

Monterey Regional Storm Water Management Program (MRSWMP) Management Committee

MEETING MINUTES For March 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:

Bridget Hoover – California Marine
Sanctuary Foundation
Mike McCullough – Monterey One Water
Daniel Smith - BioClean
Doug Dowden
Jason Drew, Mike Carlson – NCE
Consultants

MRSWMP Staff:

Program Manager – Jeff Condit

2. Public Comment

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approve Management Committee Meeting Minutes for 2/24/21

- **Action:** On a motion by Martelet (*City of Carmel-by-the-Sea*), seconded by Ottmar (*City of Seaside*), Management Committee approved the Management Committee Meeting Minutes for 2/24/21 (6-0, *Sand City arrived after the vote*).

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

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.

Schneider, Martelet, Ottmar, Wotan, and Condit shared that their respective Agencies have recently conducted vaccine clinics for employees.

5. Monterey SEA Political Relevancy Workshop

Jason Drew and Mike Carlson of NCE Consultants led the Monterey SEA team through a Political Relevancy workshop. The workshop included an overview by Drew of the importance of political relevancy for stormwater programs. Carlson shared his experiences promoting political relevancy for the County of Contra Costa's Stormwater Program including lessons learned.

The Workshop then looked at the Monterey SEA program as a Case Study to review its political relevancy. Drew led Condit through a Political Relevancy Questionnaire in order to review and establish a baseline of its political relevancy. Members were encouraged to follow along with the questionnaire in order to review the political relevancy of their individual programs. Results from the review indicated that the Monterey SEA program is modestly political relevant with room for improvement.

The Workshop concluded by discussing Action Steps that can be taken in the next 12-18 months with a goal of improving political relevancy. Action steps for the regional program included a Logo Campaign to announce the new program logo and engagement with management and executives of participating entities.

ACTION ITEMS

6. Action Item to Authorize Program Manager to Draft a Letter Stating Monterey SEA's Position Regarding AB377

Condit shared a Staff Report regarding the pending AB377 legislation. AB377 is a comprehensive bill regarding stormwater regulation that was recently introduced by Assembly Member Robert Rivas (Hollister). The bill currently resides in the Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials. An extended discussion ensued.

- **Action:** On a motion by Ottmar (*City of Seaside*), seconded by Wotan (*City of Monterey*), Management Committee moved to table discussion on AB377 to a future meeting. Members instructed Condit to monitor the progress of the bill and return the item for consideration if appropriate.
 - **Ayes:** Schneider, Ottmar, Ottmar, Trapani, Wotan, Martelet
 - **Noes:** None
 - **Absent:** Gomez

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Management Committee Member and Program Manager Reports

- a. **City of Carmel** – Martelet shared that she has been working with Sidenstecker on a video focused on picking up litter. The City has developed a demonstration Rain Garden in front of the Public Works Department. The City has begun review of a PCR Tier 2 project.

- b. **City of Monterey** – Wotan shared that a local resident conducted sampling for cyanobacteria. After an investigation, it was concluded that it was non-toxic. She will be conducting public education signage around the lakes to raise awareness of the issue.
- c. **County of Monterey** – Trapani participated in the recent Second Nature training. He has developed a new contract for Street Sweeping services. He is meeting with the County Lobbyist on AB377.
- d. **City of Seaside** – Ottmar shared that his staff has also been participating in the Second Nature trainings. He is currently conducting Plan Review for the Campus Town development.
- e. **City of Pacific Grove** – Schneider has been participating in the Second Nature trainings.
- f. **Program Manager** – Condit shared that Second Nature will be hosting a training on their PCR Module on March 30. CASQA will be hosting their Quarterly Meeting on April 15.

ADJOURNMENT / SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

7. Schedule Next Meeting

The next Management Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, at 9:30am.

8. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30p.m.