

**STORMWATER COMMITTEE**  
**(SPECIAL MEETING)**  
**Thursday, November 30, 2023**  
**2:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

The Stormwater Committee meeting was held in a hybrid format (i.e., in person and videoconference) pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e). Committee members met in-person at the offices of the San Mateo County Transit District in the City of San Carlos. Municipal staff (not part of a legislative body of C/CAG) and members of the public could participate remotely via the Zoom platform or in-person at the location above. Attendance at the meeting is shown in the attached. In addition to the Committee members, also in attendance were Reid Bogert (C/CAG staff and SMCWPPP Program Director), Sean Charpentier (C/CAG Executive Director), Sultan Henson (County Office of Sustainability), Melissa Ross-Perkins (County Office of Sustainability), Kareem Arabi (City of Foster City), Sam Fielding (City of Daly City), Sarah Deicke (County Office of Sustainability), Tracy Scramaglia (City of Belmont), Robert Walker (San Jose Conservation Corps), Edgar Echevarria (San Jose Conservation Corps), Christopher Nakamura (San Jose Conservation Corps), Bonnie de Berry (EOA), and Ileana Alvarado (EOA). Chair Breault called the meeting to order at 2:39 p.m.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and a brief overview of teleconference meeting procedures.
2. Public comment on items not on the agenda – None.
3. INFORMATION – Receive presentation from the San Jose Conservation Corps on partnership opportunities in San Mateo County. The presentation included an overall description of the history, program components, and work currently performed by the San Jose Conservation Corps/Charter School (SJCC+CS). The main objective of the presentation was to share with Committee members principal work areas and partnership opportunities identified by SJCC+CS and C/CAG's Stormwater Program staff as mutually beneficial. SJCC+CS is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a multi-faceted program that combines education and job training, with a special focus on including many at-risk/underserved community members, to perform activities in the areas of natural resources management, zero waste services, environmental resilience, emergency operation, among others. The SJCC+CS has partnered with agencies such as Santa Clara County, City of San Jose, and CalTrans to provide trash cleanup services (e.g., from homeless encampments), clean hazards on roads, and vegetation management (e.g., providing maintenance to bioswales). Additionally, the SJCC+CS Development Team assists with identifying funding sources for projects and developing proposals for grant application submittals. Recently, C/CAG's Stormwater Program staff has started discussions with SJCC+CS and CalTrans to evaluate opportunities in San Mateo County to support stormwater trash pollution control measures and related maintenance activities that could be beneficial for compliance with MRP requirements related to trash load reduction. A pdf of the presentation slides will be shared with the committee.
4. ACTION – The Committee approved the draft September 21, 2023, Stormwater Committee meeting minutes. Motion: Member Donohue (Town of Colma); Second: Member Underwood (City of San Mateo). Vote: Motion passed (10:0:3). Members Bozorginia (City of Half Moon Bay), Underwood (City of San Mateo), O'Connell (City of Redwood City) abstained.
5. INFORMATION – Announcements on stormwater related issues:
  - i. Guidelines for Alternates – To ensure contingency coverage in situations where a jurisdiction's representative is unavailable, C/CAG staff updated the draft Stormwater Committee Guidelines to contain recommendations for including alternates on the Stormwater Committee and for

streamlining the appointment process. On September 21, 2023, the Committee approved the revised draft Stormwater Committee Guidelines to include alternates and designated Committee positions or specified staff holding designated positions, contingent on the inclusion of allowance for jurisdictions to update their membership on the roster prior to submitting to the Board.

- ii. Agreement with Climate Resilient Communities – In November 2023, the C/CAG Executive Director approved an agreement with Climate Resilient Communities for an amount not to exceed \$225,400 to complete its portion of the scope of work for the San Mateo County OneWatershed Framework and Community-Led Plan.
- i. Fiscal Year 2022-23 Annual Reports – This year, the Annual Reports were due October 2, 2023, via online submission to the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) on the Stormwater Multiple Application and Report Tracking System (SMARTS). All San Mateo County permittees successfully submitted their Annual Reports, along with the Program Annual Report. RWQCB staff indicated they have reviewed all the reports, and will notify Permittees if submittal of additional information is required.
- ii. MRP 3.0 Amendment. RWQCB approved the Revised Tentative Order (TO) of the MRP 3.0 on October 11, 2023. Following the adoption of the Amended TO, the Board asked Permittees to convene a workgroup/subcommittee with Regional Water Board members to potentially discuss the following: 1) get a better understanding of the effectiveness and potential for innovation with Alternative Treatment Systems, 2) evaluate any unintended consequences of new road requirements, 3) support a consistent approach with other Regional Water Boards on new/redevelopment, 4) continue to evaluate progress toward pollutant of concern load reductions, and 5) and ensure Annual Reports are supporting progress towards informing the next permit term.
- iii. Grants – C/CAG staff shared the status of two recent grant-funded projects to support MRP implementation and broader Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) planning and implementation goals. These projects are:
  - o Regional Trash Monitoring Project: The EPA Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF) awarded a \$3.3 million grant with matching funds from the Countywide Programs. C/CAG will administer the grant and be reimbursed for staff time and project management contracted services. These funds would cover costs related to Receiving Water Trash Monitoring requirements with Outfall Trash Monitoring making up the bulk of the match. Based on its review and the interview process, the evaluation panel recommends proceeding with the EOA Team as the consultant for the WQIF Watching Our Watersheds Regional Trash Monitoring Project. C/CAG staff will bring a proposed recommendation for contracting with EOA to the Stormwater Committee prior to a proposed recommendation to the Board of Directors in December.
  - o San Mateo County OneWatershed Climate Resilience Framework and Community-Led Plan: This project will create a shared plan to develop a risk assessment framework for addressing water infrastructure in the County. Given its watershed characteristics, a San Bruno Regional Project was selected as a priority. C/CAG was awarded \$649,648 from the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research to complete the project by January 2026. C/CAG with support from its regional partners issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) in October 2023. Based on the selection panel’s review and the interview process, the evaluation panel recommends proceeding with the Geosyntec Team as the consultant for the OneWatershed Framework Project. C/CAG staff will bring a proposed recommendation for contracting with Geosyntec to the Stormwater Committee prior to a proposed recommendation to the Board of Directors in December.
- iv. FY 2023-24 State Water Resources Control Board NPDES permit fees – CASQA and Permittee representatives throughout the state plan to participate in upcoming fee schedule stakeholder

workshops for the FY 24-25 fee setting process to address concerns regarding over collecting for the NPDES stormwater permit fund.

- v. State MS4 Cost Reporting Policy – Comment Letters on the Draft Statewide Water Quality Control Policy for Standardized Cost Reporting in Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permits were submitted by all Bay Area Stormwater Countywide Programs. Responses to comments haven't been released yet. The State Water Board is tentatively planning to release a Revised Draft Policy in February 2024.
  - vi. Funding and Financing Work Group – C/CAG continues to evaluate funding and financing opportunities to support MRP compliance. Also, it continues to assess options to support other stormwater management needs at the local level.
6. ACTION – Review and recommend Board approval of a contract with EOA, Inc. for completing the WQIF grant funded Watching Our Watersheds Regional Trash Monitoring Project. The Committee approved submitting a recommendation to the C/CAG Board of Directors at the December 14, 2023 meeting, requesting authorization to execute an agreement with EOA, for an amount not to exceed \$3,171,000 to complete the WOW project with a contract term through June 30, 2028. Motion: Member Bautista (City of Millbrae); Second: Member Bozorginia (City of Half Moon Bay). Vote: Motion passed unanimously (13:0:0).
7. ACTION – Review and recommend Board approval of a contract with Geosyntec for completing the ICARP grant funded San Mateo County OneWatershed Framework and Community-Led Plan. The Committee approved submitting a recommendation to the C/CAG Board of Directors at the December 14, 2023 meeting, to request authorization to execute an agreement with Geosyntec Consultants, for an amount not to exceed \$424,248 to complete the OneWatershed Project with a contract term through January 30, 2026. Motion: Vice Chair Ovadia (Town of Atherton); Second: Member Brown (City of Belmont). Vote: Motion passed unanimously (13:0:0).
8. Regional Board Report: None.
9. Executive Director's Report: C/CAG's Executive Director noted additional funding available for transportation projects and that C/CAG is actively recruiting members for various Committees. Of note, C/CAG is recruiting for two seats on the OneShoreline Board of Directors, for the northern and southern region city seats for the OneShoreline Board. The C/CAG Board of Directors will consider appointing C/CAG representatives to fill the vacancies in December 2023.
10. Member Reports: None.
11. Chair Breault adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.