

# Monterey Regional Stormwater Management Program

## Management Committee

### MEETING MINUTES For August 28, 2024

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#### **AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **1. Call to Order / Roll-Call**

Chairperson Gomez (City of Sand City) called the meeting to order at 9:30 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 – Kevin Anderson  
City of Pacific Grove – George Fuerst  
City of Sand City – Leon Gomez  
City of Seaside – Patrick Grogan  
County of Monterey – Michael Trapani

##### **Monterey One Water (Program Administrator):**

Rachel Gaudoin  
Michael McCullough  
Michelle Bumgardner  
Erica Parker  
Yohana Vargas

##### **Other:**

Maris Sidenstecker – PE/PO Coordinator  
Mollie Wooden (PBC)

##### **Other Virtual:**

Nathaniel Milam (Whitson Engineers)

##### **2. Public Comments**

Chairperson Gomez called for public comment, none received.

##### **3. Approve Management Committee Meeting Minutes for 7/24/2024.**

- **Action:** On a motion by Grogan (*City of Seaside*), seconded by Bilse (*City of Carmel*), Management Committee unanimously approved the Management Committee Meeting Minutes for 7/24/2024.

#### **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **4. Presentation by Lindsay Brown, California Marine Sanctuary Foundation & Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, Water Quality Program Coordinator**

First Flush Monitoring Results and Surfactant Study Overview

Presentation rescheduled for 9/25/2024 Management Committee meeting.

##### **5. Update on PE/PO Program**

a. School Presentations

b. Public Events

Sidenstecker reported on the success of tabling at the West End Celebration in Sand City; MRSWMP was provided with a vendor space free of charge and engaged with approximately 150 members of the public. She provided a list of upcoming community

events, including MEarth's Glass Pumpkin Patch, California Coastal Cleanup Day, Stormwater Awareness Week, and First Flush. MRSWMP is a sponsor for the Coastal Cleanup Day and will be included in promotional materials. Stormwater Awareness Week outreach will be mainly a social media campaign, as partner organizations are focusing on Coastal Cleanup Day efforts. She also is working on recruiting CSUMB students for First Flush and other engagement opportunities. Upcoming events will be added to the MontereySEA website once ownership of webpage editing has transferred to staff in-house.

c. TV Ads

She noted that no TV ads have been booked yet, and she is working to finalize partner agreements on the cost share of this effort before reserving TV slots.

d. Turbidity Water Quality Flyer (English & Spanish)

Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) flyers now are available in English and Spanish, and she will update contact numbers for each jurisdiction.

## 6. Post Construction Requirements (PCR) Subcommittee Updates

a. Review of MRSWMP 2NFORM Training – August 14, 2024

McCullough announced that Lance Miller is the new contact for 2NDNATURE. Fuerst stated that he found the training very useful as it delved into specifics on how to utilize the program for individual users. Members discussed the need to collect additional information on intake applications to determine triggers for PCRs.

Chairperson Gomez called for public comment, none received.

b. PCR Training "Flow Chart" – Tentative Date - September 23, Hybrid Meeting

McCullough noted that this is part of the quarterly trainings provided for Members, and it is open to the public. Flow chart topics include construction general permits, Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) projects, and construction department PCRs. Mr. Nathaniel Milam was present virtually to answer any questions. Grogan indicated this training session is designed for municipal staff who input reports and track requirements. Additional training will be offered for design teams in the future.

Chairperson Gomez called for public comment, none received.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### 7. Informational Items

a. CASQA Conference – Oct. 21-23 – Sacramento Convention Center – Early Registration closes Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.

McCullough announced that Bumgardner and Parker will be attending the Conference, which conflicts with the Oct 23 Committee Meeting. Members agreed to move the meeting to Oct 30 to accommodate staff attendance and asked staff to determine if there is an option for virtual participation. Staff who attend will provide a full report to the Committee.

b. Construction BMP Training – Tentative Date – Sept. 25, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Oldemeyer Center, Seaside, CA

McCullough confirmed that the room is reserved at the Oldemeyer Center. RSVPs are needed from attendees as lunch will be provided. He is working to finalize speakers to lead the training.

- c. Sample Stormwater Awareness Week Resolution  
McCullough stated that staff will prepare a draft resolution that will be included in the Sept Board Packet. Municipalities will be able to share it with their respective Councils to modify as desired.
- d. Staff Memo – Drywell Training Presentation Update  
McCullough reported that staff reviewed the presentation with Torrent Resources presenters and City of Salinas staff and made modifications; it now is ready to launch as a hybrid presentation. The PCR Subcommittee may meet in November or February to identify additional training topics to cover.

Chairperson Gomez called for public comment, none received.

- e. Draft Permit Guidelines Link – 397 pages [Informal Draft Small MS4 Permit \(ca.gov\)](#)  
McCullough explained that staff will collect comments and priorities from Members. He discussed the timeline for submitting comments to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB):
- Sept 3: CalEPA-hosted MS4 workshop
  - Sept 16: Staff will provide analysis of changes from 2013 Phase II Permit, compared with current Informal Draft, to Committee
  - Sept 20: Committee Members deadline to provide feedback to staff on priorities
  - Sept 25: At monthly meeting, Staff to provide summary of feedback and received and plan for submitted comments to SWRBC
  - Oct 4: Deadline to submit comments to SWRCB
  - Implementation of Permit: Six months after Permit is adopted OR July 1 of next fiscal year

Members discussed whether to make comments as a committee and/or as individual jurisdictions; Gaudoin suggested that a comment letter from the Committee could cover overlapping concerns from municipalities. Members agreed that two top priorities to address in comments are the trash implementation requirements, which CASQA indicated they will not raise in their comments, and asset management elements. More in-depth analysis on these two areas will be provided by staff.

Chairperson Gomez called for public comment, none received.

## 8. Program Administrator Update

- a. Verbal Report on M1W/MRSWMP Position Vacancies  
McCullough introduced Michelle Bumgardner, Community Liaison, and Erica Parker, Administrative Analyst, onboarded respectively on August 19 and August 26. They will be meeting individually with each Committee Member and assuming responsibility for supporting MRSWMP Committee coordination and efforts.
- b. Annual Report Preparation – Due October 15, 2024  
No New Questions to the Industrial General Permit Annual Report  
For the 2009 Construction General Permit there are no new questions. If a new Notice of Intent was submitted after September 1, 2023, there is a new Annual Report for the 2022 Construction General Permit.  
The Municipal Annual Report – No additional questions for the Phase II enrollees.

Sidenstecker specified that she will provide relevant reports for Members by Sept 15. Gaudoin stated that a table of questions and required documents by question will be available to Members the week of Sept 9 through a OneDrive link, and the E7 and E8 reports from Sidenstecker will be added when available.

Chairperson Gomez called for public comment, none received.

## 9. Management Committee Members

- a. **City of Monterey:** Anderson reported on their storm drain maintenance program (SWMP) in Aug and Sept, focusing on hotspot catch basin cleaning and structural BMP cleaning for the City and the Presidio of Monterey. All inspections for SWMP were completed this month and maintenance scheduled for Sept. The City is releasing a Request for Proposals for a stormwater management plan.
- b. **City of Seaside:** Grogan stated that the City has a new Senior Engineer, Andreas Baer, replacing Nisha Patel. Dan Meewis, Recreation Director, is serving as Acting Director of Public Works, and they are looking to onboard an Interim Director to bridge the gap until a permanent Director can be appointed. He discussed progress on designs for storm drain projects – 90 in outfall project and new storm drain work on Hilby Ave. They will receive a draft Storm Drain Master Plan from Schaaf & Wheeler soon and are looking to have it finalized by the end of 2024.
- c. **City of Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Bilse noted they have been working with the Carmel Area Wastewater District on their efforts to update their Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Program, altering the implementation of the program. CalAm has several water pipe projects underway, and residents are reporting brown water and pipe flush water being directed to storm drains. The City has a storm drain project underway and some open staff positions – analyst/technician, project manager.
- d. **City of Pacific Grove:** Nothing to report.  
**County of Monterey:** Trapani shared that the County is preparing for their fall street sweeping which encompasses 220 curb miles by coordinating with the contractor, the district offices, and public outreach. He reported that there has been good progress on the Gabilan Creek Watershed TMDL: engaging in public outreach, mapping 33 miles of roadside ditches, and identifying ditch owners.
- e. **City of Del Rey Oaks:** Fucci provided an update on Fort Ord Recreational Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) construction: cleaning, grubbing, retaining wall work, and road widening are underway. Traffic on Hwy 218 will be limited beginning next week to one lane to accommodate construction. Projects underway on Rosita Rd include French drain catchment for natural spring water, rolled curb, and a new storm drain. Their fire fuel reduction project with CalFire will start Sept 16 and last about six weeks.
- f. **City of Sand City:** Gomez discussed tabling at the successful West End Celebration, learning about what projects are of interest to the public. Sand City has issued an encroachment permit to M1W for Seaside Pump Station and Monterey Pump Station upgrades, with work beginning on the Seaside element this week.

McCullough noted that he will send information to the Committee about grant opportunities for marine debris removal and intercept technology.

## **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT**

### **10. Schedule Next Meeting**

The next Management Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept 25, at 9:30 a.m.

### **11. Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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