

STORMWATER COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 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), Sean Charpentier (C/CAG staff), Batool Zaro (City of East Palo Alto), Elizabeth Wada (City of Belmont), Susan Wright and John Allan (County of San Mateo), Jennifer Lee (City of Burlingame), Ahmad Haya (City of Redwood City), Makena Wong and Len Materman (OneShoreline), Chris Sommers (EOA), Kelly Havens (Geosyntec), Merrill Taylor (Craftwater), and Caroline Koch (WaterNow Alliance). Vice Chair Ovadia called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and overview of teleconference meeting procedures.

2. Public comment: None

3. INFORMATION – Stormwater Issues from May C/CAG Board Meeting: Approved Task Orders for Eisenberg, Olivieri, and Associates, Larry Walker Associates, S. Groner Associates, and Urban Rain Design for technical support in FY 21-22; Approved amendment to Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency agreement for rainwater harvesting and rain garden rebates and incentives for FY 21-22; Appointed Hae Won Ritchie (San Bruno) and Ann Stillman (San Mateo County) to the Stormwater Committee; Approved time extensions to Pacifica and East Palo Alto Safe Routes to School/Green Infrastructure Projects; Approved C/CAG Budget for FY 21-22; Approved Measure M Strategic and Implementation Plan for 2021/22-2025-26, including a 3% increase in countywide stormwater revenue allocation; Appointed new C/CAG Executive Director (Sean Charpentier), starting August 1, 2021.

4. ACTION – Approval of the draft minutes from the May 20, 2021, Stormwater Committee meeting, as drafted. Motion: Member Petersen; second: Member Nagaya. Approved (13:0:2). Chair Breault and Member Saber abstained.

5. INFORMATION – Received announcements on stormwater issues:

MRP 3.0 Reissuance – Matt Fabry provided a brief update on the MRP 3.0 reissuance process, including a new anticipated release date for the Draft Tentative Order in September, a two-day Water Board hearing/workshop in October and an adoption hearing in early 2022. The tentative effective date of the new permit remains July 1, 2022. Fabry noted ongoing discussions and negotiations regarding proposed requirements to address PCBs in old industrial areas. C/CAG will be convening a workgroup of the nine member agencies that have 94% of the old industrial land use areas in the county within these jurisdictions. C/CAG's consultants are conducting an analysis to evaluate what has been already accomplished with respect to old industrial areas and to propose what can reasonably be done to achieve load reduction goal in remaining areas during the next permit term. Fabry also noted the ongoing dialogue with respect to proposed receiving water trash monitoring requirements, which may include

outfall and/or receiving water monitoring. There are significant cost implications with adding new monitoring provisions to the permit.

Annual Reporting – Fabry has distributed the schedule for Annual Reports for Fiscal Year 2021, noting that in the next week staff will circulate the SMCWPPP version of the Annual Report forms for member agency representatives to get started with the process. Fabry also noted the new electronic submittal process this year, via the SMARTS website, and the additional initial requirement to authorize a Legal Responsible Person (LRP) for each co-permittee prior to submitting the Annual Reports electronically via an e-Authorization Form.

Trash source control measure survey – Fabry announced a survey was distributed to the SMCWPPP NPDES Technical Advisory Committee to help quantify and demonstrate the benefits of source controls for trash reduction, the results of which will be used in MRP 3.0 negotiations. Survey responses are due July 16.

San Bruno Funding Initiative – Fabry announced that the City of San Bruno’s proposed Prop 218 property owner-balloted stormwater fee recently failed to receive the simple majority support required for approval. C/CAG staff will be holding a meeting with San Bruno staff to identify lessons learned and recommendations for any funding initiatives.

C/CAG Delegation Meetings – C/CAG staff have convened meetings with a subset of the Legislative Committee, including the Board Chair and Vice Chair and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee, and representatives of the San Mateo County State Legislative Delegation, including a focus on stormwater funding and legislative issues. Staff will continue to engage the Legislators and their staff to advance funding for stormwater projects in San Mateo County.

Monsanto Settlement – Fabry provided a brief update on the process of receiving notifications regarding intent for municipalities to participate in the Monsanto PCBs settlement. County Council, John Beyers, is planning to engage with other municipal legal staff to help coordinate and provide the latest information. Fabry will also recirculate the document sent previously including the proposed settlement amounts for each jurisdiction and county.

6. ACTION – Approved update to C/CAG’s 2018 trash full capture opportunity analysis.

C/CAG staff recently learned Caltrans staff has preliminarily allocated up to \$38 million for potential cooperative agreements with San Mateo County jurisdictions for trash full capture devices that treat priority Caltrans rights-of-way (with \$100,000/acre of Caltrans right-of-way treated). Caltrans has identified several cities, including South San Francisco, San Bruno and Daly City based on C/CAG’s previous opportunities analysis for potential collaborative projects. In terms of timing for the new funding allocation, Caltrans needs concept scopes by December 2021 and funding agreements in place by July 2022. This funding would advance Caltrans’ work towards achieving its treatment obligations under a Cease and Desist Order issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, with a deadline to achieve its trash control obligations by July 2026. C/CAG staff proposed updating its 2018 trash full capture opportunity analysis that focused on priority trash-generating areas not already controlled by small, inlet-based trash full capture devices, to now include areas currently treated by the small devices. The analysis would include an assessment of the potential benefits to the jurisdictions as well as the benefits received by Caltrans with respect to trash load reductions. This assessment would require additional work to better understand the connectivity of Caltrans right-of-way to municipal drainage

areas, as well as site specific sizing information and concept-level costs. This analysis will help leverage the current round of proposed Caltrans funding as well as future cycles of funding. Staff is working with EOA to develop a scope and budget, with preliminary estimates of approximately \$85,000. Caltrans funds would only be available for design/construction. Members suggested leveraging opportunities to address other stormwater permit requirements (PCBs, monitoring, etc.). Unfortunately, the existing proposal for the San Bruno I-280/380 regional capture stormwater project is not downstream of high-priority Caltrans rights-of-way. Members also requested that costs for ongoing operations and maintenance of full trash capture devices be included in the analysis. Motion: Member Nagaya; second: Member Ovadia (14:0:0). Note – Member Rose did not respond with a vote on this item.

7. INFORMATION – Received update on Business Case Approach Memo as part of the Advancing Regional-scale Stormwater Management in San Mateo County project.

Matt Fabry summarized the overall multi-pronged project to advance regional collaboration on stormwater management in San Mateo County and introduced Kelly Havens with Geosyntec to provide an update on the Business Case Approach Memorandum. The Business Case Approach Memo compares a jurisdiction by jurisdiction vs. a regional collaborative approach to achieving the multi-benefit objectives for regional-scale stormwater management. Merrill Taylor with Craftwater Engineering summarized the regional-scale stormwater capture project opportunities analysis, focusing on site feasibility, stormwater performance, and categorical benefits. The initial outputs include map layers of the identified opportunities and an Excel spreadsheet of the 74 project opportunities ranked by key stormwater performance criteria. Next steps will be to identify the top ten highest prioritized opportunities, perform a modeling exercise for the potential water volume and pollutant removal potential of those sites, conduct site assessments in the field, and with recommendations from the member agencies and Technical Advisory Committee narrow the top ten down to five opportunities to recommend proceeding with for concept level designs. In parallel, Geosyntec is evaluating the potential for these additional opportunities to offset the remaining green infrastructure capacity to achieve the San Mateo County portion of the TMDL waste load reduction for PCBs by 2040 as detailed in the San Mateo County Green Infrastructure Reasonable Assurance Analysis as compared to a jurisdiction by jurisdiction approach. The associated cost-benefit analysis with respect to cost/grams of PCBs reduced under these scenarios, demonstrates significant benefits and cost efficiencies from a regional collaborative approach. Beyond the water quality benefits the Business Case Approach Memo will also characterize the cost-benefits of other drivers and objectives, including flood reduction benefits, water savings, groundwater recharge, and other community benefits. Havens reviewed the current project timeline, with details on the next TACs and development of the final White Paper on a regional collaboration framework.

9. Regional Board Report: None.

10. Executive Director's Report: Executive Director, Sandy Wong, provided a brief update and offered appreciation and thank you to the members and staff for their efforts over the years on the stormwater program. Sean Charpentier, the incumbent Executive Director, announced his appreciation for the work done by the Committee and his excitement to lead C/CAG as the new Executive Director.

11. Member Reports: None.

12. Chair Breault adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.