



MEETING MINUTES for January 28, 2026

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairperson Anderson (*City of Monterey*) called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and performed the roll call.

Management Committee Members:

- City of Carmel-by-the-Sea - absent
- City of Del Rey Oaks - Ron Fucci
- City of Monterey - Kevin Anderson
- City of Pacific Grove - George Fuerst
- City of Sand City - Leon Gomez, joined at 9:34 a.m.
- City of Seaside - Patrick Grogan
- County of Monterey - absent

Program Administrator

Erica Parker (Monterey One Water, M1W)

Other In-Person:

Lacey Raak (Environmental Innovations, EI)

Other Virtual:

Rebecca Baggott (City of Monterey)
Karl Kreutzer (City of Monterey)

2. Public Comments

Chairperson Anderson called for public comment, none received.

3. Approve Management Committee Meeting Minutes for 12/10/25

Action: On a motion by Grogan (*City of Seaside*), seconded by Fucci (*City of Del Rey Oaks*), the Management Committee (MC) approved the MC Meeting Minutes for 12/10/25. Anderson called for public comment before the vote; none received.

Ayes: Anderson, Fucci, Fuerst, Grogan

Noes: None

Absent: Bilse, Gomez, Trapani

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. PE/PO Program Monthly Update

Raak (*EI*) summarized outreach efforts for December, highlighting that the presentation contained some outdated numbers as it does not include January activities. December saw the outreach to classrooms fully activated, the first volunteer storm drain emblem labeling event (12 members of the public helped), and planning for 2026. EI provided the first assembly-style school visit at Robert Down Elementary, including an outdoor element to identify storm drains. Engagement on social media accounts is increasing exponentially with paid boosts on certain posts, and progress towards minimum goals for Facebook and Instagram follower growth stands at 89% and 94% respectively.

Printouts of the updated outreach materials were provided to all MC members present at the end of the meeting. Hard copies will be distributed to local businesses like hardware stores, garden centers, and auto repair facilities. EI is working to identify the best way to train hardware store staff on how to support customers making stormwater safe purchases. Parker (*M1W*) pointed out that

Our Water Our World (OWOW) subscribers expressed interest in the program providing advocate certification training to expand the number of certified store advocates

- Follow-up action: Parker will research and report back estimated timelines for OWOW program updates.

EI is coordinating an event with Surfrider to share with the public the water quality data collected. They also are queued up to book television ads for the regional TV ad campaign, a partnership with other stormwater programs on the Central Coast to promote awareness.

Raak mentioned that Earth Month is fast approaching, and it will be a busy time for EI. She requested that MC Members let them know as soon as possible if they have any specific needs and/or events - this will allow their team to accommodate these priority requests.

5. MOA Progress Report

Parker reviewed Member Entity progress in obtaining approval for the updated MOA. Details are included in the table below.

Member Entity	Status
Carmel	Signed
Del Rey Oaks	Signed
Monterey	Legal review
Pacific Grove	Awaiting signatures
Sand City	Legal review
Seaside	Signed
County	Legal review

6. 2026 Committee Meeting Calendar

Parker reviewed the meeting calendar approved by the MC in December.

ACTION ITEMS

7. Consider Submission of Letter of Support for AB 35 (Alvarez, 2026)

Parker presented AB 35, a bill before the California Legislature seeking to exempt Proposition 4 (2024) from the Administrative Procedure Act to facilitate granting out funds to eligible projects.

Action: On a motion by Anderson, seconded by Grogan, the MC approved the submission of a letter of support for AB 35 to the California Legislature. Anderson called for public comment before the vote; none received.

Ayes: Anderson, Fucci, Fuerst, Gomez, Grogan

Noes: None

Absent: Bilse, Trapani

8. Election of MC Chair and Vice Chair

"Selection of Officers: Each year the Management Committee shall select a Chair and Vice-Chair. The selection of the members to serve in this position shall be at the regularly scheduled January meeting and shall be based on nominations by the Management Committee. No member of the Management Committee may serve as Chair or Vice-Chair for more than two consecutive and complete one-year terms."

Action: Fucci nominated Anderson for MC Chair and Grogan for Vice Chair, seconded by Fuerst (City of Pacific Grove). Anderson called for public comment before the vote; none received.

Ayes: Anderson, Fucci, Fuerst, Gomez, Grogan

Noes: None

Absent: Bilse, Trapani

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

9. Program Administrator Update

a. Quarterly Report - 10/01/25-12/31/25

Parker shared that the report does not include the one pay period in November and two from December. She will be sending out the first invoices for this fiscal year next week. With recommendations from EI, the approach for the regional TV ad campaign partnership may be adapted in the future, including formalizing the partnership with memorandums of understanding.

In February or March of this year, there will be a virtual operations and maintenance training on permeable pavers and pervious pavement hosted by MRSWMP. Video resources will be the focus for April through June. Parker requested Members provide leads on a venue for the annual hybrid Construction Site BMP training, with a 50-person capacity. Parker mentioned that 2NFORM staff are interested in presenting at a future MC meeting - Members requested it for the February meeting.

➤ Follow-up action: Parker will schedule the 2NFORM discussion for the next meeting.

b. Mid-Year Accomplishments

Parker reviewed the increase in website usage, Constant Contact email addresses and engagement, and YouTube channel usage. She also highlighted three City newsletters mentioning stormwater and the presentation made at the Pacific Grove Beautification and Natural Resources Commission (PG BNRC).

c. CASQA, IRWM, PG BNRC Meeting Summaries

Parker reported on a Greater Monterey County Integrated Regional Watershed Management (GMC IRWM) meeting held 12/18/25 where members discussed Prop 4 funding requirements. To qualify for these grant funds, a project must be included in a Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP), and GMC IRWM will be sending out a solicitation for new projects to be added. The Monterey Peninsula IRWM is exploring how to add projects to the SWRP but has not identified a process.

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) currently estimates a release of the MS4 Phase II draft permit for public comment in May 2026.

➤ Follow-up action: Parker will continue research on SWRP project requirements for Prop 4 funding.

➤ Follow-up action: Parker will share links to SWRCB Stormwater Capture and Use Workshop, CASQA Annual Conference resources,

➤ Follow-up action: Parker will begin arranging presentations with Member Jurisdictions.

10. Management Committee Member Updates

a. City of Carmel-by-the-Sea: No report.

- b. City of Del Rey Oaks: Fucci reported that FORTAG work is moving to do the switchover for the bridge this week. Hana Gardens has vacated the store's location on City property, and he has been coordinating fire fuel reduction work happening at the airport. Next month he will not be able to attend the MC meeting because of the Public Works Officers Conference.
- c. City of Monterey: Anderson shared that he participated in a Caltrans Resident Engineer Academy - a virtual week-long training he recommends for best practices on state and federally funded projects. The City Council is discussing survey results for public support of a stormwater utility fee: no overwhelming support but the Council will examine options for moving forward. He met with Katie Seigler from the California Marine Sanctuary to discuss their approach and priorities for pollutant reduction efforts.
- d. City of Pacific Grove: Fuerst stated that ASBS inspections continue, and the Kimpton Mirador Hotel will be hosting a ribbon cutting as the project is complete. The Hotel collaborated with the City on stormwater infrastructure, installing an underground retention basin onsite, and providing funding to support upgrades to the entry and neighboring intersection with new stormwater infrastructure.
- e. City of Sand City: Gomez reported that they are conducting required staff training for new hires and a refresher for existing employees. Significant work was needed to finalize the Marriott Hotel maintenance agreement for onsite stormwater control measures, finally executing it this month. There were some issues with the Hotel's irrigation system connection with the municipal system that he's been resolving.
- f. City of Seaside: Grogan shared that they are completing an infiltrator project on Eucalyptus Rd - infiltration basins inherited from US Army, using Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) funding allocated to the City before FORA dissolved.
- g. County of Monterey: No report.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT

11. Schedule Next Meeting

The next MC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

12. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.