

STORMWATER COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 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), Matt Nichols (City of Half Moon Bay), Sultan Henson (County Sustainability Department), Sarah Deicke (County Sustainability Department), Johnathan Perisho (OneShoreline), Victor Voong (City of Burlingame), Kaila Jones (City of Menlo Park), Kelly Havens (Geosyntec Consultants). Chair Ovadia called the meeting to order at 2:35 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.
3. ACTION – The Committee nominated and elected (in his absence) Randy Breault (City of Brisbane) to continue to serve as Chair of the Stormwater Committee for Fiscal Year 2024-25. Motion: Member Fabry (City of San Mateo); Second: Member Ovadia (Town of Atherton). Vote: Motion passed unanimously (11:0:0). The Committee subsequently nominated and elected Robert Ovadia (Town of Atherton) to continue to serve as Vice Chair. Motion: Member Fabry (City of San Mateo); Second: Member Ovadia (Town of Atherton). Vote: Motion passed unanimously (11:0:0).
4. ACTION – The Committee approved the draft May 16, 2024, Stormwater Committee Meeting minutes. Motion: Member Machida (City of San Carlos); Second: Member Fabry (City of San Mateo). Vote: Motion passed unanimously (11:0:0).
5. INFORMATION – Announcements on stormwater related issues:
 - C/CAG Board of Directors updates for June - Two Resolutions were approved in June. One authorized the execution of Task Order EOA-17 with EOA for FY 2024-25 technical support services. The other authorized execution of an agreement with BAWSCA for FY 2025-25 through FY 2026-27 Rain Barrel Rebate Program funding.
 - The FY 2023-24 MRP Annual Reports are due September 30, 2024 via the Stormwater Multiple Applications for Reporting and Tracking System (SMARTS). A guidance package with instructions and Program-specific forms has been circulated to SWC members and is available on flowstobay.org. Draft Annual Reports should be submitted to EOA (Koby Nguyen) by August 30th for review. Legally Responsible Persons (LRP) and Duly Authorized Representatives (DAR) must be linked to SMARTS accounts for Annual Report e-certification. Training is not being provided this year, but Program staff are available for questions. The Program can also create ArcGIS Online accounts, if requested, for Regional Board viewing access to requested trash information.
 - Regional Water Board staff are continuing to inspect trash controls throughout the county. About half of the agencies in San Mateo County have been contacted to schedule inspections, and C/CAG's Stormwater Program Director has been cc'd on the emails.
 - The Old Industrial Control Measures Plan (OICMP), required by Provision C.11/12.c, describes how and when control measures will be implemented to achieve required PCBs/mercury load reductions. The Revised OICMP describes targeted (e.g., actions) and non-targeted (e.g., opportunistic) implementation programs. Based on Regional Water Board staff feedback,

assumptions and related calculations for anticipated load reductions in the Revised OICMP are being updated and C/CAG staff will resubmit the revised plan to Water Board staff.

- The Program sent a comment letter on July 9 to the State Water Board supporting CASQA comments on the Proposed State Cost Reporting Policy, with a strong request to avoid duplicative reporting requirements.
- A draft decision for partial approval of MRP 1.0 (2009) Unfunded State Mandate test claims has been issued by the Commission on State Mandates, with public comments due July 30th and a hearing September 27th. The Cities of Dublin and San Jose and the County of Santa Clara submitted claims that MRP 1.0 Provisions C.2, C.8, C.10, and C.11/12 required increased service without commensurate state funding. A similar test claim from the City of Brisbane was previously deemed incomplete and withdrawn. The City of Union City also submitted a valid test claim covering several provisions in MRP 3.0, and the State and Regional Water Boards requested a longer comment period (i.e., September 16th). Staff noted while there may or may not be reimbursement available to San Mateo permittees for past expenditures related to the MRP 1.0 test claims, there is potential for future funding through the state budget process for MRP-required programs which have been deemed unfunded state mandates by the Commission.
- SB 867, enacting the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act (i.e., the Climate Bond) was approved in July. This bill authorizes \$10 billion in bonds for voter approval, including a special bucket of \$110 million (1% of total) for stormwater projects and \$100 million for urban greening.

6. ACTION – Following a summary of the regional trash monitoring plan compliance documents and SMCWPPP DAR approval process, the Committee approved the recommendation for C/CAG’s Duly Authorized Representative to certify and submit the Regional Receiving Water Trash Monitoring Plan (Version 1.0) and Regional Outfall Trash Monitoring Plan (Version 2.0) to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board by July 30, 2024. Motion: Member Fabry (City of San Mateo); Second: Member Machida (City of San Carlos). Vote: Motion passed unanimously (11:0:0).
7. INFORMATION – Receive information MRP Provision C.8 water quality monitoring requirements, SMCWPPP monitoring accomplishments, and ongoing challenges.

LID Monitoring (C.8.d) is intended to measure the effectiveness of LID controls. The MRP requires 25 influent-effluent paired storm samples over the permit term. Samples must be analyzed for PCBs, PFAS, Hg, Cu, Zn, TSS, TPH, hardness, and pH, with continuous flow monitoring throughout the wet season. Monitoring began October 1, 2023 following Regional Water Board conditional approval of the SMCWPPP LID Monitoring Plan. Monitoring is conducted at bioretention facilities in the City of Brisbane. The minimum number of paired samples (i.e., three) was exceeded in FY 2023-24; however, the Program was just shy of goal of six samples needed to make progress towards the permit term goal of 25 samples. EOA is working with Brisbane to understand why effluent is not observed at one of the two facilities equipped for monitoring.

Trash Monitoring (C.8.e) is intended to assess the effectiveness of trash controls and evaluate conditions in receiving waters. MS4 Outfall monitoring began October 1, 2023 following conditional approval of a Regional Trash Outfall Monitoring Plan. The Program successfully monitored trash discharges from two San Mateo County outfalls (San Carlos and Half Moon Bay) during three storm events. Receiving Water Monitoring will begin October 1, 2024. Receiving water monitoring is being conducted through the EPA WQIF “Watching Our Watersheds” (WOW) project. Characterization and measurement of all trash samples (outfalls and receiving waters) is conducted via the WOW project. Although annual flow hydrographs have not yet been calculated, preliminary results suggest that trash discharges at the monitored outfalls have successfully been controlled to low (i.e., less than 5 gal/acre/year).

Pollutants of Concern (POC) Monitoring (C.8.f) addresses six information needs listed in MRP Provision C.8

and supports C.11/12 requirements for investigation of old industrial land uses and identification of source properties. POC analytes include PCBs, mercury, copper, and constituents of emerging concern (CEC). CEC monitoring requirements are met through financial contributions to the RMP.

Pesticide & Toxicity (P&T) Monitoring (C.8.g) is required annually during the dry season at one site in San Mateo County. The Program is targeting Pilarcitos Creek for P&T monitoring because it was recently 303(d) listed for toxicity.

8. INFORMATION – Received information on the San Mateo County OneWatershed Framework approach and data inventory. The OneWatershed Framework is part one of a NOAA grant funded (\$650k) multi-year, multi-part strategy to build systematic and transformational change, addressing climate risk with respect to integrated watershed management and resilience. The objective of the Framework is “to assess the regional and shared-risk of climate change to water infrastructure and resources (sewer, water, and stormwater) and develop opportunities to build adaptive capacity to climate impacts for the most vulnerable communities.” It builds off prior GI planning work, pulling disaggregated plans under one umbrella framework with shared goals focusing on climate adaptation. Equity first is a major theme of the Framework, with the San Bruno Creek Watershed “Community-Led Plan” serving as a pilot study of the Framework. The Geosyntec-led project team is currently developing the OneWatershed Data Inventory, a compilation of County and other publicly available data on climate impacts, groundwater, social vulnerability, stormwater infrastructure, wastewater and water supply. Data will be available online via C/CAG’s existing GIS web viewer.
9. Regional Board Report: None.
10. Executive Director’s Report: None
11. Member Reports: None
12. Vice Chair Ovadia adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 15.