



MEETING MINUTES for February 25, 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 - Mary Bilse
- City of Del Rey Oaks - absent
- 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

Other In-Person:

Rebecca Baggott (*City of Monterey*)

Program Administrator

- Erica Parker (*Monterey One Water, M1W*)
- Michelle Bumgardner (*M1W*)

Other Virtual:

- Moises Arizmendi (*City of Soledad*)
- Carla James (*City of Soledad*)
- Karl Kreutzer (*City of Monterey*)
- Krista McDonald (*2NDNATURE*)
- Lance Miller (*2NDNATURE*)
- Sasha Smirensky (*Caltrans*)
- Mollie Wooden (*Pebble Beach Company*)

2. Public Comments

Chairperson Anderson called for public comment, none received.

3. Approve Management Committee Meeting Minutes for 01/28/26

Action: On a motion by Grogan (*City of Seaside*), seconded by Gomez (*City of Sand City*), the Management Committee (MC) approved the MC Meeting Minutes for 01/28/26. Anderson called for public comment before the vote; none received.

Ayes: Anderson, Fuerst, Gomez, Grogan

Noes: None

Abstentions: Bilse, Trapani

Absent: Fucci

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. PE/PO Program Monthly Update

Bumgardner (*M1W*) reviewed outreach efforts conducted by Environmental Innovations (EI) for January. Activities included installing 25 storm drain emblems in Seaside with the support of 12 volunteers.

Eight classroom visits, with approximately 350 students, are in the scheduling phase, with two confirmed classes with 200 students. EI is coordinating with roughly 20 schools to schedule presentations next year as well as working with the Monterey Bay Environmental Educators group to plan teacher trainings. Home Depot, Hana Gardens, Drought Resistant Nurseries, Ace

Hardware, Auto Zones, and Carquest businesses have requested outreach materials and informational brochures regarding healthy pesticide alternatives. Updated Our Water Our World brochures will be sent out next month and will be distributed to stores. MC Members provided feedback on Construction Site BMPs flyer formatting.

A social media campaign focused on results from the First Flush water quality monitoring data and how the public can help address bacterial contamination. The City of Monterey's Adopt-a-Catch Basin is the focus of another campaign and is progressing well, highlighting residents and businesses who are participating.

5. MOA Progress Report

Parker (M1W) informed the Committee that feedback from the City of San Jose's legal counsel rises to the level of substantive changes to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). She is working on clarifying the process for moving forward.

- Follow-up action: Trapani (*County of Monterey*) will determine if there are any unaddressed requests for edits from the County.
- Follow-up action: Parker will continue to pursue clarity on whether/how the MOA might need to be amended.

6. Preliminary Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Review

Parker reviewed the preliminary budget framework for FY 26-27, pointing out a few areas that have changed since the meeting packet was published. The Schedule D - Stormwater Monitoring Program cost estimate has been provided by the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation and will be included in the next iteration of the budget.

Parker requested input from Members on how the Snapshot Day (SSD) monitoring event costs should be divided up - spread across all jurisdictions or assigned to Pacific Grove and Monterey, mirroring the cost-share responsibility for Dry Run/First Flush. Fuerst (*City of Pacific Grove*) asked for information regarding what element of the MS4 Phase II permit that SSD is satisfying, to better determine how to allocate the costs. He also requested detail on whether lab sampling fees are reduced specifically for the jurisdictions who have sites with no flow and therefore no samples for the lab to process.

M1W has chosen to renew EI's contract, extending it for one year. Their contract includes an option for up to four one-year extensions. Parker stated that they are awaiting input from EI about the cost proposal for next fiscal year.

Parker mentioned, based on Proposition 4 (2025) funding requirements, that Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP) updates may necessitate a budget expenditure for updates and evaluation of new projects to include in the Plan. She is working with Monterey Peninsula Integrated Regional Management to understand the delineation of responsibilities with MRSWMP.

She informed the group that M1W has a cost-allocation plan evaluation underway, which would impact the administrative indirect costs that are assigned to MRSWMP.

- Follow-up action: Parker will bring back additional information on sampling event costs and permit requirements for the next FY 26-27 budget discussion.
- Follow-up action: M1W will share the contract estimate from EI in the next budget session.
- Follow-up action: Parker will continue to research how projects will be added to the SWRP.

7. 2NDNATURE Strategy Session

Miller (2NDNATURE) and McDonald (2NDNATURE) provided a briefing for Members on the resources available to measure stormwater permit compliance on the 2NFORM platform,

including the Construction Module, Post Construction Module, Trash Compliance, and the upcoming Asset Management (ESWIFT). Miller explained the benefits of connectivity between 2NFORM modules to support efficient management of long-term compliance.

Video of this training session is available on the [Monterey SEA YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_iLE6dAQE) here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= L_iLE6dAQE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_iLE6dAQE)

8. 2026 Committee Meeting Calendar

Bumgardner (M1W) provided a brief update on the planning for training webinars underway. More detail is forthcoming. Trapani shared an upcoming webinar hosted by the National Municipal Stormwater Alliance (NMSA) on a cost-benefit analysis for stormwater management and housing costs.

- Follow-up action: Bumgardner will send the Committee a link for the NMSA webinar.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

9. Program Administrator Update

a. CA Legislative Briefing

Parker reviewed the California State Legislature's calendar. AB 35 (Alvarez) has not been assigned to a Senate Policy Committee, and the MC's letter of support has been submitted. She stated that the MC is exempt from Brown Act requirements laid out in SB 707 (Durazo, 2025) but that MRSWMP meeting procedures align with the vast majority of these regulations.

b. CASQA Meetings Summary

Parker discussed Prop 4 funding guidelines for allocated funds that will be available for public comment in May 2026. Rain Ready California outreach materials are available, and CASQA will provide workshops. The State's guidance for cost reporting has been delayed, but data needs to be collected by jurisdictions starting in July 2026.

- Follow-up action: M1W will share the Rain Ready CA resources with EI and the MC.

c. Prop 4 - SWRP Requirements

Parker reiterated information from earlier in the discussion.

10. Management Committee Member Updates

a. City of Carmel-by-the-Sea: Bilse provided a summary of the City's visit from Central Coast Regional Waterboard staff to review stormwater permit compliance.

- Follow-up action: Bumgardner will send a copy of the questions asked by the Regional Board to the Committee.

b. City of Del Rey Oaks: No report.

c. City of Monterey: Anderson shared the City Council has agreed to move forward with placing a stormwater utility fee on the ballot, at a reduced rate. He continues to work on permitting for the Lake El Estero diversion project. The City had sinkholes and slides with the recent storms that they are repairing. Almost 30 catch basins have been adopted, and he expressed appreciation for the social media videos created.

d. City of Pacific Grove: Fuerst explained a unique illicit discharge the City faces during significant storm events - a pond in a gated housing community is dyed blue and overflows into Magellan Creek. They are looking at options to resolve the issue, as it qualifies as a discharge but the dye is not prohibited by local ordinances.

- e. City of Sand City: Gomez shared that a cost-share agreement will go before the City Council established between the City and the large shopping centers to manage operations and maintenance of stormwater infrastructure that drains to the large stormwater interceptors
- f. City of Seaside: No report.
- g. County of Monterey: Trapani stated that the County is going through a records request process with the Regional Board, focusing on PEAIIP, Lower Salinas Watershed Fecal Coliform Bacteria TMDL, and water quality monitoring. Board staff will be sitting down with them in March to further discuss their permit compliance.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT

11. Schedule Next Meeting

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

12. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

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