

Monterey Regional Stormwater Management Program

Management Committee

MEETING MINUTES For January 25, 2022

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 – Jessica Juico
City of Del Rey Oaks – Ron Fucci
City of Monterey - Tricia Wotan
City of Pacific Grove – George Fuerst
City of Sand City – Leon Gomez
City of Seaside – Patrick Grogan
County of Monterey – Michael Trapani

Program Manager – Jeff Condit

Other:

Maris Sidenstecker – Save the Whales
Diana Garrett – Caltrans
Bridget Hoover, Lindsay Brown – National Marine Sanctuary Foundation
Rick Riedl – Wallace Group

MRSWMP Staff:

2. Public Comment

Hoover mentioned that she will be participating California Water Environment Association Conference which will be held in Monterey from Jan. 30 - Feb. 1.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approve Management Committee Meeting Minutes for 11/16/22 and 12/16/22

- **Action:** On a motion by Wotan (*City of Monterey*), seconded by Gomez (*City of Sand City*), Management Committee approved the Management Committee Meeting Minutes for 11/16/22 and 12/16/22 (7-0).

- **Ayes:** Juico, Trapani, Wotan, Fuerst, Fucci, Gomez, Grogan
- **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. Highlights included:

- Condit shared that the Governor's Executive Order that has allowed for virtual meetings throughout the Covid pandemic will come to an end on Feb. 28. The MRSWMP will resume meeting in person at the Monterey One Water Administrative Conference Room for their March 22 meeting.

5. De-Brief of Recent Storms and Response

Members shared their experiences during the recent large storms that impacted the region in early January. Grogan shared that during the storms the City of Seaside was in need of pumps and hoses to respond to an emergency situation. He inquired whether it would be beneficial to share contact information for future emergency situations where collaboration is needed. Wotan shared that there may be existing mutual aid agreements between agencies in order to respond to emergency situations. Members directed Condit to research existing mutual aid agreements and explore the development of a contact list **(Action Item – Condit)**.

6. Update on Public Education and Public Outreach Program

a. Community-Based Social Marketing Workshop – Feb. 7-9

Condit alerted members to an upcoming Community-Based Social Marketing Workshop that is being hosted by the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Condit and Sidenstecker are registered for the Workshop and will report back to the group on the information shared.

b. Update on TV Ad Development

Condit and Fuerst provided an update to members on the development of new TV Ads to support outreach efforts. The effort includes the participation of our regional collaborative of Permittees from Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties.

7. Discussion of EPA Memo Regarding PFAS

Members discussed a recent EPA memo that called for the phase out of PFAS in fire fighting training efforts. Condit alerted members to Senate Bill 1044 passed in California in 2022 which guided fire departments to phase out PFAS in fire fighting activities, specifically in firefighting foam used to contain fires.

Juico mentioned that she will be meeting with her Fire Department Chief in the coming days. She will use the opportunity to check in on the status of PFAS in fire fighting equipment for the City of Carmel.

8. Update on MS4 Phase II Permit Re-Issuance

Condit shared that he recently participated in a CASQA Meeting that included members of the State Water Board's MS4 Permit Unit tasked with developing the re-issuance of the Phase II Permit. They provided an update for the permit re-issuance. At this time, draft language for the pending permit will be provided to the CASQA Phase II Sub-Committee for stakeholder feedback in June 2023. The draft Permit is scheduled to be released for Public Comment in early 2024.

9. Update on Post-Construction Requirements

a. Discussion of SCM O&M Fact Sheets

Condit shared that the PCR Sub-Committee consisting of Trapani, Gomez, and Savage recommends a number of Operations and Maintenance Fact Sheets for PCR facilities

such as bioretention facilities, permeable pavers, permeable concrete, cisterns, and tree box filters. The Fact Sheets, once reviewed by members, can be posted on the MontereySEA.org website as a resource for the development community to assist with operations and maintenance efforts. Condit shared that he included draft language on the Fact Sheets specifying that they are for guidance purposes only. Members directed Condit to seek advice from Legal Counsel to finalize the guidance language (**Action Item – Condit**). Members will provide any comments/revisions on the Fact Sheets to Condit by Feb. 17 (**Action Item – Members**).

b. Discussion of SCM Maintenance & Training Options

The PCR Sub-Committee recommends hosting two trainings in the coming months regarding Post-Construction Requirements: 1) a training focused on Operation and Maintenance of PCR facilities (also serving as an opportunity to launch the O&M Fact Sheets); and 2) a training focused on the PCR regulations and the Stormwater Technical Guide in general that will also include a focused Case Study discussion between a designer and plan reviewer aimed at showcasing the process for bringing a PCR project to fruition.

Members provided feedback on the proposed trainings and reached consensus that the O&M Training will be conducted in person while the PCR training will be conducted virtually.

10. Presentation of Snapshot Day Results

Lindsay Brown of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Foundation provided a presentation on the 2022 Snapshot Day results. Snapshot Day has been a successful volunteer-based annual water quality monitoring event for over 20 years. Over 250 sites have been monitored in four counties, including 25 sites in Monterey County analyzing a range of analytes. The Snapshot Day results are meant to assist municipal staff in identifying hotspots for additional inspection. An extended discussion ensued.

11. Update on Trash Amendment

a. Region 3 Trash Amendment Exchange – Feb. 8

Condit shared that during the recent CASQA Conference, a number of Region 3 Permittees expressed an interest in developing a platform to allow for knowledge sharing regarding the Trash Amendment requirements. The first meeting will be held on February 8. Trapani and Wotan volunteered to serve on a Sub-Committee representing the MRSWMP at the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

12. Nomination and Election of Officers

➤ **Action:** On a motion by Wotan (*City of Monterey*), seconded by Fuerst (*City of Pacific Grove*), Management Committee nominated and elected Gomez as Chair and Fucci as Vice-Chair of the MRSWMP for the 2023 calendar year (7-0).

- **Ayes:** Juico, Trapani, Wotan, Fuerst, Fucci, Gomez, Grogan
- **Noes:** None
- **Abstain:** None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

13. Management Committee Member and Program Manager Reports

- a. **City of Del Rey Oaks** – Fucci shared his experience during the recent storm events.
- b. **City of Pacific Grove** – Fuerst shared his experience during the recent storm events.
- c. **Program Manager** – Condit shared that he was recently appointed to the Executive Planning Committee of CASQA serving as the Co-Chair for their Training Sub-Committee. He will be leading efforts to assist Permittees with meeting stormwater training requirements.

ADJOURNMENT / SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

14. Schedule Next Meeting

The next Management Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 22, at 9:30am.

15. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17a.m.

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