

**STORMWATER COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, September 19, 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), Sultan Henson (County Sustainability Department), Noah Craney (City of Burlingame), Anwar Mirza (City of East Palo Alto), Sven Edlund (City of San Mateo), Aidan Cecchetti (Regional Water Board), Gregg Dieguez (Midcoast Community Council), Carlyle Anne Young (public), Bonnie de Berry (EOA). Chair Ovadia called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. Note – Regional Water Board staff “other” representative joined the meeting at 3:40 p.m. after roll call was taken.

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 approved the draft July 18, 2024, Stormwater Committee Meeting minutes. Motion: Member Fabry (City of San Mateo); Second: Member Donohue (Town of Colma). Vote: Motion passed (15:0:1). Chair Breault abstained.
4. ACTION – The Committee approved the Draft SMCWPPP Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Report contingent on any pending revisions to be included in the Final Report. Member Murtuza motioned approval with an opportunity to review the final report and provide comment prior to finalization; Second: Member Machida. Vote: Motion passed unanimously (16:0:0).
5. INFORMATION – The Committee received information and announcements on stormwater related issues, including the CASQA 2024 Annual Conference in Sacramento, Oct 20-23, 2024; an notice that the C/CAG NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge grant application was not selected for award; FY23-24 Annual Reporting process; updates following the Sept 11, 2024 San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board information item focusing on trash load reduction requirements; formation of a regional Long-term GSI Technical Workgroup to address MRP related GSI goals; a status update on the implementation of right-of-way and onsite monitoring under the SMCWPPP PCBs Old Industrial Control Measures Plan and efforts to secure a US EPA San Francisco Bay Program non-competitive grant to support increased monitoring and control measure requirements; Fiscal Year 2024-25 proposed NPDES Stormwater Permit fees set by the State Water Resources Control Board; action items regarding the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury Report regarding litter and sanitation in areas adjacent to restaurants; and current stormwater funding opportunities.
6. Regional Water Board Report – None.
7. Executive Director’s Report: None
8. Member Reports: Members shared local program information and inquired about several MRP related topics:
  - Member Donohue commented on the challenges associated with current MRP cost reporting

requirements. Staff suggested potentially providing feedback to the Regional Water Board at an upcoming Board meeting.

- Member Fabry inquired about the status of regional stormwater capture projects that C/CAG has helped advance in recent years and whether the Orange Memorial Park Regional Project will satisfy current MRP C.3.j GSI retrofit targets at a countywide scale. Reid Bogert reported on the status of projects emphasizing the value of projects that can support compliance with C.3.j GSI retrofit targets, e.g., Orange Memorial Park or the San Bruno Regional Project at I-280/380. Bogert summarized the status of a technical memorandum that provided the basis for demonstrating equivalency of “greened acres treated” or impervious areas managed by regional projects, focusing on the area treated by the Orange Memorial Park Project as an example of how the area treated can be translated into credit towards the countywide target for C.3.j. in San Mateo County. Bogert suggested that while the Regional Water Board has been receptive to the analysis, there are ongoing discussions regarding how San Mateo County permittees may leverage the Orange Memorial Park project to comply with this permit provision. Bogert also emphasized C/CAG’s ongoing role in seeking state and federal grants to support implementation, as well as partnerships with Caltrans.
- Member Mitch inquired about whether there was a legal analysis associated with the technical memo C/CAG developed regarding demonstrating equivalency of green infrastructure benefits with large-scale stormwater capture projects that may divert from a channel or storm drain. Staff reported that while no legal analysis has been completed to substantiate the ability to claim credits at a countywide scale via Orange Memorial Park, the permit is clear that the goal may be achieved at a countywide scale and does refer to Orange Memorial Park as an opportunity to claim credit for at least a portion of the countywide target.
- Chair Breault shared news that the City had recently successfully passed a modest Proposition 218 compliant stormwater fee for commercial properties.

9. Chair Breault adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2024.