



MRP 4 Workgroup Engagement Guidelines

Bay Area Municipal Stormwater Collaborative (BAMSC) is responsible for assisting applicable Stormwater Countywide Programs in the MRP reissuance discussions with Regional Water Board staff. Workgroup discussions will start in March 2026 and extend through the adoption of the MRP, although more intense effort is anticipated between March and the release of the Administrative Draft.

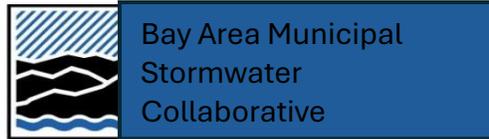
To promote effective and efficient discussions, Workgroups (WGs) are intended to have representatives who are committed to attend and participate in meetings through the duration of the reissuance process. Permittee representatives will be designated by Countywide programs as those prepared with understanding of the topics and to represent their [Countywide co-permittees'] interests and to share relevant knowledge and experience of implementing the current permit. . The Workgroups will be convened in accordance with the *Municipal Regional NPDES Stormwater Permit (MRP) Reissuance 4 Workgroup Charter* (Attachment 1). Because many Permittees do not work on Fridays, to ensure their participation, workgroup meetings should not be scheduled on Fridays to the extent practical and none should be scheduled on Friday afternoons.

BAMSC has identified a mix of Workgroup Leads from each County and topic area to coordinate with Regional Water Board staff to plan and manage Workgroup meetings. This document outlines the purpose, roles and responsibilities of the BAMSC WG Leads , Workgroup participants and the process that will be used to communicate related information to BASMC Programs and the Regional Committees. BAMSC and Permittee engagement shall be guided by the *Tenets to Guide MRP Reissuance Discussions* (Attachment 2).

BAMSC Internal Steering Committee: Serves as the hub for the BAMSC WGs to update the Committee members on MRP 4 provision progress, areas of agreement, and disagreement. All (and only) Permittees and their representatives can participate in the BAMSC Internal Steering Committee.

BAMSC External Steering Committee: Serves as the all-inclusive forum for Permittees and Regional Water Board staff to review MRP 4 topic areas of consensus and disagreement determined at WGs. This Committee is the place where reports on technical subjects by Workgroup Leads and the Regional Water Board staff will be presented and perspectives shared. A separate MRP Steering Committee meeting(s) may be convened to support effective communication and attempt to resolve identified issues. All Permittees can participate in the BAMSC External Steering Committee.

Countywide Programs: Each Program will designate Primary and Secondary representatives who are committed to attend and prioritize engagement in the MRP 4 WGs



for the duration of the reissuance process, with the attempt to minimize staff changes throughout during the reissuance process.

BAMSC Subcommittees: (Existing) Serve as the technical support and sounding board to discuss proposed changes to the provisions within their purview. Provisions that do not have a relevant subcommittee will be addressed by an existing regional Workgroup or be addressed by the Internal Steering Committee. Subcommittee and Workgroup Leads should allocate sufficient time on their routine internal or external (as appropriate) meeting agendas or determine with the Workgroup Leads if a separate meeting is needed. All Permittees can participate in the BAMSC subcommittee meetings.

BAMSC Workgroup Leads: Serve as the co-leaders of the MRP 4 Workgroups along with the assigned Regional Board Staff Leads for the duration of the reissuance process. They are responsible for coordinating Permittee/Program representatives at the meetings and coordinating Permittee/Program technical information and presentations for the meeting. BAMSC Leads will report on Workgroup progress to the BAMSC Steering Committee and relevant BAMSC subcommittee or Workgroup. Workgroup Leads are those committed to attend and prioritize engagement in the MRP 4 WGs for the duration of the reissuance process, with the attempt to minimize staff changes throughout during the reissuance process.

Permittee/Program Representatives: Primary and Secondary Permittee representatives that will be designated by Countywide programs are those who are committed to attend and prioritize engagement in the MRP 4 WGs for the duration of the reissuance process. All attempts to minimize staff changes throughout the reissuance process will be made. The representatives serve as a liaison between the Workgroup and their Countywide programs by reporting back on BAMSC WGs reissuance progress, coordinating input and feedback from their Programs/Co-Permittees on topics of concern. Representatives will come to meetings prepared with understanding of the topics and to represent their Countywide co-permittees' interests and to share relevant knowledge and experience of implementing the current permit. Permittee/Program representatives who need to miss a meeting will familiarize themselves with the discussion and decisions of the missed meeting before the next meeting, communicating with their County and BASMC Workgroup Leads as needed.