

STORMWATER COMMITTEE
Thursday, January 18, 2024
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 table. In addition to the Committee members, also in attendance were Reid Bogert (C/CAG staff), Sean Charpentier (C/CAG Executive Director), Luisa Valiela (US EPA), Karen Cowan (CASQA), Derek Beauduy (Regional Water Board), Sultan Henson (County Office of Sustainability), Sam Fielding (City of Daly City), Bonnie de Berry (EOA), and Ileana Alvarado (EOA). Chair Breault called the meeting to order at 2:42 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 – No comments were received from the public. Reid Bogert indicated that CCAG has had a transition with the primary consultant to the Program, EOA. Bonnie de Berry is the new Project Manager for the Program.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.a Received a presentation on US Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 San Francisco Bay Program Office Fiscal Year 2024 Draft Annual Priority List.

The main items covered in the presentation are described below:

- Information about the newly established San Francisco Bay Program Office for Region 9 EPA and the 2024 Draft Annual Priority List – This Program was authorized after the adoption of the National Defense Authorization Act (i.e., signed into law in 2022). The Program was directed to develop an Annual Priorities List to evaluate and allocate funding to projects and special studies in support of achieving the goals of the San Francisco Basin Plan. This Program’s authorization provides an increased level of funding to the San Francisco Bay Region via annual appropriations. The Program is about to receive \$27M (i.e., 50% of the \$54M granted for FY23-24), and completion of actionable funding agreements is required by summer 2024 to allocate funds to qualified projects.
- Proposed priorities included in the 2024 draft – The draft proposal includes 11 principal areas. From them, some that may be of interest for stormwater quality protection are large-scale implementation of urban green stormwater infrastructure (GSI), special studies/projects for addressing PFAS, special studies/projects for addressing PCBs under TMDL implementation plan, in-bay monitoring of pollutants - including trash- under the Regional Monitoring Program (RMP).
- Receive feedback from Committee Members – US EPA Region 9 Program Staff would like to receive feedback (i.e., required by the Congress) on the 2024 Draft Annual Priority List, including suggestions for other stakeholders in order to present the 2024 Priority List or the ones to create in future years. Also, Program staff is also interested in receiving recommendations on how to get progress updates on funding allocations to priorities.
- Program’s next steps – Program staff will continue delivering presentations to inform about the newly established San Francisco Bay Program Office for Region 9 EPA and the 2024 Draft Annual Priority List at other stakeholder meetings. The 2024 Annual Priority List is expected to be finalized in Winter/Spring 2024, so funds can be granted to projects that address priorities beginning in Summer 2024.

3.b Received a presentation on updates from the California Stormwater Quality Association.

The presentation included institutional achievements, ongoing activities, plans, and member benefits. Some items highlighted under CASQA's priorities were:

- Legislative advocacy – In 2023, CASQA focused on supporting a proposed constitutional amendment that would lower the required majority to approve new public infrastructure from a two-thirds vote to 55% of votes. Also, CASQA advocated the development of climate resilience bonds that are working their way through the legislature. Those bonds continue to be negotiated.
 - Rain Ready CA – The statewide education campaign for sustainable stormwater management focuses on protection of SW rather than thinking of it as a source of pollution.
 - Economic Value of Stormwater – The draft report is ready and is going through the review process.
 - Education - CASQA Annual Conferences – The conference for 2023 was held in person on September 11-13 in San Diego, where C/CAG delivered various presentations. For 2024, the Conference is scheduled to take place on October 21-23 in Sacramento. – There are also seminar series and newsletters available to CASQA members.
 - 2023 Construction BMP Handbook update – The new version of the Handbook will address changes from the reissued 2022 Construction General Permit (CGP). Fact Sheets will also be made available in Spanish as part of this update.
 - Development of Statewide Cost Reporting Tool – This tool will be created to assist CASQA Members in meeting cost reporting requirements from the statewide Cost Reporting Policy (the draft policy is currently under review. The tool will be based on the one developed by the Bay Area Municipal Stormwater Collaborative (BAMSC) for the San Francisco Bay Area.
 - CASQA's Strategic Plan – The plan was adopted in October 2023. The 2-year update process included a membership survey released in 2022 that was used to establish priorities.
4. ACTION – The Committee approved the Calendar of Meetings corresponding to 2024. Motion: Vice Chair Ovadia (Town of Atherton); Second: Member Lee (City of San Bruno). Vote: Motion passed unanimously (18:0:0).
5. ACTION – The Committee approved the draft November 30, 2023, Stormwater Committee Special Meeting minutes. Motion: Member Bautista (City of Millbrae); Second: Member Bozorginia (City of Half Moon Bay). Vote: Motion passed (17:0:1). Member Mitch (City of Menlo Park) abstained.
6. INFORMATION – Announcements on stormwater related issues:
- i. C/CAG Board updates from December 2023
 - Approved Resolution 23-101 authorizing the execution of an agreement with EOA for an amount not to exceed \$3,171,000 to complete the Watching Our Watersheds (WOW) Regional Trash Monitoring Project with a contract term through June 30, 2028.
 - Approved Resolution 23-102 authorizing the execution of 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.
 - Appointed Lisa Gauthier and Donna Colson to the Southern Region and Northern Region City seats on the OneShoreline Board of Directors for four-year terms expiring on December 31, 2028.
 - Received a press release including the outcomes from the Bulk Rain Barrel Distribution event held at the City of San Mateo Corporation Yard on November 4.
 - ii. Annual Report-related Updates – Regional Water Board staff emailed comments and questions on the FY 22-23 Annual Reports (AR) to 19 C/CAG member agencies. An extension for responses to comments was granted to February 16. Reid Bogert will email guidance to Permittees on how to address the comments received. FY 23-24 AR Forms will be updated regionally by the Countywide Programs.
 - iii. PCBs Old Industrial (OI) Landuse Control Measures Plan – The Regional Water Board requested revisions to the plan. The revised plan is being drafted, and a memorandum including the key elements of the revised

plan was emailed to the OI Work Group members on January 9. The revised plan must be submitted to the Regional Water Board Executive Director for approval by March 31, 2024.

- iv. Cost Reporting Updates – BAMSC is preparing a response to Water Board comments and completing minor changes to the Bay Area Framework and Guidance Manual. The Countywide Program plans to conduct a training this Spring and begin preparation for tracking costs in FY 24-25. The first cost reporting submittal to the Regional Water Board is due September 2025. Additionally, the revised draft State Policy is now expected to be released in late March/early April, with adoption in summer 2024, and first reporting year of FY 25-26.
 - v. Asset Management (AM) Updates – EOA will assist C/CAG and Permittees by facilitating the C/CAG AM Work Group and developing a template and guidance for the AM Plans. Additionally, a BAMSC Regional Work Group is being formed to discuss consistent approaches to evaluating the condition of assets and required actions to maintain performance. AM Plans must be submitted to RWB by September 2025.
 - vi. Proposed 2024 303(d) List – C/CAG comments on the proposed list resulted in no toxicity listing for Belmont Creek. There is a public hearing on the proposed new listing on February 6. CASQA will be providing comments.
 - vii. Grants – C/CAG staff shared the status of two recent grant-funded projects to support MRP implementation and broader GSI planning and implementation goals. These projects are:
 - o WOW Regional Trash Monitoring Project: The C/CAG Executive Director executed a contract with EOA to complete the project. The project team has initiated work and will continue implementing the trash outfall monitoring components as in-kind matching contributions to the grant. Monitoring in San Mateo County site will start this Fall.
 - o San Mateo County OneWatershed Climate Resilience Framework and Community-Led Plan: The C/CAG Executive Director executed a contract with Geosyntec as the consultant for the OneWatershed Framework Project. The project kick-off meeting was held on December 18, where the application to the NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge grant, with a submittal deadline of February 13, 2024, was discussed.
 - viii. New SWRCB Executive Director – In January 2024, the SWRCB appointed Eric Oppenheimer as the new Executive Director.
 - ix. 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.
7. INFORMATION – C/CAG Program staff provided an overview of the Final Interim MOU-Based Regional Collaborative Program (RCP) Summary Report and delivered a presentation on the following findings and recommended next steps. In 2023, \$2.4M in additional funds were allocated for the San Bruno Regional Project, and the proposed model-based methodology as “Units of Exchange” for calculating “greened acres” of green infrastructure targets was completed. The administrative and legal considerations are proposed in a three-phase design: Phase 1 – Interim MOU-Based RCP (i.e., C/CAG administers); Phase II – Centralized RCP (i.e., C/CAG -potentially with Shoreline- plays a more centralized role in securing and administering funds); and Phase III – Market-based RCP (i.e., with broad participation -potentially including non-MRP Permittees). The Orange Memorial Park Regional Project in South San Francisco was presented as a Case Study.
8. Regional Board Report:
- i. Annual Reports Review – Permittees must report back on Regional Water Board comments by February 16, 2023. RWB staff are open to clarifying any questions related to the comments or on how to resubmit the Annual Reports, if needed.
 - ii. Update to Water Board Directors on Compliance with Provision C.10 – This meeting will likely occur in

June 2024. RWB staff will contact Permittees to schedule inspections for full trash capture devices and on-land visual assessment sites.

- iii. Others – Derek Beauduy is leaving the RWB on January 26, 2024. After that date, Keith Lichten may be contacted.

9. Executive Director's Report: None.

10. Member Reports: City of San Mateo passed a stormwater fee of \$7/property/month.

11. Chair Breault adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.