

Monterey Regional Stormwater Management Program

Management Committee

MEETING MINUTES

For September 25, 2024

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-by-the-Sea - Mary Bilsé
City of Del Rey Oaks - Ron Fucci
City of Monterey - Kevin Anderson,
Andrew Easterling
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):

Michelle Bumgardner
Michael McCullough

Erica Parker
Yohana Vargas

Other Virtual:

Lindsay Brown (California Marine Sanctuary
Foundation & Monterey Bay National Marine
Sanctuary)

Other In-Person:

Mollie Wooden (Pebble Beach Company)
Patrick Dean (Oldcastle)
Samuel Shelton (Oldcastle)

2. Public Comments

Chairperson Gomez called for public comment, none received.

3. Approve Management Committee Meeting Minutes for 8/28/24

- **Action:** On a motion by Grogan (*City of Seaside*), seconded by Fuerst (*City of Pacific Grove*), Management Committee unanimously approved the Management Committee Meeting Minutes for 8/28/2024, with an amendment by Grogan.

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](#)

Brown provided details on the 2023 monitoring of baseline pollutants and those measured during the first significant rain event of the season. First Flush data collection occurred on November 18, 2023, at 13 sites around the Monterey Peninsula with the help of 22 volunteers. The full report is available through the link above.

[Surfactant Study Overview](#)

Brown explained that the study's goals were to determine sources of surfactants, compare sites with high levels of foam to sites with less human impact (i.e. parks), define test parameters, and plan responses to areas with high levels of foam. Sites examined were 8th Street, Ocean Avenue, San Carlos, Lover's Point, Mission Trail Nature Preserve, Rip Van Winkle Open Space, Del Monte Forest (two locations), and Monterey Peninsula Rec Trail. The study was unable to identify the difference between naturally occurring surfactants and anthropogenic sources. Recommendations for future testing include the development of baseline and seasonal data from each site, evaluation of trends, isolation of the sources of the foam, and determination of factors that trigger foam formation. The complete report is available through the link above.

5. Update on PE/PO Program

- a. Monthly Update briefly reviewed by Staff, as Sidenstecker was absent.
- b. Stormwater Awareness Week Outreach Briefing - tabled until next meeting, October 30.

6. Stormwater Training Updates

- a. Flow Chart for Construction General Permit (CGP) and Post-Construction Requirements (PCRs) Training Review

Virtual training had 32 participants. Members mentioned the importance of offering training targeted for varying levels of expertise, from high level discussions for new municipal staff to in-depth guidance intended for knowledgeable professionals.

- b. Upcoming Training Opportunities:

- Construction Best Management Practices (BMP) Training - Nov 14, 2024, Oldemeyer Center Committee members requested a hybrid format to allow interested parties to participate from outside the region. Staff will share the flyer with the community when details are finalized and post it to the MontereySEA Community Events webpage.
- Drywell Training - First Quarter of 2025, Date TBD
More information to come.
- A meeting of the PCR/Training Ad Hoc Committee will be convened in early 2025 to discuss training dates and topics for the year.

7. MS4 Informal Draft Permit

- a. [Informal Draft Small MS4 Permit \(ca.gov\)](#)

- b. Review Feedback and Provide Input on Template for Full Committee Comment Letter
Staff did not receive any written comments from members in advance of the meeting. The California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) has asserted that they will not include in their comment letter concerns with Trash Progress Milestones (Attachment H in the Informal Draft). Trapani suggested that the Program Administrator draft a letter for the Committee addressing this element, and the Committee concurred with this direction. Staff will work with the Chair and Vice-Chair on the approval of the letter, as well as confirming the contents of CASQA's letter.

- c. Informal Draft Permit Timeline Review

Comments are due to the State Water Resources Control Board by October 4, 2024, for the informal draft.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8. Informational Items

- a. CASQA Conference - Oct. 21-23, 2024

Program Administrators will attend and provide an after-conference briefing for the Committee at the October Committee Meeting. Recordings of the sessions will be available following the conference for interested members.

9. Program Administrator Update

- a. Annual Report Preparation - **Due October 15, 2024**

Staff confirmed members can access the resources assembled by the Program Administrator and encouraged them to reach out if there are questions or issues that arise.

- b. Briefing on Staff Areas of Responsibility and Best Point of Contact for Various Topics

Parker stated that she is the primary contact for all things MRSWMP and is monitoring the MontereySEA@my1water.org email inbox. If there are matters that require elevation or community outreach, she will loop in relevant individuals such as Bumgardner and McCullough.

10. Management Committee Members

- a. City of Carmel-by-the-Sea: Bilse shared that storm drain cleaning is underway in preparation for winter, as well as vegetation removal. The Carmel Area Wastewater District is considering a new fog ordinance.
- b. City of Del Rey Oaks: Fucci reported that work on the Fort Ord Recreation Trail and Greenway continues on Highway 218 and surrounding areas, including a lane shift, under-crossing construction, and draining of water flowing into the site. The fire fuel reduction program also is proceeding.
- c. City of Monterey: Anderson said that most of the cleaning for high maintenance catch basins has completed and the open channel under specially permitted sites for Storm Drain Management Program. A Storm Drain Utility Master Plan request for proposals should be published soon.
- d. City of Pacific Grove: no report.
- e. City of Sand City: Gomez stated that storm drain system maintenance and inspection work is proceeding, and upgrades on the Seaside Pump Station are occurring now.
- f. City of Seaside: Grogan indicated that they have received the Storm Drain Master Plan draft from consultants, and he will be reviewing it. They are exploring feasibility options for the repair of the 90 in. pipe.
- g. County of Monterey: Trapani reported the County's street sweeping program is in full effect. They had training with 2NFORM on PCR tracking and are working on linking permit tracking software with 2NFORM's module. County representatives met with the Regional Water Board to discuss Gabilan Creek Total Maximum Daily Loads.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT

11. Schedule Next Meeting

The next MRSWMP Meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

12. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.