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### Meeting Minutes

#### Resource Management and Climate Protection Committee (RMCP)

**Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021

#### **1. Roll Call – Introductions**

**Staff completed the roll call of Committee Members with the following quorum:**

##### **Committee Members in Attendance:**

Maryann Moise Derwin - Portola Valley  
Rick DeGolia - Atherton  
Tom Francis – BAWSCA  
Christine Kohl-Zaugg – Sustainable San Mateo County  
Diane Papan – San Mateo  
Ortensia Lopez - El Concilio  
Donna Colson – Burlingame  
Deborah Ruddock – Half Moon Bay  
Alex Fernandez – Filoli  
Jeff Smith – Sares Regis Group  
Bill Chiang - PG&E

##### **Not in Attendance**

Don Horsley - San Mateo County Supervisor  
Drew Combs - Menlo Park

##### **Additional Attendees**

Sean Charpentier – C/CAG  
Kim Springer – C/CAG  
Lena Silberman – Supervisor Horsley’s Office  
Michael Barber – Supervisor Pine’s Office  
Susan Wright – Office of Sustainability  
Alexandria Gallizioli – Office of Sustainability  
Drew – Member of Public  
Carol Steinfeld – Sierra Club  
Greg Smith – San Mateo County Health  
Bob Cormia – La Honda resident  
John Ellis – La Honda resident

Andrea Shumer – PG&E  
Jameson Thornton – PG&E  
Eban Hmdami – PG&E  
Peter Drekmeier – Tuolumne River Trust

### **1. Brief Overview of Teleconference Meeting Procedures**

Committee staff provided a brief overview of teleconference meeting procedures.

### **2. Roll Call and Introductions**

Committee staff completed Roll Call and a quorum of eleven Committee members was achieved.

### **3. By motion, find that, as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.**

Committee staff briefly presented on AB 361 Brown Act requirement and the need for a finding and the committee motioned and voted:

Motion: Francis Second: Lopez Vote: (11:0:0)

### **4. Public Comments on items not on the agenda**

Carol Steinfeld – requested that there be established a C/CAG water committee or that further action be taken up by the RMCP Committee, due to the need for greater water conservation and water planning in San Mateo County.

### **5. Approval of minutes of October 20, 2021 RMCP Committee meeting.**

Minutes of the October 20, 2021 meeting were approved by the Committee.

Motion: Lopez Second: Colson Vote: (9:2:0)

Two Members abstained because they did not attend the October 20, 2021 meeting.

### **6. Update on San Mateo County Energy Watch Program.**

Susan Wright provided program background on the San Mateo County Energy Watch Program and introduced Alexandria Gallizioli, both implementing the Program at the San Mateo County Office of Sustainability. Gallizioli provided program details on energy efficiency efforts in the sectors served (municipalities and special district, public schools, and hard-to-reach small businesses) completed to date in the current fiscal year 2021-23 program cycle. The presentation for this item is provided on the C/CAG RMCP Committee website: <https://ccag.ca.gov/committees/resource-management-and-climate-protection-committee/>

Bob Cormia commented that a carbon free electrical supply is important when electrifying.

Kim Springer mentioned ongoing bi-weekly and quarterly coordination meetings with PG&E and the possibility of competing for additional funding for additional years of the program after FY 2022-23, and the importance of creating the building blocks of the next program cycle.

Tom Francis mentioned opportunity to connect with Water Districts for projects.

### **7. Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency update on water supply and drought conditions in San Mateo County.**

Tom Francis, Committee member and Water Manager at BAWSCA, provided a water supply update for the Committee. The state continues to be in a drought, despite some rainfall received in October. Governor Newsome has asked all Californians to voluntarily reduce water use by 15% from 202 levels, and BASCA and SFPUC support this request. Rainfall received in the days around this meeting may have avoided the SFPUC declaring a Water Shortage Emergency and a required 10% reduction in water use from 2019/20 levels, systemwide.

The SFPUC has completed a Long-Term Vulnerability Assessment for the Hetch Hetchy system, but it has not been released yet. There is a possibility for a presentation to RMCP by the SFPUC on this document at a future meeting. The document also addresses the effects of the current Bay Delta Plan. The presentation for this item is provided on the C/CAG RMCP Committee website: <https://ccag.ca.gov/committees/resource-management-and-climate-protection-committee/>

Peter Drekmeier commented that his understanding is that SFPUC's water supply doesn't suffer much from drought due to storage, especially in wet years and because early rains and snow fall may enhance the SFPUC water supply. Drekmeier also suggested that the "design drought" and supply commitments stated by the SFPUC may be high estimates.

Carol Steinfeld reiterated that, no matter the supply, planning and conservation, managing water better is still key.

## **8. Presentation on PG&E Community Microgrid Enablement Program and La Honda engagement.**

Andrea Shumer from PG&E provided a presentation on PG&E Community Microgrid Enablement Program (CMEP), which provides support to rural Public Safety Power Shutoff-affected communities or facilities desiring to establish a microgrid for backup. The program covers the cost of PG&E-side equipment, such as switching, undergrounding, fault monitoring, or other equipment. The community microgrid must serve at least one critical facility on one other separately metered site. The program also provides design guidance to the microgrid developer. An example of a successful Microgrid project that is due to go live in mid-December, is the Redwood Coast Airport Microgrid (RCAM), which was described in the presentation. RCAM includes an airport and a coastguard station.

Jameson Thornton from PG&E described the area of the La Honda microgrid concept and shared maps showing possible locations of equipment could be installed, to help the Committee better understand how such a microgrid could be developed.

Bob Cormia, and John Ellis, La Honda residents, are engaged with the PG&E CMEP and provided their perspective on the need for support for the multiple critical facilities in their community, including the La Honda School, whose water supply is dependent on power for distribution. The presentation for this item is provided on the C/CAG RMCP Committee website: <https://ccag.ca.gov/committees/resource-management-and-climate-protection-committee/>

## **9. Committee Member Updates**

Sean Charpentier, C/CAG Executive Director updated the Committee on the C/CAG-BAWSCA rain barrel distribution event and that C/CAG has released the RFP for the C/CAG Equity Assessment effort.

Donna Colson shared that the Burlingame City Council adopted a new zoning ordinance that addresses development in sea level rise affected areas of the city. The ordinance is adaptable

should other cities be interested and includes significant learnings from working with both OneShoreline and developers in consideration of potential public-private partnerships to address the infrastructure challenges.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: December 15, 2021