee consider taking on discussions on broader water issues that would not be addressed by the new agency. The current schedule of meetings for the Committee continues monthly through December 2019.

Attachments:

None.