

Monterey Regional Stormwater Management Program Management Committee

MEETING MINUTES For November 18, 2021

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order / Roll-Call

Chairperson Trapani (County of Monterey) called the meeting to order at 10:01a.m. and performed roll call.

Management Committee (MC) Members:

City of Del Rey Oaks – Ron Fucci
City of Monterey - Tricia Wotan
City of Pacific Grove – Caleb Schneider
City of Sand City – Taylor Fagan
City of Seaside – Scott Ottmar
County of Monterey – Michael Trapani

Other:

Lisa Emanuelson, Bridget Hoover –
California Marine Sanctuary Foundation
Dawn Mathes – Pebble Beach Company
Pete Riegelhuth, Diana Garrett - Caltrans
John Stiver, Contech

MRSWMP Staff:

Program Manager – Jeff Condit

2. Public Comment

Pete Riegelhuth of Caltrans introduced Diana Garrett as their new Stormwater Program Manager.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approve Management Committee Meeting Minutes for 8/25/21

- **Action:** On a motion by Schneider (*City of Pacific Grove*), seconded by Ottmar (*City of Seaside*), Management Committee approved the Management Committee Meeting Minutes for 9/22/21 (6-0).
 - **Ayes:** Schneider, Ottmar, Trapani, Wotan, Fucci, Fagan
 - **Noes:** None
 - **Abstain:** 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:

- Condit shared that M1W has implemented a policy of mandatory vaccinations for employees. Employees not vaccinated will participate in weekly Covid Testing.
- Schneider shared that the City of Pacific Grove recently held a clinic for Booster Shots for employees.

5. Update on MRSWMP Monitoring Program

- Emanuelson shared the results of the MRSWMP Monitoring Program. The Dry Run occurred on Sept. 25. The First Flush occurred on October 24 at 11pm, with all sites sampled. There were 28 volunteers that participated. She is currently working on the data and will report back to members in the coming months.

6. Update on Trash Amendment

a. Feedback from CASQA Phase II Sub-Committee

Condit and Trapani shared feedback that was recently shared during the CASQA Phase II Sub-Committee regarding the Trash Amendment. The State Water Board recently shared with members of the Sub-Committee that the forthcoming Trash Amendment language will include the following milestones:

- 1st Milestone – 35% of Trash Generation Areas shall be treated by 12/2/2025
- 2nd Milestone – 70% of Trash Generation Areas shall be treated by 12/2/2028
- 3rd Milestone – 100% of Trash Generation Areas shall be treated by 12/2/2030

Members concurred that there is a need to raise awareness among Executives of the pending Trash Amendment requirements. Wotan shared that the League of California Cities may be an appropriate partner to work with to help raise awareness of the new requirements. Condit will reach out to our local League contact (**Action Item – Condit**).

Condit shared that he recently gave a presentation on the pending Trash Amendment requirements to the Litter Abatement Task Force.

Trapani inquired whether jurisdictions have the ability to update their submitted Implementation Plans. Condit will follow up with State Water Board staff and report back to members (**Action Item – Condit**).

b. Plastics Ordinances

i. Feedback from CASQA Conference

Condit briefed members on feedback that he received from the CASQA Conference regarding True Source Control initiatives such as Plastics Ordinances. Chris Sommers of EOA, Inc. presented that jurisdictions in the Bay Area have received credit toward their Trash Amendment milestones from True Source Control measures.

7. Update on Grant Opportunities

a. Whale Tail Grant Program

Condit recently worked with the Grants Sub-Committee to complete a grant application for the Coastal Commission's Whale Tail Grant Program toward the development of the Virtual Coastal Tour of the Monterey Peninsula. The Virtual

Coastal Tour would build upon the recently completed PG Shoreline Tour, bringing the tour to neighboring jurisdictions.

- b. Clean California Local Grant Program
Condit recently participated in a webinar regarding Caltrans' Clean California Local Grant Program. The program includes funding of \$296m with a focus on the "transformation of public spaces in need." Feedback received during the webinar included a statement that one-time clean-up activities would not be competitive for grant funding. Members are encouraged to review the grant program at the following link:
<https://cleancalifornia.dot.ca.gov/local-grants>

8. Update on SWRCB Permit Fee Increase

Members reviewed a Permit Fee Schedule that was recently released by the State Water Board that includes a fee increase for MS4 Permittees.

ACTION ITEMS

9. Action Item to Determine Distribution of Surplus Funds
Condit presented a Staff Report regarding the distribution of budget surplus funds for FY2020/21. Members discussed the possibility of utilizing surplus funds to conduct an analysis of MRSWMP Monitoring Program data. Emanuelson presented a proposal to analyze the MRSWMP Monitoring Data. An extended discussion ensued.
 - **Action:** On a motion by Wotan (*City of Monterey*), seconded by Schneider (*City of Pacific Grove*), Management Committee approved the pursuit of a Trend Analysis of Water Quality Data as well as the redistribution of FY2020/21 budget surplus through credits to members' shares of the FY2021/22 budget contribution. (6-0).
 - **Ayes:** Schneider, Ottmar, Trapani, Wotan, Fucci, Fagan
 - **Noes:** None
 - **Abstain:** None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10. Management Committee Member and Program Manager Reports

- a. **City of Del Rey Oaks** – Fucci shared that Condit recently presented to his City Council about the Stormwater Program.
- b. **City of Pacific Grove** – Schneider shared that he will be leaving the City of Pacific Grove and that the City is recruiting for an Environmental Regulations Manager.
- c. **City of Seaside** – Ottmar share the City is looking to go out to bid shortly for the construction of the Del Monte Manor biofiltration project that was included in the Stormwater Resource Plan.
- d. **County of Monterey** – Trapani shared that his Director of Public Works has agreed to serve as the LRP for the County.
- e. **Program Manager** – Condit shared that M1W General Manager Paul Sciuto recently participated in an EPA Conference on Stormwater Capture and Use.

ADJOURNMENT / SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

11. Schedule Next Meeting

The next Management Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17, at 10:00am.

12. Meeting Adjournment

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

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