

Monterey Regional Stormwater Management Program

Management Committee

MEETING MINUTES For January 26, 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 – Agnes Martelet
City of Del Rey Oaks – Ron Fucci
City of Monterey - Tricia Wotan
City of Pacific Grove – Daniel Gho
City of Sand City – Leon Gomez
City of Seaside – Scott Ottmar
County of Monterey – Michael Trapani

Other:

Maris Sidenstecker – PE/PO Coordinator
Jo Fleming, Brooke Wright – Environmental Innovations
Heidi Niggemeyer – City of Salinas
Diana Garrett – Caltrans
Daniel Smith – BioClean
Kendra Mann – City of Morgan Hill/Gilroy
Rick Reidl – Wallace Group
Sheldon Leiker - Dudek

MRSWMP Staff:

Program Manager – Jeff Condit

2. Public Comment

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approve Management Committee Meeting Minutes for 12/17/21

- **Action:** On a motion by Gomez (*City of Sand City*), seconded by Martelet (*City of Carmel*), Management Committee approved the Management Committee Meeting Minutes for 12/17/21 (*4-0, Monterey, Seaside, and Del Rey Oaks arrived after the vote*).

- **Ayes:** Martelet, Gho, Gomez, Trapani
- **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:

- Trapani shared that the County has tightened Covid protocols and has the majority of its staff working from home.

5. De-Brief of December 17 MRSWMP Meeting and Site Visits

Members shared their experience with the December 17 MRSWMP Meeting which included site visits to the Pacific Grove Virtual Coastal Tour and the Pacific Grove/Monterey ASBS Wet-Dry Weather Stormwater Capture/Diversion Project. Feedback of the meeting was positive, with members sharing that it was a productive use of time. Members suggested that it would be beneficial to pursue additional site visits on an annual basis, when an appropriate topic can be further explored on the ground.

6. Presentation on the City of Seaside's Plastics Pollution Prevention Initiative

Jo Fleming and Brooke Wright of Environmental Innovations provided a presentation on their efforts to promote Plastics Pollution Prevention ordinances (ie. bans on single-use foodware) throughout Northern California. They are currently working with the City of Seaside on implementing their Plastics Pollution Prevention Ordinance. They have developed a Turn the Tide on Plastic logo that may be a fit for regional efforts. Issues that have arisen in the City of Seaside include the lack of water credits for some restaurants to switch to reusable foodware and the fact that the biodigester at the landfill is no longer operational. There may be an opportunity to leverage the Green Business Program and their rebate program to promote alternatives to single-use foodware.

7. Presentation on the City of Monterey's Storm Drainage Maintenance Plan

Wotan provided a presentation on the City of Monterey's Storm Drainage Maintenance Plan. She provided an overview of the regulatory process involved, highlights of the plan and deliverables, and lessons learned. Wotan will forward a copy of the SDMP to Condit who will forward to the group (**Action Item – Wotan, Condit**).

8. Update on MRSWMP Monitoring Program

- a. Discussion of Trend Analysis of MRSWMP Monitoring Program Data
Condit presented a Staff Report that contained a draft outline of the upcoming Trend Analysis of MRSWMP Monitoring Data which members approved during the November 18, 2021 MRSWMP Meeting. Members reached consensus to develop a Sub-Committee to work with the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Foundation to oversee the analysis. Wotan and Trapani volunteered to serve on the Sub-Committee.
- b. Discussion of Results of Cypress Tree Sampling and Next Steps
Martelet shared that she partnered with the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Foundation to conduct sampling near cypress trees during the current rain season. Her motivation was to identify a possible source of surfactants that have been found during MRSWMP monitoring events. The initial investigation found surfactants in the sample taken from runoff from a cypress tree. Members directed Condit to work with Lisa Emanuelson to develop a proposal for cypress tree sampling that will be brought back to the group (**Action Item – Emanuelson, Condit**).

9. Update on Trash Amendment

- a. Update on Trash Assessments
Condit informed members that he will be conducting Trash Assessments for the region in the coming weeks. He will contact members prior to conducting the Trash Assessments (**Action Item – Condit**).

ACTION ITEMS

10. Nomination and Election of Officers (Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson)

- **Action:** On a motion by Wotan (*City of Monterey*), seconded by Martelet (*City of Carmel*), Management Committee nominated and elected Michael Trapani to serve as Chairperson and Leon Gomez to serve as Vice-Chairperson for 2022. (6-0).
 - **Ayes:** Gho, Ottmar, Trapani, Wotan, Martelet, Gomez
 - **Noes:** None
 - **Abstain:** None

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

11. Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Program Manager

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

12. Announcements from Closed Session

Trapani shared that the Management Committee conducted their Public Employee Performance Evaluation of the Program Manager. The Chair and Vice-Chair will discuss the evaluation with Condit during an upcoming Chair/Vice-Chair Sub-Committee Meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

13. Management Committee Member and Program Manager Reports

- a. **City of Carmel** – Martelet shared that the City of Carmel received Blue City Certification, a program that recognizes cities that are committed to healthy waterways and oceans. Condit will forward details of the Certification process to members (**Action Item – Condit**).
- b. **City of Sand City** – Gomez shared that he is moving forward with plans to implement wells in support of the Sand City Desalination Plant. He mentioned that the West End projects are moving forward. He is welcoming a new City Manager.
- c. **County of Monterey** – Trapani shared that he is working on a bacteria TMDL and hoping to partner with other jurisdictions from throughout California.
- d. **Program Manager** – Condit shared that he was informed during the recent CASQA Quarterly Meeting that AB377 will not be moving forward following a lobbying effort by CASQA and others. He notified members that the MRSWMP Program is currently being featured in an Advertorial in the Monterey County Weekly, sharing highlights of the program with constituents. MRSWMP Invoices for FY2021/22 were recently sent to members.

ADJOURNMENT / SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

14. Schedule Next Meeting

The next Management Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, at 9:30am.

15. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39a.m.

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