

**Monterey Stormwater Education Alliance
Management Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES
For February 24, 2021**

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order / Roll-Call

Chairperson Trapani (County of Monterey) called the meeting to order at 9:33a.m. and performed roll call.

Management Committee (MC) Members:

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea – Agnes
Martelet
City of Monterey-Tricia Wotan
City of Pacific Grove – Caleb Schneider
City of Sand City – Leon Gomez
City of Seaside, City of Del Rey Oaks –
Scott Ottmar
County of Monterey – Michael Trapani

Other:

Maris Sidenstecker – PE/PO Coordinator
Lisa Emanuelson – California Marine
Sanctuary Foundation
Rachel Fatoohi, Alyson Tom – County of
Santa Cruz
Jackie McCloud – City of Watsonville
Michael Grzan – City of Hollister
David LaCaro – City of Paso Robles
Avery Blackwell - Geosyntec
Heidi Niggemeyer – City of Salinas
Tanya Carothers – City of Morgan Hill
Max Rieser, Tom Harty – City of Monterey
Elizabeth Geisler, Sheldon Leiker - Dudek

MRSWMP Staff:

Program Manager – Jeff Condit

2. Public Comment

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approve Management Committee Meeting Minutes for 1/27/20

- **Action:** On a motion by Wotan (*City of Seaside*), seconded by Gomez (*City of Sand City*), Management Committee approved the Management Committee Meeting Minutes for 1/27/20.

- **Ayes:** Schneider, Gomez, Ottmar, Ottmar, Trapani, Wotan, Martelet
- **Noes:** None
- **Absent:** None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Update on COVID-19 Situation

A brief discussion ensued regarding impacts the current COVID-19 situation has had on stormwater programs and local government in general.

5. Presentation from City of Paso Robles: PCR Alternative Compliance

David LaCaro of City of Paso Robles and Avery Blackwell of Geosyntec provided an overview of their Alternative Compliance program for the Post-Construction Requirements. The program attempts to serve as a win-win-win scenario for the City, Regulators, and Developers by doing the following:

- Increase City-wide watershed benefits
- Increase opportunities to cost-effectively build out urban areas
- Save the City ongoing administrative costs and time

They have currently identified four high priority projects out of a possible 27 projects that could be utilized toward Alternative Compliance.

Key takeaways from their program include:

- Cities have the ability to leverage developer funds to develop green infrastructure
- Focus on benefits rather than compliance
- Dust off the previous plans
- Quantify for competitive projects
- Limit City risk

6. Update on Sand City Prop 1 Grant: West End Stormwater Improvement Project

The City of Sand City was successful in its efforts to secure a Prop 1 Stormwater Grant to implement the West End Stormwater Improvement Project. Gomez shared highlights of the project which will retrofit an existing urban collector street to integrate LID features, address flooding and promote sustainable water management, while benefitting a Disadvantaged Community (DAC).

LID strategies to be implemented include:

- Bioretention facilities and curb extensions at intersections to capture runoff
- Horizontal infiltration chambers and trash capture devices
- Permeable pavement in parking and sidewalk areas and at intersections
- New storm drain infrastructure and routing
- Abandonment of existing storm drain lines

7. Update on Political Relevancy Workshop – March 24

Monterey SEA will host a Political Relevancy Workshop for members during our March 24 Management Committee meeting. The Workshop will review the political relevancy of the Monterey SEA program as a Case Study. The Workshop will then provide members with an opportunity to review the political relevancy of individual programs.

8. Update on Public Outreach and Public Education

a. Update from Web Re-Design Sub-Committee

Condit and Sidenstecker are working with our web consultants to re-design the MontereySEA.org website with a new look in line with the new logo.

Sidenstecker shared that she is working with a group of students to develop TikTok videos with a focus on water quality issues.

9. Update on Trash Amendment

Condit shared that he is currently conducting Trash Assessments on behalf of jurisdictions utilizing the 2NForm Trash RAM platform. He will notify members prior to conducting the assessments (**Action Item – Condit**).

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10. Management Committee Member and Program Manager Reports

- a. **City of Monterey** – Wotan shared that the City is developing a full trash capture project in her downtown core.
- b. **City of Seaside** – Ottmar shared that the Campus Town development has submitted their first phase of planning documents, overcoming a legal challenge.
- c. **City of Carmel** – Martelet shared she has three projects that have triggered the PCR requirements.
- d. **City of Pacific Grove** – Schneider shared that the Stormwater Capture project at the golf course is moving forward with no issues.
- e. **County of Monterey** – Trapani shared that he is focused on an effort to map the County's storm drain system.
- f. **Program Manager** – Condit shared that CASQA is hosting a Town Hall meeting regarding the proposed bill, AB377. He will forward the information regarding the Town Hall to members.

ADJOURNMENT / SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

11. Schedule Next Meeting

The next Management Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, at 9:30am.

12. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29a.m.