

STORMWATER COMMITTEE
Thursday, August 18, 2022
2:30 p.m.
Draft Meeting Minutes

The Stormwater Committee met for a of the Committee 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 Reid Bogert (C/CAG staff), Sean Charpentier (C/CAG Executive Director), Sultan Henson (County of San Mateo), Krista McDonald (County of San Mateo), Elizabeth Wada (City of Belmont), Sarah Scheidt (City of San Mateo), Michelle Daher (City of East Palo Alto), Grace Le (City of San Carlos), Kelly Carroll (CSG), Len Materman (OneShoreline), Makena Wong (OneShoreline), Colin Martorana (OneShoreline), Dustin Bambic (Paradigm Environmental), Steve Carter (Paradigm Environmental), Jill Bicknell (EOA), Jon Konnan (EOA), Julie Teixeira (Brown and Caldwell). Vice Chair Ovadia called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and overview of teleconference meeting procedures.
2. Approved, by motion, findings 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. Approved unanimously (12:0:0). Note – Member Rose joined the meeting at 2:52 p.m. and a vote for the Town of Woodside was not recorded for this item.
3. Public comment: None
4. PRESENTATIONS:
 - 4.a Received a presentation from OneShoreline's CEO, Len Materman on updates related to regional stormwater management activities. Updates included a summary of the status of the proposed San Mateo County and Oneshoreline collaboration to evaluate a sea level rise and fire prevention parcel tax measure. OneShoreline and the County will revisit the possibility of a measure for the 2024 ballot. In terms of project updates, OneShoreline has advanced the following: complete construction of the Bayfront Canal and Atherton Channel project; ongoing planning and design on the Burlingame/Millbrae shoreline project; finishing a study of Pillar Point Harbor sea level rise and flood protection project; evaluating flooding in the City of San Bruno near the intersection of HWY 380 and HWY 101; developments under a state grant to support early action response/warning systems from bay to coastside in collaboration with the Resource Conservation District and emergency action plans. OneShoreline is also supporting a process to develop model policy language to ensure local zoning, General Plan updates and development regulations are consistent with regional resilience goals. Lastly, OneShoreline is engaged with jurisdictions in the Colma Creek Watershed related to supporting funding approaches to cost-share on long-term operations and maintenance needs for the Orange Memorial Park regional stormwater capture project in the City of South San Francisco.
5. ACTION – Committee approved the June 30, 2022 Stormwater Committee minutes. Motion: Member Donahue; Second: Member Bozorginia. Approved (11:0:1). Member Murtuza abstained.
6. INFORMATION – C/CAG staff, Reid Bogert, provided information on stormwater issues, as detailed in the agenda. Of note, at the July 14 C/CAG Board meeting, the Board approved a resolution to authorize

the C/CAG Chair to execute three-year contracts with EOA, Inc. and Craftwater Engineering, Inc. to provide full technical support services to the Countywide Stormwater Program for the first three years of MRP 3.0 with an opportunity to extend contracts to the full term, consistent with C/CAG's procurement policy.

INFORMATION – Bogert presented the results of a recent stormwater funding and financing poll sent via email on May 19 to the Committee members and relating to different priorities and options for consideration of a countywide stormwater funding initiative or separate funding strategies. Staff worked on developing the poll with the Funding and Financing Ad-hoc Workgroup. Sixteen representatives responded to the poll. The results from the poll indicated that generally the members agreed with the Countywide Stormwater Program's current program focus areas (supporting green infrastructure and Regional Collaborative Program planning and implementation) and should additional revenue be secured, it was generally agreed that a new focus area would be acting as an administrator of funds back to municipalities for local implementation of stormwater infrastructure and related activities, including paying for ongoing operations and maintenance of green infrastructure. The poll also showed leveraging new revenue for providing match on grants would be a supported function of C/CAG in administering funds. Regarding local priorities, the members agreed that MRP compliance and implementation of local projects would be highest priorities, as well as having C/CAG administer a Regional Collaborative Program to plan and implement green infrastructure at the countywide scale. Developing alternative implementation scenarios (community-based public-private-partnerships) and debt-financing projects on public or private property were ranked lower. Regarding conceptually supported funding mechanisms, the poll results showed a non-balloted stormwater fee under SB 231 or a balloted measure under traditional Prop 218 requirements for stormwater fees ranked highest, while the potential for a countywide Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) or combinations of an EIFD and other revenue options ranked lower. Leveraging revenue for an alternative project delivery program was not a supported option.

Bogert noted that discussion on July 25 with the Funding and Financing Ad-hoc Workgroup, after reviewing the poll results, led to a proposal for C/CAG staff to reach out to outside legal council on the topics of SB 231 and Prop 218 compliance for new or increased stormwater fees at the local municipality scale with the potential for C/CAG to help fund legal support services should a member agency pursue a fee initiative through this pathway. It was generally agreed that a countywide fee may be less feasible and more costly to evaluate than a local municipality fee; hence C/CAG's potential support of a local effort that would in the long-run support other agencies in the county and beyond with revenue options.

8. INFORMATION – C/CAG staff, Reid Bogert, and Dustin Bambic with Paradigm Environmental provided a presentation on updates to the Green Infrastructure Tracking Tool and related green infrastructure modeling efforts. A similar presentation was provided to the New Development Subcommittee in May, demonstrating new front and back-end functionality of the tool, including PCBs, mercury and sediment loading on a project and subwatershed-scale basis, as well as map display updates to better characterize project drainage areas with GIS layers and dashboard updates to provide calculations for "greened acre" benefits supporting the process to visualize green infrastructure progress with respect to new MRP 3.0 requirements for meeting numeric retrofit targets. Staff will hold an in-depth overview and training on the tracking tool updates at a planned August 31 virtual workshop.

9. Regional Board Report: None.

19. Executive Director's Report: Executive Director, Sean Charpentier, reported appreciation of C/CAG staff Reid Bogert's efforts in overseeing the Countywide Program Stormwater Program over the past year and that there is a process underway to establish a new C/CAG Program Director level position to replace the prior Program Director role which was previously contracted through the City of Brisbane. Charpentier also noted the recent New York Times article featuring new hydrologic modeling that predicts increased chances of "mega storms" in California.

11. Member Reports: None.

9. Vice Chair Ovidia adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.