

Stormwater Committee

Thursday October 17, 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), Dan Sternkopf (C/CAG Staff), Sean Charpentier (C/CAG Executive Director), Craig Centis (City of Millbrae), Sultan Henson (County of San Mateo), Bonnie de Berry (EOA). As detailed in the attendance sheet, member Bozorginia attended remotely under AB 2449. Vice Chair Ovadia called the meeting to order at 2:36 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 approved the draft September 19, 2024, Stormwater Committee Meeting minutes with the correction of the date on the heading of the minutes to specify “September 19” rather than “July 18”. Motion: Member Machida (City of San Carlos); Second: Member Mitch (City of Menlo Park). Vote: Motion passed (11:0:4). Members Ovadia (Town of Atherton), Bozorginia (City of Half Moon Bay), Willis (Town of Hillsborough) and Lisaj (County of San Mateo) abstained.
4. ACTION – The Committee approved a recommendation for C/CAG’s Duly Authorized Representative to certify and submit the Revised Regional Low Impact Development (LID) Monitoring Plan and Quality Assurance and Project Plan (QAPP) to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board on behalf of the San Mateo County permittees. Reid Bogert summarized the primary changes for the LID Monitoring Plan/QAPP. The changes to the LID Monitoring Plan comprised of a New Section 1.6 – LID Monitoring Plan Revisions, further documenting monitoring elements in the Plan, Section 1.7 – Adaptive Management revised to clarify potential monitoring changes that might occur and Regional Water Board approval process, Section 3.2.1 – Clarification of storm criteria, Section 3.2.3/5 - Replacement of soil moisture monitoring and exfiltration tests with water level monitoring for water balance, New Section 3.3.2 – Assessment of Maintenance Effects Upon Facility Performance, Section 12 – Clarifications and details added to Data Evaluation, New Section 12.3 – Regional Analysis , and New Attachment D – Regional Field Blank SOP. The changes to the QAPP were addition of dissolved mercury, Clarification of PFAS analytical method, Addition of pour blanks (Section 14.5) and procedural blanks (Section 14.6), Addition of end of sampling year procedural blanks for Year 1, and Addition of Corrective and Preventative Action Reports (CPARs) in response to incidents of non-conformance (Section 14.8). Motion Member Fabry (City of San Mateo); Second: Willis (Town of Hillsborough). Vote: Motion passed unanimously (15:0:0).

5. INFORMATION – The Committee received information on the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 SMCWPPP Outlook. Bonnie de Berry (EOA) presented on the Scope of Work related to MRP compliance programming being led by the C/CAG's primary consultant for technical support services to the Stormwater Program, EOA. The tasks highlighted were General Technical Support: \$161,986, Subcommittee Support: \$144,648, Training: \$39,968, GI and Regional Collaborative Program Planning: \$285,649, Public Information and Outreach: \$163,136, Annual Reporting: \$68,305, Water Quality Monitoring: \$882,975, Trash Load Reduction: \$358,816, PCBs and Mercury Load Reduction: \$252,806, Exempted and Conditionally Exempted Discharges: \$17,579, Unsheltered Populations: \$37,437, Cost Reporting: \$5,012, Asset Management: \$19,988, and Overall Contingency: \$21,695 for a total of \$2,460,000 under the Fiscal Year 2024-25 EOA Task Order. It was emphasized that with the lack of additional dedicated Stormwater Program revenue and the new requirements with additional cost burden to the program under the reissued MRP (MPR 3.0), the program budget is facing ongoing budget constraints and there may be a need to adjust program services beginning next fiscal year. Committee members discussed the desire to have additional support on cost reporting requirements for Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Reports and also to seek input from the Ad-hoc Funding and Financing workgroup regarding options and recommendations for additional revenue generation for the Stormwater Program to ensure adequate resources in support of MRP compliance.
6. INFORMATION – Received information on proposed U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Community Change Grant application. Reid Bogert presented on the grant program, which has \$2B in Inflation Reduction Act funds for implementation of community-driven climate resilience/pollution prevention projects that directly benefit designated Disadvantaged Communities (DACs). C/CAG is developing an application in partnership with Climate Resilient Communities and other community-based organization partners and the application will incorporate several projects from C/CAG's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Climate Resilience Regional Challenge grant application submitted last February. The application deadline is November 21, 2024.
7. INFORMATION – Received stormwater program related information and announcements, including updates on FY 2024-25 Annual Report submittals, regional Long-term Green Stormwater Infrastructure Workgroup activities, State Water Board Cost Reporting Policy development, a U.S. Supreme Court case involving the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the City/County of San Francisco regarding the "cause or contribute" language in the Clean Water Act, and recent funding opportunities.
8. Regional Board Report - None
9. Executive Director's Report – None
10. Member Reports - None
11. Adjourned at 3:53 p.m.