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Monterey Regional Stormwater Management Program Management Committee

MEETING MINUTES for October 30, 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 Members:

- City of Carmel-by-the-Sea - 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):

- Michelle Bumgardner
- Rachel Gaudoin
- Michael McCullough
- Erica Parker
- Yohana Vargas

Other In-Person:

- Maris Sidenstecker (PE/PO Coordinator)
- Mollie Wooden (Pebble Beach Company)

Other Virtual:

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

2. Public Comments

Chairperson Gomez called for public comment, none received.

3. Approve Management Committee Meeting Minutes for 9/25/24

- **Action:** On a motion by Bilse (*City of Carmel-by-the-Sea*), seconded by Grogan (*City of Seaside*), Management Committee unanimously approved the Management Committee Meeting Minutes for 9/25/2024.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Update on PE/PO Program

Sidenstecker briefed the Committee on recent outreach events, including the Repair Café in Del Rey Oaks, and school presentations delivered in Pacific Grove, Prunedale, and Castroville. Members asked questions about the reach of the Stormwater Awareness Week (SWAW) social media campaign and related expenditures; further data will be shared with the group once it has been compiled. Sidenstecker noted that television ads will be pursued after the election to avoid the current challenge of securing spots with TV stations.

- a. Monthly Update by Sidenstecker
- b. SWAW Outreach Briefing

5. **Stormwater Training Updates**

a. Upcoming Training Opportunities

Construction Best Management Practices (BMP) Training – Nov 14, 2024, Oldemeyer Center
Staff reminded the Committee of the upcoming hybrid training opportunity and encouraged sign-ups as soon as possible.

Drywell Training – First Quarter of 2025, Date TBD
More information to come.

Staff provided a working document of specific permit requirements regarding trainings, to clarify what types of training meet the minimum requirements. Though there are no specific permit requirements regarding Post-Construction Requirements (PCRs), members expressed interest in offering related training opportunities, a topic to be discussed by the PCR/Training Ad Hoc Committee.

b. PCR/Training Ad Hoc Committee

Staff suggested the name of the PCR/Training Ad Hoc Committee be shortened to “Training Ad Hoc Committee”, and members agreed. Current members of the Ad Hoc Committee are Bilse, Gomez, and Grogan. Staff will explore options for contracting out specific trainings, not to exceed \$3,000 for the year, and bring suggestions to the Ad Hoc Committee for direction.

Anderson (*City of Monterey*) mentioned that their new hire packets include information about required trainings, and staff provided a refresher on how to access training modules hosted on the MRSWMP “Member Page”. There was discussion centering on the benefits of updating the videos to be more engaging – staff will research available resources from CASQA, etc. and report back.

6. **MS4 Informal Draft Permit**

Staff shared copies of final comment letters submitted by the Committee and by CASQA. 2025 remains the target date for adoption of the final MS4 permit.

- a. MRSWMP Final Comment Letter
- b. CASQA Comment Letter
- c. Informal Draft Permit Timeline Review

7. **Calendar**

- a. Consider Proposal to Cancel November Meeting and Reschedule December Meeting to Dec 11, 2024 or Dec 18, 2024

Committee members agreed to cancel the November meeting and reschedule the December meeting to Dec 11, 2024.

- b. Discussion of Holiday Committee Activity Options

Committee members agreed a holiday activity would be a good opportunity. Staff will coordinate details.

- c. Confirm Calendar for 2025

Data will be added to the MRSWMP calendar as new dates, events, and trainings are identified. This will be a regular item for meetings moving forward.

8. Facility Tour Opportunities in 2025

Committee members expressed interest in visiting relevant sites in the MRSWMP service area, such as the Fort Ord Recreation Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) in Del Rey Oaks and the Monterey One Water Organics Diversion for Co-Digestion (slated for completion in April 2025). Staff will explore options for facility tours throughout the year.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

9. Informational Items

CASQA Conference - Oct. 21-23, 2024 After-Conference Briefing

Program support staff Bumgardner and Parker attended the Conference in Sacramento and provided an overview of takeaways to members. Advances in proactive community engagement, outreach, education, and multi-benefit projects were highlighted. The Monterey region was acknowledged in several panels as pioneering innovation in water quality measures and held as a model for other areas. Conference materials should be available within the next month, and staff will determine how content might be shared.

The 2025 CASQA Conference will be held in Pasadena from September 15-17. Staff will endeavor to provide Technical Tracks in advance of this conference so members can give input on priority sessions for staff to attend.

10. Program Administrator Update

a. Annual Report Process Check-In

The Committee confirmed that supporting documentation was accessible and useful for completing individual Annual Reports.

b. First Flush (FF) Participation

Program support staff confirmed that they are signed up for FF monitoring, and the flyer for folks to volunteer was provided. Lindsay Brown, CMSF representative and FF coordinator, confirmed that the threshold for the first major rain event is 0.1 in. within one hour.

c. Staff Meetings and Site Visits with Individual Members

Staff notified members that they will be sending around scheduling requests this week to set up meetings to learn more about individual municipal programs and visit stormwater facilities.

11. Management Committee Members

- a. City of Carmel-by-the-Sea: Bilse reported that an Environmental Analyst will start in November and their Public Works Director (PWD) is retiring. She will be acting PWD while they go through the recruitment process.
- b. City of Del Rey Oaks: Fucci shared that FORTAG construction has encountered challenges with bridge work, but they received an extension for the work to continue until Nov 15. Fire fuel reduction efforts have expanded from the initial footprint, as they had remaining grant funds which were able to be utilized for additional acreage. They are working on a survey of Carlton Dr and have opened bidding for Rosita Rd work, to include two new storm drains. The City received 60 free trees from P&GE's Right Tree Right Place program for municipalities.

- c. City of Monterey: Anderson stated that they are working with 2NFORM on building out their platform to include past PCR projects and to improve the ease of including data in their Annual Reports. Monterey is receiving bids for their Stormwater Control Plan and is in the process of reviewing them.
- d. City of Pacific Grove: no report.
- e. City of Sand City: Gomez reported that they are focused on Monterey Salinas Transit (MST) Surf Bus Line permitting, with MST aiming to have them finalized by the end of 2024 for the five-mile busway from Marina to Sand City.
- f. City of Seaside: Grogan shared that they are bringing on a new Building Official and a new Public Works Director in the coming months.
- g. County of Monterey: Trapani stated that they completed street sweeping for 288 miles of curb, with positive feedback from residents and improved parking compliance. The Gabilan Creek Turbidity Implementation Plan is nearing its submittal, with final briefings to stakeholders underway.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT

12. Schedule Next Meeting

The next MRSWMP Meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

13. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.