

STORMWATER COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 20, 2022
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 in the attached. In addition to the Committee members, also in attendance were Reid Bogert (C/CAG staff), Sean Charpentier (C/CAG Executive Director), Krista McDonald (County of San Mateo), Sultan Henson (County of San Mateo), Elizabeth Wada (City of Belmont), Jennifer Lee (City of Burlingame), Hayley Currier (Save The Bay), Sam Bautista (City of Millbrae), Jill Bicknell (EOA), Jon Konnan (EOA), Ileana Alvarado (EOA), Darren Choy (RRM Design), and Julia Schmitt (Brown and Caldwell). Chair Breault called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

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

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda: None.

3. ACTION – The Committee approved the August 18, 2022 Stormwater Committee meeting minutes. Motion: Member Sun; Second: Member Willis. Approved (10:0:2). Member Chiu and Member Breault abstained. Member Javed joined the meeting at 2:39 p.m. and a vote was not recorded for the City of East Palo Alto.

4. INFORMATION – Announcements on stormwater issues:

- The C/CAG Board approved in September 2022 Resolution 22-73 authorizing Amendment No.3 to the 2015 contract with EOA for a no-cost time extension to June 30, 2023. The additional time was requested to complete Water Year 2022 monitoring activities under an existing Task order under the pre-existing agreement with EOA.
- All C/CAG member agencies submitted FY 2021-22 MRP Annual Reports on time. 21 municipalities submitted via SMARTS, while the Cities of Menlo Park and Atherton needed to submit via the Water Board's FTP site. It was also noted that for next year C/CAG plans to work with Water Board staff to address inaccuracies found in the SMARTS guidance document.
- BAMSC SF Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund Proposal - Watching Our Watersheds: The application for this grant was submitted; these funds would support primarily the trash reduction and enhanced trash monitoring requirements under MRP 3.0. The grant totals \$6.73 million which includes a 50% match, and the project would cover 5.5 years of activity. The matching funds would be through in-kind support services provided by the other Phase I MRP countywide programs. C/CAG was the lead applicant, and if the application is successful, C/CAG would administer the grant on behalf of the other countywide program participants in Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, and Solano counties. C/CAG would be fully reimbursed for this task. It is estimated that the grant would save municipalities about \$2.2 million over the course of the permit term.
- Clean Watershed Needs Survey: US EPA and CASQA are working together to collect information on cost estimates for stormwater programs throughout the state and the country. C/CAG and the other countywide programs under the BAMS Collaborative asked for an extension to submit documentation. In our region, the information submitted so far includes Green Infrastructure Plans capturing some of the cost and expenditure estimates through timelines up to 2040. C/CAG will include the Control Measures Plan for PCBs and mercury with different scenarios for costs to comply with the Bay TMDLs for these constituents and the Sustainable Streets Master Plan.
- The CASQA annual conference will take place from October 24th – 26th in person in Palm Springs. C/CAG will provide three presentations. On a separate note, the CASQA board of directors is looking for nominations for seven director positions. The nominations close on November 1, 2022.
- Workgroup Advancing Regional Projects (WARP) updates: C/CAG met in September with the City of South San Francisco and other jurisdictions in the Colma Creek watershed drainage area of the

Orange Memorial Park regional project. Topics included long-term funding for the operations and maintenance of that project. The WARP met on October 19 to receive information on the FY2022-23 workplan for advancing the San Mateo County Regional Collaborative Program to support regional-scale stormwater management. This was the first of several meetings planned for this fiscal year with this ad-hoc workgroup.

- GI Exchange Collaborative Grant Award – Climate Resilience Resources Guide Part 2: Reid Bogert emailed C/CAG’s member agencies a link to the Climate Resilience Resources Guide. Part I of that guide was completed this year. C/CAG has submitted a second successful application for the same collaborative grant program in the current cycle. The application is for a \$70,000 grant to develop Part II of the guide. C/CAG anticipates moving forward with the project after the Board's meeting in November.
- Funding Opportunities: The Urban Community Drought Relief Grant Program is open under the Department of Water Resources with \$285 million available statewide; the matching fund requirement is 25%. A Proposition 1, round 2, Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant Program solicitation will be open through February 2023; this grant has available for the Bay Area \$29.3 million in two phases. Another opportunity is a grant under the Coastal Commission called the Whale Tail grant, which focuses on Outreach and Education. Lastly, Caltrans has a second cycle of its Clean California Local Grant Program and C/CAG is considering submitting another application. A workshop for this grant is scheduled for November 3, 2022; Reid will provide more information to anyone interested in attending.

5. INFORMATION – Received a copy of the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit MRP 3.0 Five-Year Checklist developed by the Bay Area Municipal Stormwater Collaborative: Reid presented the MRP 3.0 five-year checklist. The checklist includes a summary of the MRP 3.0 requirements, due dates, and what has changed from MRP 2.0. The checklist is in Excel with a worksheet (tab) for each main provision. Every task is listed, including who is responsible for completing it and its specific source subprovision. The checklist is available on C/CAG's website (Stormwater Committee page) and will be emailed as a follow-up to the meeting. It was clarified that a few provisions aren't included in the checklist; for example, TMDL and Areas of Biological Significance requirements that apply only to a few specific Permittees. Jon Konnan noted that the checklist is an excellent tool and useful summary but lacks full details and thus is not a substitute for the permit.

Reid noted there are multiple ongoing BAMS Collaborative projects of regional benefit to address near-term deliverables on priority issues required under the reissued permit, including the LID Monitoring regional QAPP, Trash Full Capture Impracticability Report, PCBs Demolition Protocol and Guidance Update, BMP Report for Discharges Associated with Unsheltered Homeless Populations, Cost Reporting Framework and Methodology, and FY 2022-23 Annual Report Format. Currently, there are several workgroups either supporting these regional efforts, focusing on countywide efforts (e.g., Alternative Compliance), or both (e.g., Unsheltered Homeless Population, Asset Management).

The Committee discussed regulation of single-family home projects under MRP 3.0 Provision C.3. Committee members stated that the cities need clarity on how residents can design their projects to avoid the permanent inspection requirement or at a minimum, need materials to let residents know about this requirement upfront when they come in to apply for a permit. It was requested that additional guidance be provided for large single family residential regulated at 10,000 square feet and smaller multi-family subdivision projects regulated at 5,000 square feet. Jill Bicknell clarified that the permit requires that treatment measures be inspected, but site design measures do not need to be inspected. The Program currently has checklists of requirements for regulated projects and for small projects that are below the permit thresholds but still need to include site design measures. The Countywide Program is updating these checklists and will incorporate the new thresholds that take effect on July 1, 2023. It was also agreed that the Countywide Program should develop targeted outreach pieces for single-family home projects to make residents aware of the new requirements and to provide some potential solutions. As an action item, Jill Bicknell will communicate this information to the New Development Subcommittee.

6. Regional Board Report: None.

7. Executive Director's Report: Sean Charpentier informed the Committee that C/CAG is preparing to return to in-person meetings. The governor has indicated that the current state of emergency, absent any unforeseen surges of COVID, would end at the end of February, ending the ability to have wholly remote meetings. C/CAG will continue streaming the meetings via Zoom. Remote participation by Board Members is allowed only under very specific circumstances. Committee members should plan to return to in-person meetings in March. Remote participation will still be available to members of the public. C/CAG staff are exploring potential legislation that may afford some flexibility around allowing advisory bodies, particularly those as part of a countywide or regional entity, to continue to meet remotely.

8. Member Reports: None.

9. Chair Breault adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m.