

STORMWATER COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 18, 2020
2:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

The Stormwater Committee met remotely via Zoom, per C/CAG's shelter-in-place policy and consistent with state and county directives to manage COVID-19. Attendance at the meeting is shown on the attached roster. In addition to the Committee members, also in attendance were Matt Fabry (C/CAG Program Manager), Reid Bogert (C/CAG staff), Sandy Wong (C/CAG Executive Director), Sean Charpentier (C/CAG staff), Jon Konnan (EOA), Vicki Sherman (City of Redwood City), Ahmad Haya (City of Redwood City), Susan Wright (County of San Mateo), John Allan (County of San Mateo), Kim Springer (County of San Mateo), Jennifer Lee (City of Burlingame), John Allan (County of San Mateo), Matthew Zucca (City of San Mateo), Raymund Donguines (City of Pacifica), and Darren Choy (RRM). Chair Breault called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

1. Public comment: None.

2. Stormwater Issues from C/CAG Board Meetings: June – Approved Task Orders for consultant services to the stormwater program in FY2020-21 and contract amendment with BAWSCA to modify the terms and conditions and provide additional incentives for large rain barrels/cisterns and rain gardens.

3. ACTION – Approval of the draft minutes from the May 21, 2020 Stormwater Committee meeting. Motion: member Machida, second: member Ovadia. Approved (18:0:0).

4. INFORMATION – The following items were covered in announcements:

- June 10 Regional Water Board Meeting – Matt Fabry provided information on the June 10 Regional Water Board meeting MRP 3.0 Stormwater Permit information item. At the meeting, Water Board staff provided an overview of focus topics for the reissuance of the Municipal Regional Permit, including C.3 provisions for new and redevelopment projects, C.10 for trash reductions, and C.11/C.12 mercury and PCBs load reductions and accounting. Several proposed changes in each of these provisions may have significant implications for permittees, including new requirements for new thresholds for C.3 regulated projects, new trash provisions to manage water quality impacts of homelessness, phased out trash source control credits and offsets, and ongoing PCBs/mercury reduction requirements. Municipal/stormwater program staff, including Matt Fabry, provided feedback to Water Board members on the proposed changes in the next permit, focusing on reduced operating budgets impacted by COVID-19 and a desire to most effectively use public resources to sustainably manage urban stormwater. These comments were very well received by Water Board members, who suggested the permittees provide more detail on what a desired approach should look like to effectively implement stormwater programs from a fiscal and water quality perspective. Water Board staff suggested having a follow-up workshop to focus on one or more key areas of the next permit to further address proposed modifications to the permit and how best to achieve shared goals among permittees, the Regional Water Board and stakeholders. There was also some discussion on whether to extend the current permit (this is already planned with a planned effective date for

the next permit of July 1, 2021) and also whether there is a need to extend current MRP 2.0 compliance timelines, including the trash requirements.

- Funding Opportunities – Fabry provided updates on several funding solicitations:
 - CNRA Urban Greening Grant Program – the California Natural Resources Agency Urban Greening Grant Program has approximately \$28.5 million available with applications due July 15.
 - Coastal Conservancy – The Coastal Conservancy has a solicitation out for the Central and South Coastal areas, including coastal San Mateo County, for \$3 million in Prop 1 funds with applications due July 31.
 - Prop 1 Stormwater Grant Round 2 – the State Water Board’s Round 2 Prop 1 Stormwater Grant has \$100 million available for projects up to \$10 million with applications due July 2.
- Regional Projects Updates – Fabry provided an update on the three regional projects that are being advanced in San Mateo County, including projects at Red Morton Park (Redwood City), Twin Pines Park (Belmont) and at the I-280/380 interchange (San Bruno). The project in Belmont is being advanced under a separate process run by the City and the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District with a paired project to restore part of Belmont Creek using Department of Water Resources Funds. The other two projects are being advanced by a joint RFP in collaboration between C/CAG, the County and the Cities of San Bruno and Redwood City. Proposals were due June 12, by 5 p.m. and there were 7 proposals for the Redwood City Project, 8 proposals for the San Bruno Project, and 5 proposals for additional project identification and project concept development. Staff will be reviewing proposals and evaluating for interviews by mid-July.
- Sustainable Streets Master Plan – Fabry provided an project update focused on the deliverables from the project identification and prioritization work and the recent climate change risk and adaptation analysis. Fabry sent an email to the Stormwater Committee and NPDES TAC reps on June 5, requesting municipal staff input on the prioritization memorandum and draft prioritization project lists for each agency. The final draft memorandum, project lists, curb-extension evaluation tool, online project opportunity viewer and project concept proposal spreadsheet were provided via Dropbox folders. The online viewer presents the planned and newly identified opportunities for cities provide further vetting of proposed project locations to go into the Sustainable Streets Master Plan. The Dropbox folder also includes the final draft of the climate changed modeling memorandum. C/CAG staff are requesting jurisdictions provide the filled in tables and project concept proposals (up to two projects each across the SSMP typologies) by June 26, and input on the climate change memorandum by July 6.
- Other – Fabry provided an update on the process for distributing the BASMAA approved Annual Report forms (already sent to municipal stormwater representatives) and the timeline for receiving the SMCWPPP specific version of the Annual Report forms with language particular to the San Mateo Countywide Program and co-permittees. San Mateo County co-permittees can expect to follow the below schedule for completing and submitting Annual Reports:
 - July 1 - BASMAA version of Annual Report form distributed along with this schedule.
 - Mid to late July - Annual Report preparation guidance package emailed out to Permittees and posted on SMCWPPP website, including Annual Report form customized for San Mateo County Permittees.
 - Sept 3:
 - Permittees to provide their draft Annual Reports to EOA for review. EOA cannot guarantee review of any draft reports received after this date.

- Draft Countywide Program Annual Report emailed out to Permittees for review.
- Sept 17:
 - EOA to provide comments to Permittees on their draft Annual Reports.
 - Permittees to provide comments to EOA on draft Countywide Program Annual Report.
- Sept 23 - request to authorize submittal of Countywide Program final Annual Report to Water Board emailed to duly authorized reps.
- Sept 26 - Permittee final Annual Reports to be emailed to EOA (as a single .pdf file).
- Sept 30 - EOA to upload final Countywide Program and Permittee Annual Reports to Water Board ftp site.

5. INFORMATION – Receive an update on preparing Report of Waste Discharge Submittal for the reissuance of the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit.

Matt Fabry provided an overview of the process and timeframe for submitting the Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) on behalf of the San Mateo County Co-permittees, in accordance with Provision C.20 of the MRP and in conformance with Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. The permit requires a submission of the ROWD (which includes a reissuance application form and a list of reports and supplemental documents intended to inform the next iteration of the permit) within 180 days prior to the expiration of the current five-year permit term (December 5, 2020). The program staff plan to submit the ROWD and supporting documents on July 2, since July 3 is a holiday for most public sector employees. Fabry requested input from the committee on how best to submit the documents, given the Regional Water Board staff's request to have co-permittees sign the certification statement for the submittal. The Committee agreed to have each agency sign via Duly Authorized Representatives (DARs), and Fabry will follow up with a Word and PDF version for signature. Jon Konnan (EOA) presented the list of documents to be included in the submission, focusing on the components for which C/CAG staff has already requested input from permittees and the timeline for review and approval of the whole ROWD package by the DARs. C/CAG staff with support from EOA will be compiling all the documents to post on the Flowstobay.org website by July 2. Staff are requesting comments on the draft ROWD package of materials by June 29.

6. Regional Board Report: None.

7. Executive Director's Report: Executive Director, Sandy Wong, provided information on C/CAG's staff exploration of using electronic signature software, such as DocuSign, to help streamline signature requests.

8. Member Reports: Robert Ovadia reported that the regional stormwater capture project that was being designed for Cartan Field at Menlo College has been stopped due to the College's reprioritization of needs given COVID-19. Atherton staff are committed to maintain the construction funds from Caltrans in Atherton or at least within the County, so the money is not a lost opportunity altogether.

Chair Breault adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m.