

**STORMWATER COMMITTEE**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 15, 2021**  
**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. 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), Susan Wright (County of San Mateo), Jennifer Lee (City of Burlingame), Hae Won Ritchie (City of San Bruno), Makena Wong (Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District), Sarah Scheidt (City of San Mateo), David Bockhaus (City of South San Francisco), Leila Talebi (Michael Baker International), Daren Choy (RRM), and Drew (public). Due to the preceding C/CAG Committee running long, Chair Breault called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m. Chair Breault requested that Item 9 be presented prior to Item 7 to ensure adequate time for remaining agenda topics.

1. Call to Order.
2. Public comment: None
3. Stormwater Issues from April C/CAG Board Meeting: C/CAG Annual Forum – including focus sessions on stormwater funding.
4. ACTION – Approval of the draft minutes from the March 18, 2021, Stormwater Committee meeting, as drafted. Motion: Member Murtuza; second: Member Willis. Approved (14:0:2). Members Donohue and Petersen abstained. Member Bozorginia did not vote on this item.
5. ACTION – Confirmed election of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair.

At the March 18, 2021 Committee meeting, the current Chair (Randy Breault) and Vice-Chair (Robert Ovidia) were nominated to remain Chair and Vice-Chair for the next year. Motions were made and the Committee conducted a roll-call vote with unanimous approval by the Members present at the time of the vote. Staff realized after the meeting, however, there was not a quorum of Members during the vote and so the motion did not carry due to a lack of quorum. Chair Breault opened the floor for additional nominations for both the Chair and Vice-Chair seats, and no additional nominations were made. Member Bozorginia Motioned to approve the re-election of Chair Breault and Vice-Chair Ovidia for the next year. Motion: Member Bozorginia; second: Member Rose. Approved (15:0:0). Member Sarwary did not vote on this item.

6. INFORMATION – Received announcements on stormwater issues.

Matt Fabry announced that he had provided cities a draft of C/CAG's opposition letter on AB 377 (Rivas), which would mandate significant changes to the NPDES stormwater permitting process, including putting in requirements for all waters of the state to be fishable, swimmable and drinkable by 2050, prohibiting discharge permits for entities causing or contributing to exceedances of water quality standards, closing existing alternative compliance pathways and legislating water quality requirements

which are currently implemented and enforced by regional water quality control boards in California. The draft letter may be used by other municipalities to send in similar opposition letters.

9. INFORMATION – Received update on C/CAG’s response to the Municipal Regional Permit Administrative Draft.

Matt Fabry provided a summary of C/CAG’s process of providing comments on the Administrative Draft. Staff submitted to the Regional Water Quality Control Board a letter and several attachments on behalf of the San Mateo County permittees, outlining the primary concerns from the program’s perspective in terms of newly proposed requirements, the progressive work done to date in the county demonstrating the efforts that have gone above and beyond the Municipal Regional Permit requirements, and an Excel table of provision-by-provision comments on the Administrative Draft. Staff also met at the end of March with Water Board staff and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee to discuss local issues. Fabry also noted the next steps for negotiations with ongoing workgroup meetings on specific provisions and working on progress toward a Draft Tentative Order due in summer 2021.

7. INFORMATION – Received information on the April 8, C/CAG Annual Forum and summary of C/CAG Board member feedback.

Matt Fabry shared the presentation that was given by the stormwater program staff at the April 8, 2021 inaugural C/CAG Annual Forum during the breakout sessions on stormwater funding in San Mateo County. Feedback from the Board focused on what role C/CAG should play if any on supporting stormwater funding efforts in the county. Generally, Board members did not express interest in pursuing a countywide funding initiative like a parcel tax or property-related fee, but did support C/CAG’s role as being a convener on stormwater related issues and in coordinating messaging and marketing for supporting regional and/or countywide funding efforts. Other recommendations suggested linking with parallel efforts, including the proposal from the County and Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District to pursue a parcel tax to fund sea level rise, flooding and fire protection projects, as well as continuing to pursue state and federal grants for regional projects. Members discussed specific stormwater funding needs in respect to ideas shared by the Board.

8. INFORMATION – Received update on development of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program Budget.

Matt Fabry summarized the preliminary Fiscal Year 2021-22 Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program Budget. Fabry noted the program has scaled back on lower priority program services in recent years, resulting in a comfortable starting balance for the NPDES fund, which is the primary fund for the program. Other funding sources include the Measure M allocation for regional stormwater program expenditures and the remaining funds from the expired AB 1546 fund (including interest on existing fund balance and ongoing revenue from previously unpaid vehicle registration fees). Fabry shared budget considerations/uncertainties regarding COVID-19 impacts on future revenue, BASMAA costs (BASMAA is in the process of dissolving as a non-profit organization), MRP 3.0 reissuance costs, additional scope proposals (stormwater modeling/planning grant, support, etc.), and discussion on a countywide funding initiative.

10. Regional Board Report: None.

11. Executive Director’s Report: None.

11. Member Reports: Chair Breault noted the request from Committee Members regarding an option of having alternatives for Stormwater Committee member attendance and suggested staff work with Executive Director Sandy Wong to consider this proposal.

Chair Breault adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.