

Stormwater Committee

Thursday April 16, 2026

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), Sarah Deicke (County of San Mateo), Matt Lee (City of San Carlos), Angelica Ali (City of San Bruno), Bonnie de Berry (EOA Inc.), Kirstin Kerr (EOA Inc.), Stephanie Lau (OneShoreline), Ashraf Ali (Regional Water Board), Mel Johnson (Regional Water Board), Chris Sommers (EOA Inc.), and Karen Cowen (CASQA Executive Director). Chair Ovadia called the meeting to order at 2:42 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. PRESENTATION – The Committee received a presentation on annual updates from Karen Cowen, the Executive Director of the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA). Cowen provided an overview of CASQA's ongoing work and the benefits to CASQA members. CASQA has five priority areas of focus for 2026: 1.) Rain Ready California Program, 2.) Our World, Our Water (OWOW) Program, 3.) Legislative Priorities focusing on Prop 218 reform, 4.) Regulatory Advocacy, and 5.) Funding. Cowen then provided an overview of CASQA's proposed strategic plan update. Cowen then provided an overview of CASQA's staff and CASQA's committee and program structure. Cowen then presented key dates including the upcoming Seminar Series presentation, and the October 26-28 CASQA Annual Conference in Sacramento. Cowen ended by stating that CASQA can work with C/CAG and C/CAG's legislative consultants to do more to make local staff aware of current bills that may impact municipal stormwater programs.
4. ACTION – The Committee approved the March 19, 2026 Stormwater Committee meeting minutes. Motion: Member Fabry (City of San Mateo); Second: Alternate Haya (City of Millbrae). Vote: Motion passed (13:0:1). Member Kim (City of South San Francisco) abstained.
5. INFORMATION – The Committee received information on the status of compliance with the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit (MRP) C.10 trash requirement. Chris Sommers of EOA Inc. presented on the status of permittee compliance after the MRP 3 Full Trash Capture deadline in June 2025. Sommers began by provided a historical context of the trash management requirements over MRP 1, 2, and 3. Sommers then discussed the compliance status of SMCWPPP member agencies before providing a summary of trash control measures implemented to date. Sommers then presented on the planned enforcement order process for agencies that submitted notices of non-

compliance in June and will not achieve 100% load reductions by January 2026, as well as the planned process for agencies that did not achieve 100% trash reduction by the end of June but will be achieving compliance by January 2026 and hence will not be receiving enforcement orders. Sommers ended by covering anticipated changes in the trash requirements for MRP 4.

6. INFORMATION – The Committee received information on the preliminary Fiscal Year 2026-27 Stormwater Program Budget. Reid Bogert (C/CAG) provided an overview of the preliminary Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget highlighting how the NPDES Fund has static revenue while costs continue to rise and that SMCWPPP is facing a structural deficit for the program beginning Fiscal Year 2026-27. Bogert continued by providing an overview of historic annual consultant services costs dating back to FY3 and the average consultant services costs from MRP 1 to MRP 2 to MRP 3. Bogert then presented an estimated projection with different scenarios for MRP 4 program costs. Bogert described how the SMCWPPP budget deficit issue will be presented to the C/CAG Finance Committee with options on how to address the deficit. Bogert ended with the next steps, which include approving the final budget/ Consultant Task Order for Fiscal Year 2026-27 at the C/CAG Board Meeting in June, and presenting to the C/CAG Finance Committee in May/June.
7. INFORMATION – The Committee received information on the development of the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Report. Bogert provided an overview of the regulatory context of the report. The MRP requires the report to be completed by September 30, 2026. The report may be developed on an all-Permittee (regional) scale or countywide scale. The report is being developed on a regional scale but may include strategies that are implemented at the countywide and/or local levels. The CCAR will serve as a regional framework and guidance for adaptation of assets to address climate risks that can be incorporated into countywide C.3/GI guidance manuals and asset management plans as appropriate. Bogert then provided examples of adaptation strategies, as well as existing resources. Lastly, Bogert provided a timeline for the next steps including: 1.) Complete Draft CCAR – March/April 2026, 2.) Complete Revised Draft CCAR – early June 2026, 3.) Complete Final Draft CCAR – early August 2026, 4.) Approvals by Countywide Programs and BAMSC – August 2026, and 5.) submit with Countywide Program Annual Reports – September 2026.
8. INFORMATION – The Committee received stormwater program related information and announcements. Dan Sternkopf (C/CAG) presented that in March, the C/CAG Board approved Resolution 26-12 authorizing the C/CAG Executive Director to execute an Agreement with Caltrans for the Clean California Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway Grant Program. Sternkopf then discussed how Regional Water Board (RWB) staff shared FY24-25 Annual Report comments with all permittees with varying comments and requests for information. RWB staff requested that all permittees submit a summary of Best Management Practice (BMP) implementation effectiveness for BMPs implemented under Provision C.17 (Unsheltered Populations), citing that the Annual Reports lacked sufficient information to meet the reporting requirement. RWB staff have requested these summaries to be provided by no later than June 1, 2026, though Program Staff will plan to request an extension. Sternkopf then provided a legislative update on AB 2051 (Wicks) and SB 601 (Allen). Related to the C.15 Firefighting Discharges Coordination, C/CAG staff met with the Fire Chiefs Association of San Mateo County on April 1 to develop a coordination process, and to facilitate a survey to each of the fire departments. Additionally, the Workgroup Advancing Regional Projects (WARP) met on April 2 to discuss options for ongoing funding for operations and maintenance (O&M) for the Orange Memorial Park project. Lastly, Sternkopf shared an update on funding opportunities focusing on 1.) congressional community-directed spending requests to the offices of

Senators Schiff and Padilla and Congressmember Mullin, 2.) Prop 4 (Climate Bond) CNRA Urban Greening Grant, and 3.) USBR WaterSMART Drought Response Program.

9. Regional Water Board Report – Ashraf Ali of the Regional Water Board (RWB) reported that staff are looking forward to commencing MRP 4 workgroup meetings at the end of the month.
10. Executive Director’s Report – Sean Charpentier stated that it is a good time for committee members to think about coordinating meetings with the state legislators and their staff to stay informed of current and upcoming legislation that may affect local municipal stormwater programs. Charpentier also announced his planned departure from C/CAG, thanking the Committee for their support in implementing C/CAG’s stormwater program and stating this would be his last meeting.
11. Member Reports – A question was raised about Committee member experiences with artificial turf drainage systems compared to grass drainage systems and which system is less impactful on the environment and public health. Responses clarified there is no easy answer because it depends on how those systems are designed and the underlying layers and soil conditions for each site.
12. Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.