

Stormwater Committee

Thursday February 20, 2025

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), Alexander Yuen (City of Daly City), Fatima Khan (City of East Palo Alto), Eduardo Castellanos (Town of Woodside), Sultan Henson (County of San Mateo), Sarah Deicke (County of San Mateo), Summer Bundy (OneShoreline), Kristian Alarcon (City of Millbrae), Karen Cowan (Executive Director, California Stormwater Quality Association), Aidan Cecchetti (Regional Water Board). Chair Breault called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and a brief overview of 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 January 16, 2025, Stormwater Committee Meeting minutes. Member Fabry motioned approval of the minutes with the condition that the attendance record be corrected to show that he attended remotely as a non-voting public member. Motion: Member Fabry (City of San Mateo); Second: Member Lee (City of San Bruno). Vote: Motion passed (11:0:6) with the clarification added that Committee member Fabry (City of San Mateo) attended the meeting remotely as a non-voting member of the public. Members Patel (City of Belmont), Donahue (Town of Colma), Willis (Town of Hillsborough), Mitch (City of Menlo Park), Lee (City of San Bruno), Stillman (County of San Mateo) abstained.
4. ACTION – The Committee reviewed and approved a recommendation for C/CAG’s Duly Authorized Representative to certify and submit the Final FY24-25 Annual Report Forms to the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWB). Reid Bogert (C/CAG) presented on how the Bay Area Municipal Stormwater Collaborative (BAMSC) developed the Draft Annual Report Forms and once approved, BAMSC Co-Chairs will submit the final forms to RWB staff by March 3, 2025 with signatures from each countywide program manager certifying the submittal on behalf of permittees. Motion: Member Ovidia (Town of Atherton); Second: Member Machida (City of San Carlos). Vote: Motion passed unanimously (16:0:0). Note – member Yip (City of Pacifica) was not present for this vote.
5. ACTION – The Committee reviewed and confirmed current rosters for the ad-hoc workgroups and undertook consideration for appointing new members. Bogert presented on how C/CAG intends to maintain the two primary ad-hoc workgroups: the Funding and Finance Workgroup and the Municipal Regional Permit (MRP) Implementation Workgroup. The Funding and Finance Workgroup supports discussions around dedicated stormwater revenue given current program funding and

increased MRP costs. The MRP Implementation Workgroup advises on MRP reissuance, ongoing compliance issues and San Mateo County Water Pollution Prevention Program (SMCWPPP) annual program budget. Committee Member Fabry (City of San Mateo) volunteered to be assigned to the Funding Finance Workgroup and suggested that Fabry's planned alternate on the Stormwater Committee, Katherine Sheenan, Deputy Public Works Director with the City of San Mateo, be included on the MRP Implementation Workgroup. Motion: Member Ovadia (Town of Atherton); Second: Member Willis (Town of Hillsborough). Vote: Motion passed unanimously (17:0:0).

6. INFORMATION – The Committee received a presentation on annual updates from Karen Cowan, Executive Director of the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA). The presentation covered CASQA's priorities for 2025, which include regulatory advocacy and legislative advocacy, leading off of success in stormwater having its own line item in the Climate Bond (Proposition 4) that passed in late 2024. Additional 2025 priorities include advocating for stormwater funding needs as part of the planned California Needs Assessment. Cowan also highlighted CASQA's Our Water, Our World (OWOW) program, which is a program that focuses on less-toxic, eco-friendly pest products and techniques. Lastly, the presentation highlighted key upcoming dates including dates for the CASQA seminar series, which is free to members. On April 17, 2025, the seminar series will discuss Funding and on July 10, 2025, the seminar series will discuss the state-led process of developing Biointegrity / Biological Objectives. The CASQA Annual Conference will be held on September 15-17 in Pasadena.
7. INFORMATION – The Committee received information on a proposed budget amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Stormwater Program Budget. Bogert presented on how the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Program Budget that C/CAG adopted was not updated to include final recommended Stormwater Program budget numbers and that the Stormwater Committee reviewed and provided feedback on at its May 2024 meeting prior to the C/CAG final budget adoption in June 2024. The primary need for the amendment is based on a budget correction of \$510,000 allocated to the current EOA Task Order for general MRP compliance support to the program. The next step is for review/approval of the final FY 2024-25 Budget Amendment at the March 13 C/CAG Board of Directors meeting.
8. INFORMATION – The Committee received stormwater program related information and announcements. Bogert presented on an unfunded mandate test from MRP 1.0. Additionally, Bogert presented on funding opportunities, which focused on risks associated with federal funding, as well as Proposition 4 funds and C/CAG's pursuit of earmarks.
9. Regional Board Report – Aidan Cecchetti with the RWB discussed how the RWB is finished with most of the initial review of annual reports and the feedback is being prepared to be sent out, but first the RWB will communicate with countywide lead staff about common feedback that applies to most municipalities to ensure consistent reporting. The RWB plans to share feedback with the municipalities by the end of March and the RWB will let municipalities know if there won't be any feedback.
10. Executive Director's Report – None
11. Member Reports - None
12. Adjourned at 3:27 p.m.