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## Meeting Minutes of the

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

455 County Center, Rm. 101, Redwood City, CA 94063

Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 Time: 3:00 p.m.

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

Donna Colson – Burlingame (Chair)

Mary Hufty – Town of Portola Valley

Kaia Aiken – City of Redwood City

Gina Papan – Millbrae

Sue Beckmeyer – Pacifica

Alex Fernandez – Filoli

#### **Committee Members not in Attendance**

Tom Francis – BAWSCA (Vice Chair)

Jeff Smith – Sares Regis Group - online

Bill Chiang - PG&E

Dave Pine – County of San Mateo

Ortensia Lopez – El Concilio

Sarah Hubbard – Sustainable San Mateo County - online

#### **Additional Attendees**

Sean Charpentier – C/CAG

Kim Springer – C/CAG

Reid Bogert – C/CAG

Dan Sternkopf – C/CAG

Susan Wright – County Sustainability Department

Alhad Dighe – County Sustainability Department

Laura Wong – County Sustainability Department

Carrie Dallman - County Sustainability Department

Marc Hershman – Peninsula Clean Energy

Carol Steinfeld – Sierra Club, Loma Prieta

Peter Dreckmeier – Tuolumne River Trust

Christine Bowles – City of Pacifica

#### **Speakers**

Danielle McPherson - BAWSCA

Note: All presentations for this meeting have been posted on the C/CAG RMCP Committee website:  
<https://ccag.ca.gov/committees/resource-management-and-climate-protection-committee/>

Meeting was called to order at 3:09 P.M.

**1. Roll Call and Introductions, including welcoming members recently appointed by the C/CAG Board to the RMCP Committee.**

Committee staff completed Roll Call and six members were present, not representing a quorum.

**2. Public Comments on items not on the agenda.**

There were no public comments.

**3. Approval of minutes of the May 15, 2024 RMCP Committee meeting.**

The minutes of the May 15, 2024 were deferred to the next meeting due to lack of quorum.

**4. Presentation on San Mateo County Energy Watch (SMCEW) PG&E-approved projects and progress towards deliverables year-to-date.**

Susan Wright, Resource Conservation Programs Manager at the County Sustainability Department, introduced the item and Alhad Dighe and Laura Wong, also from County Sustainability Department, provided the presentation. The presentation included update on various projects related the SMCEW local government partnership between C/CAG and PG&E. The updates included a public information campaign, progress on meeting program goals for referrals of projects to PG&E contractors, a new approach to a quarterly facilities staff working group, the commercial kitchen electrification pilot, and some BayREN program update.

The Committee provided questions and comments, including may nonprofits participate in facility working group meetings, the location of the next working group meeting, thoughts on targeting specific commercial kitchen sectors, and how to influence markets for all electric kitchen equipment. Program staff asked a series of questions for feedback from the committee.

**5. Presentation by Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency on implementing “Making Conservation a California Way of Life”.**

Danielle McPherson, Senior Water Resources Specialist, at BAWSCA provided a presentation on implementation of new water regulations put into law in 2018; new standards were adopted in July 2024. The new standards fall on water providers for implementation and reporting, not water users. The standards include calculation of an urban water use objective, which includes indoor residential use, outdoor residential use, outdoor commercial use, and water losses. These four standards are used to calculate the Urban Water Use Objective. There is also a commercial performance measure, which includes a classification system, installation of dedicated irrigation meetings, and promoting of best practices. Finally, there are reporting requirements.

Because residential water use in SMC averages about 55 GPCPD, most of San Mateo County is close to meeting the new standard for residential use. There will need to be increasing conservation in future years to meet standards that will ultimately drop to 42 GPCPD. Regardless of the targets for reduction, McPherson suggested that this will call for a considerable number of staff to for city water suppliers and water agencies.

Committee member and the public provided comments and asked questions in follow up to the presentation, including could cities partner up and share resources for meeting standards and reporting, was this an unfunded mandate, is the State Water Board overseeing this regulation, how

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does this apply to rural vs. urban water use, do golf courses fall under the new regulations, a comment that there is need for SMC to do a better job of implementing best management practices on water conservation and renewed focus by C/CAG by establishing a water committee, and a comment that part of the reason that water use is so low in SMC is because water is so expensive, which is due to the high cost of maintaining our SFPUC water system being passed on to consumers, and the more consumers conserve, the more expensive water will become.

#### **6. Presentation on State legislative efforts to reduce utility costs to consumers and concern for ongoing funding for public purpose programs.**

Kim Springer, RMCP Committee staff, provided a short overview of actions being taken at the State level that are aimed at reducing consumer bills, that could put funding C/CAG receives for the SMCEW program at risk. Statewide energy efficiency program administrators have come together to educate the legislature of what defunding public purpose programs would mean for consumer, specifically hard to reach and low-income consumers. It appears the education worked, but this topic is likely to come in the next legislative session.

#### **7. Update on C/CAG Strategic Plan.**

C/CAG Executive Director, Sean Charpentier, provided an update on the delivery of a draft C/CAG Strategic Plan for public review. Staff will provide a link to the Strategic Plan draft and comment sheet after the meeting.

#### **8. Committee Member Updates**

Member Colson mentioned that PCE just delivered member grants to cities, and perhaps the Committee would be interested in what projects or programs were planned or implemented with those funds.

#### **9. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: September 18, 2024**

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:37 P.M.**

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