

Monterey Regional Stormwater Management Program

Management Committee

MEETING MINUTES For February 28, 2024

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order / Roll-Call

Chairperson Gomez (City of Sand City) called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. and performed roll call.

Management Committee (MC) Members:

City of Carmel – Mary Bilse
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

Other:

Rachel Gaudoin – Monterey One Water
Mike McCullough – Monterey One Water
Mollie Wooden – Pebble Beach Company
Sam Shelton – Oldcastle

Other Virtual:

Jessica Jurico – City of Carmel
Antony Gabrik – Public Member

MRSWMP Staff:

None

2. Public Comments

Chairperson Gomez called for public comment, none received.

3. Approve Management Committee Meeting Minutes for 1/24/24

- **Action:** On a motion by Wotan (*City of Monterey*), seconded by Grogan (*City of Seaside*), Management Committee approved the Management Committee Meeting Minutes for 1/24/24

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Update on PE/PO Program

Chair Gomez noted that Sidenstecker is unavailable, but Vice-Chair Fucci provided the following update on the PE/PO Program.

a. School Presentations

School presentations were made to students at Robert Down Elementary, All Saints Day School, and Forest Grove Elementary in January and at Dual Language Academy Monterey Peninsula, Stevenson (Carmel Campus), and Marin Luther King Elementary in February.

b. Public Events

Two public events are scheduled for March: Cutting Day and CA Wildlife Day, and for April: MEarth, Carmel Earth Day, and Seaside Earth Day.

Wotan explained that the name for Cutting Day has changed to Horticulture Day for the City of Monterey. She added that this is a great event where residents can get new cuttings of plants from the city team who cultivates plants and that Sidenstecker and team have a table where they talk about earth friendly gardening alternatives.

Chair Gomez asked that any flyers related to events shared or others be sent to Gaudoin for posting to the Monterey SEA website.

c. TV Ads

For the month of January, 20 media ads were placed on KCBA, 18 on KION and 32 on Telemundo.

d. Social Media

A Facebook post reminded residents to keep storm drains free of debris to help prevent flooding.

Chair Gomez added that Sidenstecker posts on Facebook three to four times a month and posts annual events on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Grogan stated that Seaside uses SeeClickFix for residents to report potholes, etc. and asked if other entities use a similar tool. Trapani stated that the County uses the uConnect app for litter pick-up, potholes, etc. Gaudoin stated that this information can be provided on Facebook postings to inform the public of the reporting resources available to them. A page on the Monterey SEA website would also promoting these resources making it easier for the community to use these resources. Gaudoin stated that she would follow-up with each member to obtain resource contact information for each entity.

e. Storm Drain Emblems

A picture was shared as a demonstration of volunteers adding storm drain emblems and noted that in January emblems were completed in high traffic walking areas in Monterey.

Chairperson Gomez called for public comment, none received.

5. Update on Post Construction Requirements

a. PCR Subcommittee Meeting

Chairperson Gomez stated that a doodle poll was sent to determine a meeting date and time. Gaudoin noted that a meeting would be scheduled as soon as all the responses were received, and the first meeting would be virtual though M1W could accommodate an onsite meeting if preferred.

Chairperson Gomez called for public comment, none received.

6. Update on MRSWMP MOA Revisions

McCullough stated that the MOA is outdated and has not been updated since 2013. M1W proposed to form an ad-hoc committee to work collaboratively to update the MOA. Wotan stated that she likes the idea of having an ad-hoc committee and that she would be happy to assist with the MOA revisions. Bilse stated that she could also help with the revisions. McCullough will contact Wotan and Bilse to schedule the ad-hoc committee meeting.

Chairperson Gomez called for public comment, none received.

7. Program Manager Alternatives

McCullough explained that when looking at the Program Manager position two distinct skill sets were identified. A new idea presented would be to create two positions, each shared with Monterey One Water. The goal to identify stronger candidates and keep budgeting similar. One position would support the administrative and technical responsibilities and one position for the outreach responsibilities. Gaudoin added that the outreach position is not replacing Sidenstecker but complementary. She explained that McCullough's department has a limited term position that is vacant that requires some of the same skills set.

Chairperson Gomez stepped out at 10:25 am

After Committee discussion, it was decided that the members would provide feedback on the job descriptions by March 15, 2024 to Chair Gomez and Vice-Chair Fucci, with the final job descriptions and salary ranges to be provided at next month's meeting for consideration. Wotan stated that she likes the three-year term with regular evaluations and mirroring step increases.

On a side note, Wotan stated that certain boards and commissions have to be Brown Act and that MRSWMP is meant to be a working group and that the committee should look at the MOA in allowing MRSWMP to use the Brown Act as a guide but not so strict with the committee that work cannot be accomplished.

Wotan stated that she does not know what the action is given that the MOA has not been amended nor the budget, and that this is a question for Legal.

Vice-Chair Fucci called for public comment, none received.

8. Increasing the Budget Contingency for MRSWMP

McCullough stated that M1W is recommending increasing the contingency account within the departmental budget for MRSWMP by invoicing the member entities the original cost share allocation from the approved FY 23/24 budget. Savings incurred from the Program Manager's salary and benefits would be allocated to the contingency account for FY

24/25. McCullough stated that the estimated amount of the contingency is around \$25,000.

After committee discussion, Gaudoin noted that invoice one will be held, and Monterey One Water would bring back in March a detailed accounting of the cost savings. She explained that this item will be an action item on how to bill for FY 23/24. She added that the second budget item would be for the draft of the FY 24/25 budget, and sub-budget for Sidenstecker.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

9. Management Committee Members

- a. **City of Carmel** – Nothing to report.
- b. **City of Monterey** – Nothing to report.
- c. **City of Seaside** – Grogan reported that the storm drain project on San Pablo is complete and will help relieve backup in a long stretch of storm drain that has very little elevation drop in it. He added that they are also going through a storm drain system evaluation. He stated he would like an update on the status of the trash amendment at the next meeting. Wotan provided an update on the trash amendment and indicated that nothing has moved forward and that the state has not released anything. No further updated on the trash amendment needed.
- d. **City of Pacific Grove** – Nothing to report.
- e. **County of Monterey** – Trapani shared that there is a TMDL for bacteria for those within the Pajaro watershed and a group was formed to help make progress on meeting the TMDL. A meeting occurred between the group and the Regional Board on potential ways to move forward.
- f. **Del Rey Oaks** – Fucci stated the City worked with the FEMA relief program in an effort to help finance repairs from storm damage but after three months of meetings and paperwork an inspector stated they did not qualify because of the type of road. FEMA recommended pursuing funding through the Federal Highway Administration instead and this avenue was successful. Work on the road is now underway. He added that the Cal Fire Grant for the Fire Fuel Reduction Project was awarded was awarded to the second responsible bidder due to discrepancies with the lowest responsive bidder who elected to withdraw. He also reported that there have been many issues with illegal dumping along South Boundary Road.
- g. **Sand City** – Not present during this time of discussion.

10. Program Administrator Update

The update was provided under Item 7. Program Manager Alternatives.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT

11. Schedule Next Meeting

The next Management Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, at 9:30 a.m.

Mollie Wooden, new compliance manager for Pebble Beach Company is listening and learning.

Sam Shelton from Oldcastle Manufacture stated that he promotes clean water devices and visits the Monterey area frequently.

12. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

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