

NOTICE AND AGENDA**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE for the
MONTEREY REGIONAL STORMWATER
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

DATE: February 23, 2022
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Zoom Video Conference and Teleconference

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| Officers: | Chairperson: | Michael Trapani, County of Monterey | |
| | Vice-Chairperson: | Leon Gomez, City of Sand City | |
| Participating Entities: | | City of Carmel-by-the-Sea | City of Del Rey Oaks |
| | | City of Monterey | City of Pacific Grove |
| | | City of Seaside | County of Monterey |
| Other Coordinating Entities: | | | |
| | | Carmel Unified School District | Pacific Grove Unified School District |
| | | Monterey Peninsula Unified School District | Pebble Beach Company |
| Ex-Officio Members: | | | |
| | | Association of Monterey Bay Governments | Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary |

AGENDA ITEMS**Page #**1. **Call to Order / Roll Call**

n/a

2. **Public Comments** n/a

CONSENT AGENDA

3. **Approve Management Committee Meeting Minutes for 1/26/21** (Attach. 1) 3

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. **Update on COVID-19 Situation** n/a
5. **Public Education and Public Outreach Program**
- a. Update on the PE/PO Program n/a
 - b. Presentation of the MRSWMP School Outreach Program n/a

ACTION ITEMS

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8. **Management Committee Member and Program Manager Reports** n/a

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

9. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Program Manager** n/a

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

10. **Management Committee will report out on any reportable action taken during Closed Session, and may take additional action in Open Session, as appropriate.** n/a

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT

11. **Schedule Next Meeting:** The next MRSWMP Meeting date is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, at 9:30a.m. n/a
12. **Meeting Adjournment** n/a

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.

Monterey Regional Storm Water Management Program (MRSWMP)

To: MRSWMP Management Committee
From: Jeff Condit, Program Manager
Date: February 23, 2022
Subject: Action Item to Approve License for the Our Water, Our World Program

Background

The MRSWMP Program has participated in the Our Water, Our World initiative since 2006. Starting in January 2022, the initiative will be facilitated by the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA), requiring the purchase of an annual license for continued participation.

Discussion

The Our Water, Our World (OWOW) program is an award-winning partnership between city- and county-based water pollution prevention programs and garden centers and hardware stores that sell pest control products. Initiated in 1998, the program focuses on less-toxic, eco-friendly products and techniques as many common pesticides are harmful to sensitive species and ecosystems when they reach local creeks, bays, and the ocean.

In addition to working with the program to raise public awareness of this important issue, the MRSWMP Program has utilized the OWOW program to meet specific Community-Based Social Marketing requirements under the Phase II MS4 Permit.

Our Water, Our World directly reaches consumers at the point of sale and consists of several program elements:

In-Store Educational Materials

In the store, consumers are directed to less-toxic products and techniques through a variety of ways:

- Fact sheets are provided to educate the public on a wide range of pest management topics
- Shelf tags and display materials guide customers to less-toxic products
- Additional educational resources are provided, such as product lists and information about active ingredients in pest management products

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Advocates

A critical component of the program, IPM Advocates are individuals who have been specifically trained on how to engage with retailers and the public. IPM Advocates provide in-store presentations and help for customers about pest management methods that are healthier for people and the environment. IPM Advocates also provide training for store employees. The MRSWMP PE/PO Coordinator is a trained IPM advocate.

Trade Shows

Our Water, Our World exhibits annually at trade shows to educate buyers on less toxic products.

Our Water, Our World started as a pilot project in 1998, in just a handful of stores, initiated by the Contra Costa County Sanitation District, the City of Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant, and the Marin Countywide Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program.

The program quickly grew and was administered by the former Bay Area Stormwater Management Agencies Association from 1999 – 2021. During that time, over 130 agencies in 16 counties implemented the program, working in approximately 239 stores.

Starting in January 2022, the program was transferred to CASQA, with the goal of providing statewide access to this important and successful outreach program.

Fiscal Implications

The annual license for a Group Subscription through CASQA is \$2,085. There is a sufficient balance for this unplanned proposal in the MRSWMP contingency budget.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Management Committee approve the purchase of an initial annual license for the Our Water, Our World program from CASQA, funding the initiative through the MRSWMP contingency fund. In the future, this item can be budgeted within the Public Education and Public Outreach annual program budget.

Monterey Regional Storm Water Management Program (MRSWMP)

To: MRSWMP Management Committee
From: Jeff Condit, Program Manager
Date: February 23, 2022
Subject: Action Item to Approve Cypress Tree Sampling

Background

The City of Carmel recently partnered with the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation (CMSF) to conduct sampling near cypress trees during the current rain season. The motivation was to identify a possible source of surfactants that have been found during MRSWMP monitoring events. The initial investigation identified surfactants in the sample taken from runoff from a cypress tree. MRSWMP Members shared an interest in exploring this matter further to validate the initial findings.

Discussion

The California Marine Sanctuary Foundation has developed a proposal to address MRSWMP's need for surfactant monitoring from area cypress trees during wet weather events. To achieve this goal, CMSF staff will conduct wet weather monitoring to collect three rainfall runoff samples per site from the trunks of local trees (Monterey cypress, Monterey pines, and oak trees).

CMSF staff will visit three sites:

- Mission Trail Nature Preserve in Carmel (within 1 mile of the ocean)
- Rip Van Winkle Open Space in Pacific Grove (within 1 mile of the ocean)
- Ryan Ranch in Monterey (within 3 miles of the ocean)

Samples will be tested for MBAS surfactants, orthophosphate, and nitrate.

Fiscal Implications

The CMSF Proposal for cypress tree sampling is \$2,891. There is a sufficient balance for this unplanned proposal in the MRSWMP contingency budget.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Management Committee approve the CMSF proposal for cypress tree sampling, funding the initiative through the MRSWMP contingency fund.